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As you read through the many projects mentioned in this newsletter, you might notice that quite a few are receiving funding from the National Park Service Challenge Cost-Share Program. Your project might qualify, too. Give us a call and we can send you a project proposal form and instructions.

If you have a possible project, contact John Conoboy by mail or phone (505-988-6733) right away.

Projects should support the programs and goals of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail as set forth in the *Comprehensive Management and Use Plan*.

Remember, Challenge Cost-Share funds are not a grant, but rather are funds for mutually-agreed-upon national historic trail projects.

Site-specific projects can generally only be funded for certified sites. Projects can be related to

resource protection, management, visitor use facilities, interpretation, education, or research. Projects require a 50/50 match of Federal and non-Federal funding. However, the non-Federal match can include the value of volunteer time and other in-kind services, donated equipment and supplies, and so forth. If you're not sure whether or not your project will qualify, call us anyway, and let's talk.

Project proposals should be received at the National Trails System Office - Santa Fe by February 29, 2004.

Trail of Tears National Historic Trail



Trail News

TOTA and Eastern Band Share Cherokee, NC, for Fall Events

Conference and Fall Festival both scheduled for week of October 6 - 9, 2003

The 8th Annual Trail of Tears Association Conference and Symposium is being held this year at the Holiday Inn, in Cherokee, North Carolina, October 6-9, 2003—the same time that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is holding its annual Fall Festival. With both events happening at the same time, in the same place, conferees will never be without something fun to do!



Photo by Andrea J. Sharon
 This year's conference will be held in Cherokee, NC, home of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

The conference will commence Monday night, October 6, with a reception/book signing at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian, and will continue through Thursday, October 9, with scholarly presentations and two exciting, historical tours. Among

the conference presentations will be topics dealing with the removal exemption of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, the Trail of Tears in North Carolina, the cultural landscape of Cherokee removal, intermarriage between Europeans and Indians in the eighteenth-century South, Creek removal, land conservation strategies of The Trust for Public Land, trail preservation, and Moravian missionaries. Updates on the National Park Service's efforts and Trail of Tears research will be provided.

Two field trips are scheduled—the *Driving Tour* and the *Museum and Mound Tour*—both led by Dr. Brett Riggs. Dr. Riggs is a research archaeologist and adjunct assistant professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is co-author of the recently published book *Cherokee Heritage Trails Guidebook* (2003) and author of a forthcoming book on Cherokee life in North Carolina at the time of removal. The *Driving Tour* will include visits to the:

- **Gideon Morris and John Welch Farms** – After obtaining permits to keep their land, these two Cherokees helped keep other Cherokees fed and hidden in the mountains during removal.
- **Situagi Farm** – Situagi was the conductor for one of the removal detachments.
- **Peter Oganaya Farm and Church** – Cherokees assembled themselves here for a final church service before they were to be marched out for removal the next day.
- **Aquohee District Courthouse** – Place where the Cherokee organized resistance to removal.
- **Ft. Butler** – U.S. government held Cherokee prisoners here.
- **Valleytowns Baptist Mission** – Boarding school and training ground for many removal-era Cherokee leaders.

- **John C. Campbell Folk School** – This school overlooks Little Brasstown Creek, a Cherokee community during the removal era.
- **Cherokee County Historical Museum** – This museum, located in the town of Murphy, is a newly certified site of the national historic trail.

The *Museum and Mound Tour* will include visits to the

- **Junaluska Memorial Museum** – Junaluska was a leader of the Cherokee people at the time of removal.
- **Kituhwa Mound** – The traditional place of origin for the Cherokee people.

For more information and to register for the conference, see the insert and the last page of this newsletter.



Photo courtesy of Museum of the Cherokee Indian
 A young visitor interacts with the Cherokee syllabary display at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian.

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A Message from the Trail of Tears Association President

In the last newsletter I gave my vision for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. In this one I will give my vision for the Trail of Tears Association. I would like to see nine strong state chapters with each working closely with the National Association, with all of the other state chapters, and with the National Park Service. This will ensure that our shared vision for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail will come to pass.

With the formation of the Illinois State Chapter in the last few weeks, the only state without a chapter is Kentucky. A Kentucky chapter should be established later this year. This will complete the goal of the Association as stated in the Comprehensive Management Plan for the Trail to have a state chapter in each of the states through which the Trail of Tears passed!

Our focus now must be on strengthening our chapters. It is important that each Chapter be in compliance with their bylaws and the National bylaws. Meetings and election of officers should be held as specified by the bylaws. The minutes and treasurer's reports should be submitted to the National Association as required. The National bylaws require that the



Jack Baker, President of the Trail of Tears Association

National Association approve all projects of state chapters. It is important that this be done so that we can all work together for our common goal of preserving and promoting the National Historic Trail as well as telling the story of the forced removal of the various tribes. It will enable the Association to focus the resources of all the state chapters into this goal.

In order to have a strong state chapter, all members should work together on projects to achieve our common goal. It is also very important that members make every attempt to attend the state meetings. This is especially important if you are in a leadership position.

I would also like to see much more interaction between and among state chapters.

Jack D. Baker

Members of one state chapter may be able to help other state chapters with their projects. Also, state chapters may wish to join together on projects that overlap state boundaries. When the web site for the Association is completed, notices of all state chapter meetings will be posted. Not only will members be able to see when their chapter is meeting but members of other chapters will also be able to see when the other chapters are meeting and can schedule a visit to the other chapter's meeting. This could give the visitor insight into things that might be done in their own chapter. (Hopefully, it will not give them insight into something that should not be done – but even this could strengthen their own chapter.)

My vision is a strong National Association that gets its strength from nine strong state chapters working together. The above items are some of the things that may be done to reach this goal for the Association. By strengthening the Association we can reach our common goals for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail.

A Message from the National Trail of Tears Association Office

Since May, the Association office has been occupied with several projects, namely the board of directors meeting in June, website design, the Illinois chapter formation, conference planning, and preparation for a bylaws committee meeting.

The board of directors met in Knoxville, Tennessee, on June 4, 2003, for their bi-



Jerra Quinton, Trail of Tears Association Coordinator

annual meeting (more details on page 7). After hearing a report on the design possibilities and costs, the board decided to go forward with the creation of the website. As a result of this

action by the board, Association staff met with Aristotle, Inc., the company chosen to create the website, to discuss in more detail what items should be included in the design. The Association office is still working with Aristotle to design the site and anticipates that it will be completed by the end of the year.

On July 8, Association President Jack Baker and I traveled to Edwardsville, Illinois, to meet with interested parties to form the Illinois chapter. Rowena McClinton, an Illinois representative on the TOTA board and Director for Native American Studies at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville (SIUE), hosted the meeting on the SIUE campus. After the Association's executive committee approves the chapter bylaws that the group voted on at the meeting, elections for the chapter will be held.

On August 12, the bylaws committee met to edit both the national and chapter bylaws. The chapter bylaws and national bylaws are now more uniform and consistent with one another. Look for more details in the next issue of *Trail News*.

The conference planning committee has been busy preparing for the annual conference. Remember to mark your calendar for the 8th Annual TOTA Conference and Symposium, October 6 – 9, 2003, in Cherokee, North Carolina. More details are on page 1 and page 7 and a registration form has been inserted. If you have any questions about the conference, please contact me by phone at 800-441-4513 or by email at TOTAjerra@aol.com.

Jerra M. Quinton
Association Coordinator

Vision Becoming Reality - Developing the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail Through Partnerships

Despite this tragic event in our Nation's history, the Cherokee and other South-eastern tribes built successful communities that exist today. Old traces, historic buildings, and other sites are being preserved to commemorate the sorrowful journey.

A variety of local, state, and national efforts have commenced to preserve, develop, and interpret Trail resources. A growing awareness of this important story—and those of other removed tribes—has stimulated interest in nationally recognizing this chapter in our Nation's past. The Trail of Tears National Historic Trail tells of the Cherokees' ordeal—but many tribes can tell similar stories.

In 1987, Congress acknowledged the significance of the Trail by establishing the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. The National Park Service administers the Trail in cooperation with federal, state, and local agencies; the Cherokee Nation and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; interested groups; and private landowners.

The Trail of Tears Association and the National Park Service's National Trails System Office-Santa Fe have all been working with Trail partners to increase visibility for the Trail and to develop it for visitor use. Additional sites have been certified and numerous on-the-ground projects have been completed, such as signing the route, visitor-use development, interpretive wayside exhibits, and interior museum exhibits at existing facilities. Many more are being planned.

NPS Shares Cash Award with Trail of Tears Association and Santa Fe Trail Association

The National Trails System Office – Santa Fe was recently awarded the Intermountain Region Garrison Gold Award. This is an internal National Park Service award for the best overall interpretation program. Competing with over 80 other NPS areas in the region, the nomination was based on the total program for both the Trail of Tears and Santa Fe National Historic Trails. In addition to receiving a pottery storyteller figure by Mary and Leonard Trujillo from Cochiti Pueblo, New Mexico—\$2,000 was added to the Santa Fe office's interpretation budget! John Conoboy, Chief of Interpretation and Resource Management, said, "The Garrison Gold

Newly Certified Sites

Audubon Acres, TN
Brainerd Mission Cemetery, TN
Browns Ferry Tavern, TN
Cherokee County Historical Museum, NC
Chieftains Museum/Major Ridge Home, GA
Murrell Home, OK

Certified Sites

Chattanooga Regional History Museum, TN
Cherokee Heritage Center, OK
Lake Dardanelle State Park, AR
Museum of the Cherokee Indian, NC
New Echota State Historic Site, GA
Red Clay State Historic Area, TN
Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, TN
Tennessee River Museum, TN
Trail of Tears Commemorative Park, KY
Trail of Tears State Park, MO
Vann House Historic Site, GA

Pending Certifications

Coke Ovens Museum Trail Segments, TN
City of Chattanooga trail routes and historic sites, TN
City of Nashville trail routes, TN
City of North Little Rock trail routes, sites, AR
Gray's Inn, KY

Federal Protection Components

Cherokee Removal Memorial Park - Blythe Ferry, TVA land, TN
Fort Smith National Historic Site, AR
Mark Twain National Forest, MO
Pea Ridge National Military Park, AR
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award recognizes the accomplishments and the maturing of the interpretive program for the Trail of Tears and Santa Fe National Historic Trails. This would not have happened without the strength that comes from partnerships, especially with the Trail of Tears Association and Santa Fe Trail Association. We feel it is very appropriate to recognize this partnership by sharing the cash award and giving each association \$1,000 from the award. Former trail office interpretive specialist Cherry Payne and former superintendent David Gaines also deserve credit for their contributions to both trails interpretive programs."



Photo by Kaisa Barthull

John Conoboy (right), Chief of Interpretation and Resource Management, and Andrea Sharon (left), Interpretive Specialist, display the Cochiti Pueblo storyteller figure they received as part of the NPS Intermountain Region Garrison Gold Award.

Trail of Tears Association State Chapter News

Arkansas

The chapter met in January at the Museum of Prehistory and History on the campus of Arkansas Tech University at Russellville. The museum features a hand-hewn pine cupboard from the original Dwight Mission and a new exhibit spotlighting four women connected to the Arkansas Cherokee community, 1809-1828. Dr. Dan Littlefield, director of the American Native Press Archives, distributed a list of 34 major removal contingents that traveled through the Russellville area along the Arkansas River Valley between 1831 and 1858, and included all five of the affected tribes.

In April, the chapter piggybacked its meeting with the annual conference of the Arkansas Historical Association at the University of Arkansas at Monticello. The conference theme was *Arkansas in the Era of the Louisiana Purchase*, and several of the presentations addressed Indian Removal, including a featured talk by chapter president Dan Littlefield. A TOTA table display helped generate additional interest.

In July, the chapter met at the Historic Arkansas Museum in Little Rock. Museum director Bill Worthen offered a fascinating report on the myth and mystery surrounding the burial of Quatie Ross, who died near Little Rock on February 1, 1839. Her long-lost original memorial stone, thought to have been placed at the old city cemetery by Little Rock leaders, is being conserved by the museum. A later stone was placed at Mount Holly Cemetery in the 1930s. Also, Mark Christ of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program provided an update on the state agency's activities related to the National Register and proposed wayside interpretation. And Dr. Littlefield, with his students Fuller Bumpers and Amanda Paige, summarized their report on the North Little Rock site through which 40,000 removees

Updates from the Trail of Tears Association state chapters will routinely appear in future issues of this newsletter. Contact Jerra Quinton, Trail of Tears Association coordinator, at 501-666-9032, to submit information and photographs.

passed. The full report will be posted at www.anpa.ualr.edu. Press coverage of the report has already prompted the North Little Rock city government to accelerate discussions about a possible Trail of Tears interpretive center. In addition to the presentations, Kitty Sloan was elected chapter president, and Sarah Keating was elected vice president. Keating is interpreter at Lake Dardanelle State Park, a certified TOTNHT site, which just opened a new visitors center that includes an interactive Trail of Tears exhibit.

The Arkansas chapter will meet again on Saturday, October 25, at 1 p.m., at the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History, 118 W. Johnson Ave., Springdale. The program will focus, though not exclusively, on the Northern and the Benge routes through northwest Arkansas. All are invited.

Missouri

The last Missouri chapter meeting was held at Fort Davidson State Historic Site in Pilot Knob, Missouri, on April 12, 2003. It was held in conjunction with the *Scottish Games Festival - Brigadoon in the Valley*. Chief John Ross was a descendent of the Scottish clan Ross. The chapter set up a booth at the games with maps and information about the Trail of Tears. Many visitors stopped by and took information. At



Chapter member Brick Autry stands by a Cherokee Nation flag, presented to the chapter as a personal gift from Principal Chief Chad Smith, at the chapter meeting in April 2003.

the chapter meeting, Lynn Morrow from the State Archives discussed the contents of the Archives and how to access it. He highlighted the state road map database and showed the

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Chapter members (left to right) Jean O'Brien, Bob Friedrich, Brick Autry, and Hershel Price host booth at the April 2003 meeting at Fort Davidson.

type of information that could be gained from it. He also discussed other papers that have been included in the database.

The chapter also held a board meeting. Discussion included the NPS' Comprehensive Interpretive Planning session, held in Memphis in April. In addition, elections were held for the vacant board positions. Denise Dowling was elected to the national board replacing the late Dr. Donald Lance. Bob Friedrich and Roy Clevenger were elected to chapter board positions.

The next scheduled chapter meeting will be October 12, 2003, at the Scottish Festival in Forest Park in St. Louis, Missouri. The chapter will also have a booth at the festival.

Oklahoma

The Oklahoma chapter continues to honor the survivors of the Trail of Tears by placing a bronze marker on their gravestone. On April 12, 2003, following the chapter's fall membership meeting, a memorial tribute was held at the Cherokee National Cemetery in Fort Gibson. Those honored were George Osceola Sanders, William Pettit, Elizabeth Hilderbrand Armstrong, Elizabeth Alabama Schrimsher Bushyhead, Sarah Walker Starr Mayfield, Catherine Gunter Ross, Minerva Jane Foreman Vann, and Elizabeth (Lizzie) McIntosh Casey. On April 26, 2003, Moses Chuculate was honored at the Peters Cemetery in Sallisaw. On June 21, 2003, Samuel Still was honored at the Foreman Cemetery, and Nancy Dry Sixkiller was honored at the Green Cemetery, both in Westville. These markings brought the total survivors honored by

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the Oklahoma chapter to 82. Our memorial committee continues to research and verify other requests as they are received.

Plans are being made by a considerable number of our members to attend the national TOTA conference in North Carolina in October. We will have the *1835 Cherokee Census* books available for sale at the conference for \$28.00. The *Butrick Journal* will also be available for \$12.00.

Betty Barker and Curtis Rohr attended the June 4, 2003, national TOTA board of directors meeting as our two chapter representatives. We appreciate all who are dedicated to preserving our Cherokee heritage and history and perpetuating it into the future. Thanks again to the national Association folks for their dedication and great work.

Georgia

Certified Trail of Tears site Chieftain's Museum-Major Ridge Home has opened a newly renovated building, the Cherokee Studies Center. Chieftains is also sponsoring the Cherokee Nation history course from the Cherokee Nation. The four-day course will be taught in Rome, Georgia, at

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Floyd College. Initial response and sign-up looks like the course will be a sell-out.

Patsy Edgar and Dola Davis attended the semi-annual board meeting in Knoxville in June and enjoyed hearing of the Trust for Public Land's effort with their Trail of Tears Site Protection Initiative, as well as news from the national Association.

Dr. Sarah Hill's research on Fort Wool at New Echota has turned-up evidence of two additional storehouses, an office, two sets of officer quarters and possible winter quarters. Her research is in conjunction with the state of Georgia's Office of the State Archaeologist and through a cost-share program with the NPS. Additional finds on Fort Cumming and other Georgia forts are being discovered also. Possible future archaeological work at these sites will help secure new information and support to protect the location of these sites.

Georgia chapter member Charles Walker and chapter research chair Doug Mabry have been working on documenting and preserving the last remnants of the old Federal Road. Assisted by TOTA President Jack Baker, they have been working with

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local county commissions and the state's Department of Transportation in their efforts. The Federal Road was used extensively during the Cherokee removal.

Chapter secretary Wanda Patterson has written a form letter with pertinent information about the significance of Georgia's participation in the removal and compiled a list of key Congressional representatives from Georgia. With these documents, chapter members have been writing their Congressional representatives to help drum up support for legislative action to change the Trail to include Georgia and North Carolina.

Georgia chapter nominations are underway to fill upcoming vacancies of several Georgia chapter board positions. One of the most significant is the position of president. With President Patsy Edgar having served out the maximum length of her term, we are looking for the next president to carry the Georgia chapter forward. Although she will continue to be an active member in many ways, Patsy and her leadership will be missed. We thank Patsy for her dedication, enthusiasm and loyalty to the chapter these past years.

Are you a member of TOTA?
If not, and you would like to continue receiving *Trail News*,
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The Trail of Tears Association has entered into a cooperative agreement with the National Park Service to promote and engage in the protection and preservation of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail resources; to promote awareness of the Trail's legacy, including the effects of the U.S. Government's Indian Removal Policy on the Cherokee and other tribes; and to perpetuate the management and development techniques that are consistent with the National Park Service's Trail plan.

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These trail and corridor programs are administered in partnership with American Indian tribes; federal, state, and local agencies; non-government organizations; and private landowners.

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Brainerd Mission Cemetery Becomes Trail of Tear's Newest Certified Site

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions developed the Brainerd Mission originally within the Cherokee Nation. The property, buildings, and improvements were purchased from John McDonald, the grandfather of Cherokee Chief John Ross. The mission was the prin-



Pat Reed, Chickamauga Chattanooga National Military Park, presents members of DAR and SAR certificate of certification for Brainerd Mission Cemetery.

cipal mission among other, smaller ones within the Cherokee Nation, and served as a training ground for the American Board. On August 18, 1838, the last church service

was held at the Brainerd Mission near the cemetery. The mission subsequently closed.

On June 11, 2003, a signing ceremony was held at the Brainerd Mission Cemetery in Chattanooga to officially certify the site as the newest certified site on the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. Pat Reed, Superintendent of Chickamauga Chattanooga National Military Park stood in for the National Trails System Office and presented the newly developed certificates of certification. Brainerd Mission is the first certified site to receive these attractive new certificates that in the near future will hopefully be provided to all certified sites. Future plans at the cemetery anticipate development of new wayside exhibits, development of a site bulletin, and new national historic trail signing. For more information on this newly certified site, please visit the Trail of Tears NHT website at www.nps.gov/trte.

Board Meets in Knoxville

The Association board met in June in Knoxville, Tennessee. Dale Allen and Rick Wood from The Trust for Public Land (TPL) gave a presentation on how the TPL can be a partner to TOTA in protecting trail sites. The board, in turn, decided to create a resolution of support for TPL's Site Protection Initiative.

Paul Austin gave the staff report and brought to light the need to reappoint a representative to the Partnership for the National Trails System to replace Mary Tidwell, who is no longer a member of the board. Jerra Quinton, Association Coordinator, was appointed as the new representative.

Discussion evolved over the need for better communication between TOTA and the NPS. TOTA agreed to work with the NPS on improving communication and, subsequently, TOTA and NPS have implemented a communication process for alerting members and chapters of NPS travel and programs.

Keeper Accepts Multiple Property Documentation Form into National Register

On June 26, 2003, the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places accepted the Trail of Tears Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF) into the National Register. This is a major step forward in the evolution of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail, and will undoubtedly accelerate the movement to nominate trail sites to the National Register.

Already, many entities, either on their own or with the support and assistance of the NPS, are identifying, assessing, and nominating Trail of Tears sites to the National Register. In Arkansas, the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP) has nominated Blackfish Lake Ferry and the Military Road-Village Creek segment. Both of these properties were listed in the National Register on April 10-11, 2003. Also, listed in June through the efforts of the AHPP is the Military Road-Henard Cemetery Road segment. The AHPP is also pursuing nominations for the Military Road-Brownsville segment and a National Historic Landmark nomination for the Village Creek segment.

Through a cost-share agreement with the NPS, the Office of Archeological Research of the University of Alabama is developing National Register nominations or nomination updates for Tuscumbia Landing, Gunter's Landing, Fort Likens, and Fort Payne.

In Tennessee, the Center for Historic Preservation (CHP) at Middle Tennessee State University has entered into a cost share-agreement with the NPS to prepare nomination updates for Brainerd Mission Cemetery, Ross' Landing, Blythe Ferry, the Hair Conrad Cabin, and the Port Royal Historic District; nominations for Kelly's Ferry Road and Cemetery; and assessments for Fort Hill Cemetery, Elkton Turnpike, Rock River Road and Crossing, Higgins Farm Trail Trace, and Rock Martin House.

Thomason and Associates, responsible for the completion of the MPDF, is again under contract with the NPS, this time to complete nominations that represent every resource type identified in the MPDF.

Currently their list includes, in Oklahoma, the Reverend Jesse Bushyhead grave and the Illinois Campground; in Missouri, the the Nancy Bushyhead Walker Hildebrand Grave, Green's Ferry, the Bainbridge Ferry road, the Bainbridge Ferry, the Snelson-Brinker House, Indian Ford, and the Peter Brickey House; in Illinois, the Golconda-Hamburg Landing road and the Camp Ground Cumberland Presbyterian Church and Cemetery; in Tennessee, the Hatchie River Ferry, the Reynoldsburg-Paris road, Hill's Road at the Cumberland Plateau, and the Bolivar-Sommerville Road.

The NPS has also entered into a cost share agreement with the University of North Carolina to assess for National Register eligibility the Situagi House site, the Valleytowns Baptist Mission, the John Christie House and Cabin site, the Old State road, Pile Ridge Road, Burnt Stand, the Unicoi Turnpike, and Fort Butler.

For more information contact Aaron Mahr at the National Trail Office-Santa Fe.

8th Annual TOTA Conference & Symposium Information

Tentative Schedule				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
T R A V E L		Morning	Morning	Morning
		8:00 AM - Noon Registration at Holiday Inn	8:30 - 9:30 AM General Assembly Keynote: CN Chief	8:30 - 9:30 AM General Assembly NPS Update
		8:30 AM - Noon Board Meeting	9:45 - 10:45 AM 3rd Concurrent Sessions	9:45 - 10:45 AM 5th Concurrent Sessions
			11:00 AM - Noon 4th Concurrent Sessions	11:00 AM - Noon 6th Concurrent Sessions
		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
		Noon - 1:15 PM Keynote: EBCI Chief	Noon - 1:15 PM Chapter Reports	Noon - 1:15 PM Children's Choir
	Afternoon	Afternoon	Afternoon	Afternoon
	2:00 - 5:00 PM Registration at Holiday Inn	1:15 - 2:15 PM 1st Concurrent Sessions	1:30 - 7:30 PM Driving Tour	1:30 - 4:30 PM Museum & Mound Tour
	5:30 PM Reception/Book Signing - Museum of the Cherokee Indian	2:30 - 3:30 PM 2nd Concurrent Sessions		
		4:00 PM (approx.) Fall Festival Parade		

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RECEIVED ON or BEFORE September 15, 2003
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Non-member - \$100.00 (includes membership)

LATE REGISTRATION
RECEIVED AFTER September 15, 2003 or ON-SITE
Member - \$125.00
Non-member - \$150.00 (includes membership)

TOURS (Deadline to register is September 1, 2003)
Driving Tour (Wednesday, 1:30 - 7:30 pm)
FEE: \$39.00 (Includes transportation, museum fee, & supper)

Museum & Mound Tour (Thursday, 1:30 - 4:30 pm)
FEE: \$20.00 (Includes transportation & museum fee)