



**CHEROENHAKA (NOTTOWAY) INDIAN TRIBE,  
SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA  
P.O. Box 397  
Courtland, Virginia 23837**



**“PEOPLE AT THE FORK OF THE STREAM”**

*Recognized by the Commonwealth of Virginia in The Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery  
for the County of Southampton County On March 3, 1851 In the 75<sup>th</sup> Year of the Commonwealth,  
Witness, Littleton R. Edwards, Clerk of Said Court  
(Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe Vs Jeremiah Cobb)  
-Senate Joint Resolution 127 & House Joint Resolution 171-*

October 1, 2021

SUBJECT: Cattashowrock Town School Day – 17<sup>th</sup> Century Palisade Iroquoian Indian Village

Dear Educator:

The Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe of Southampton County Virginia, a State Recognized Iroquoian Speaking Tribe, will reopen its’ Native Palisade Village – Cattashowrock (Cat-tas-how-rock) Town for a “School Day Visit” on Friday, November 5, 2021 from 9am to 3pm.

Cattashowrock Town is located on our 263 acres of tribal land off Cheroenhaka Road (Rt. 742 S) & Cattashowrock Trail, 27345 Aquia Path, Courtland, VA 23837.

Cattashowrock Town is a facsimile /replica of the Native Palisade Fort / Village that William Byrd II of Westover wrote about upon his visit to our Tribal Land in Southampton County on April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 1728. It is a Palisade Fort with Native Houses (Arbors / Long Houses); a three sister’s garden; native flat cookers for smoking / drying fish, an Iroquoian Corn Thrashing Booth, Dug-out canoe. Cattashowrock Town is a replica 17<sup>th</sup> Century Iroquoian Indian Village; all of which is *SOL Appropriate*.

We have Interpretative Trails with signage, depicting native flora and fauna, in both English and in our Iroquoian Language. Our Iroquoian Language was recorded by former Professor John Woods of W&M College in 1820 from Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Queen Edith Turner, aka “Wane’ Roonseraw,” here in Southampton County. We will have Native Demonstrators and Tour Guides in full native regalia. There will be a special visit and dance demonstration from the Aztec Dancers. Your students will be invited to join in with a native round dance to the sound of Native Drumming. The Archeological Society of Virginia (ASV) will be there with Native Artifacts dating back some 10,000 years.

For your information we have attached the flyer with the *School Day Agenda*. Please note that the attached flyer and school day agenda is in a word document - allow time to open.

We trust that your 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> graders, and middle school students and Home School Students will get the opportunity to visit with us on Friday, November 5, 2021 from 9 am to 3 pm as we celebrate our Native American Culture and Traditions.

The Student School Day Group Rate is \$5.00 per individual. Please make checks payable to the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribal Heritage Foundation (501 (c) 3, Tax Exempt).

There is plenty of room for School Buses and Cars to park on our 10 acre Powwow Grounds.

On Saturday and Sunday, November 6 & 7, 2021 we will celebrate the 28<sup>th</sup> Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Inter-Tribal “Corn Harvest Festival” Powwow – we honor the Iroquoian “Three Sisters,” the Bean, the Corn and the Squash as we celebrate 441 years of Documented Ethno history. The Powwow Ground is open from 9 am to sunset.

Thank you so very much for all that you do for our Children/Students. Please contact the undersigned or Karen “Running Moon” Barrett for any needed information. For additional information on school presentations that we have given in the past please visit our tribal website: <http://www.cheroenhaka-nottoway.org> or google the name Chief Walt “Red Hawk” Brown.

Please be so kind as to RSVP, via email or telephone, to Karen “Running Moon” Barrett at (757) 572-4890 or email at [barrettkd20@gmail.com](mailto:barrettkd20@gmail.com) with the number of students and grade level you plan to bring to the Native School Day Activities on November 5, 2021 not later than October 29, 2021.

**Please note that we also offer “Individual School Tours,” all grades, of Cattashowrock Town throughout the school year. Please call or email the undersigned or Karen “Running Moon” Barrett for requests for special Individual School / Students Tours with your projected dates and time.**

Again, thank you so very much. We look forward to seeing you and your students on November 5, 2021.

*“may your walk in this sacred circle of life make better the walk of another - our children”*

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**>>>> SCHOOL DAY <<<<<**

**NATIVE PALISADE FORT – “CAT-TAS-HOW-ROCK TOWN”**

**Rt. 742 S / Cheroenhaka Road & Cattashowrock Trail  
27345 Aquia Path  
Courtland, Virginia 23837**

*“Come See What William Byrd, II Documented When He Visited Our Tribal Land Here In Southampton County in 1728”*

**\*\*\* SCHOOL DAY AGENDA \*\*\***

**\*\*\* SEE THE IROQUOIAN ROUND & LONG HOUSE \*\*\***

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2021: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

8:45 AM - Arrive at Historic Village – “Cattashowrock (Cat-tas-how-rock) Town”

9:00 AM - Visit American Indian Arts & Craft Demonstrators

Native Palisade Fort “Cattashowrock Town”

American Indian Beading / Basket Weaving

Hide Tanning

Hand Drum / Corn Grinding

Flint Knapping / Dug Out Canoe

Indian Artifacts – ASV Nansemond Chapter

10:30 AM- Language Booth – Speak our Iroquoian

Tongue (Da-sun-ke)

11:00 AM- Luis Salinas & Aztec Dancers

11:45 AM- Lunch Break / Cheroenhaka (Nottoway)

Indian History with Chief Red Hawk

2:00 PM- Load Buses & Return to Schools

**Cost per Student - \$5.00 (Group Rate)**

**>>>> SOL APPROPRIATE <<<<<**



***Chief Red Hawk***

Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribal Land – “Cattashowrock Town”

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