

# Chickasaw Cultural Center

Inspired by the visionary leadership of Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, the Chickasaw Cultural Center, located on 109 acres in Sulphur, Oklahoma, is an interactive museum designed to allow visitors to truly experience the living history and culture of the Chickasaw people.

With showcases, interactive media stations and hands-on classes, the cultural center has consciously departed from the traditional museum “displays-under-glass” format to provide visitors with a deep connection to Chickasaw culture.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center provides Chickasaw artists a venue to showcase their talents through cultural demonstrations and arts and crafts. The cultural center has many exciting exhibits and natural outdoor spaces to share the story of the Chickasaw Nation.

Chikasha Poya Exhibit Center features a recreation of an 18th-century council house and interactive Spirit Forest leading visitors through powerful imagery of nature using sight and sound.

The Chikasha Inchokka’ traditional village takes visitors back in time and features a council house, two summer houses, two winter houses and a corn crib. In the traditional village, visitors will find stickball and stomp dance demonstrations.

The Kochcha’ Aabiniili’ Amphitheatre is the heartbeat of the Chickasaw Cultural Center. The amphitheatre brings history alive through storytelling, living history performances, and music by Chickasaw musicians. Around the amphitheatre, visitors can interact

with Chickasaw artists who demonstrate the art of making traditional regalia, flutes, bows, and beaded collars.

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Chickasaw research but for all Native Americans. The center features a climate- and light-controlled artifact-storage room to protect genealogy collections, photo archives, and historic documents. Workshops in genealogy and oral history are available.

The ecological landscaping includes plants significant in ancient and contemporary Chickasaw culture that can also be found at the Chickasaw Cultural Center. The landscaping features buffalo grass and other vegetation indigenous to Mississippi and Oklahoma.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center is a homecoming for Chickasaws, inviting them to learn more about their heritage and traditions.

