



**CHEROENHAKA (NOTTOWAY) INDIAN TRIBAL
HERITAGE FOUNDATION, INC
P.O. Box 297
Franklin, Virginia, 23851**

501 (c) (3) Effective June 13, 2005
EIN: 34-2005753

SUBJECT: Request For Donations In Support Of Educational/Cultural Native American Events

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribal Heritage Foundation, Inc., let me thank you for your committed support to the goals of our Foundation. Our foundation is the 501 (c) 3 Non-profit "*Tax Exempt*" arm of the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe of Southampton County Virginia. EIN: 34-2005753.

Each year we sponsor three Native American Events - one in the spring, one in the summer and one in the fall. In the Spring we celebrate the Three Sisters - the Corn, Bean and Squash; in the Summer we celebrate the "Green Corn Dance" and in the Fall we celebrate the "Corn Harvest Dance." This fall we will sponsor a Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Inter-Tribal Fall Festival "Corn Harvest" Powwow and School Day on our 100 acres of tribal land on Old Bridge Road in Courtland, VA 23837; to include, the Grand Opening of our Native Palisade Fort – *Cattashowrock Town*. (Please visit our tribal website for flyers and additional information.)

These American Indian Educational venues, are not just *Traditional Powwows*, they are Native (First) American Educational, Historical, Traditional and Cultural events directly related to the ethno history of the area and five surrounding counties; to include, the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe of Southampton County VA, a "*State Recognized*" Iroquoian Tribe.

These events, traditionally called an *Inter-Tribal Powwow*, are in fact a "Public Fair" as documented in the "*TREATY*" between LTGOV Alexandria Spotswood and our tribal Chief Oracooraass Treeheer aka King William Edmund as called by the colonials, on February 27, 1713. Said Treaty documents six (6 ea) Public Mart or Fair (*Powwows*) kept at their Settlement per year. **Item VIII** of said treaty reads as follows: " For the conveniences of the said Indians (*Cheroenhaka (Nottoway)*...*WDB*) and for the more regular carrying on the trade, there shall be a public Mart or Fair at their Settlement, at least Six times in a year, where it shall be free for all her Majesties Subjects to resort with their wares and merchandizes, and to exchange the same with the Indians for their skins, Furs and other Commodities; and magistrates shall be appointed to attend at the said fairs to see the trade justly managed to enquire into any abuses or injuries offered to the Indians by any of the English residing among them and to administer justice in all Controversies that may arise between either party, concerning the same."

These Native American Educational venues also feature a "History Booth" manned by our tribal members and representatives from the Archeological Society of Virginia (ASV), Nansemond Chapter, with an Artifacts ID Day; to include, hundreds of Artifacts for viewing with a time line from 10,000 BC through the Woodland Period (1600s). Many of these artifacts were found on

the former 41,000 acre Reservation Lands of the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe of Southampton County Virginia. It also includes a 60 min ethno-historic presentation of the history of Iroquoian Speaking Tribes in Virginia; to include, a Language Booth depicting the recorded language of the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indians as recorded in 1820 by John Wood, a former professor at William & Mary College. Wood recorded the language from Edy Turner aka Wane' Roonseraw, who according to the writings of Thomas Jefferson was styled as Queen of the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe (1754 – 1838). Our Tribal members will be teaching the language to children, students and adults alike. This Educational Inter-Tribal Powwow is SOL Specific, as it highlights the Culture, Traditions of Native (First) American History here in the Commonwealth especially that of the Iroquoian Speaking Tribes and their rightful placed in the history of Southampton County

The cost to sponsor these Native American Educational venues is estimated to be approximately \$10,000.00 each; as such, the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribal Heritage Foundation, Inc., a 501 (c) 3, Tax Exempt # - EIN: 34-2005753, is respectfully requesting your “*Tax Exempt*” financial support / donations.

Please make all donations checks payable to the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribal Heritage Foundation. Checks may be mailed to P.O. Box 297, Franklin, Virginia 23851. Should you require additional information on the ethno-history of the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe please visit our tribal website and navigate to Tribal History / Ethno-Historic Snapshot: www.cheroenhaka-nottoway.org

Again, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribal Heritage Foundation and the governing body of the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe of Southampton County Virginia, we thank you for your interest and especially your generous financial support.

“ may you walk in the sacred circle of life make better the walk of another – our children”

Respectfully Yours,



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