



THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION

MEDIA TIPS

Tribal Distinctions

- **Fourth largest tribe** – of 573 federally recognized tribes, Muscogee (Creek) Nation is the fourth largest tribe in the United States with over 87,000 citizens.
- **One of the first treaty tribes** – the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is one of very few tribes that have had an unbroken government-to-government relationship with the United States since the country's inception, first executing a treaty in 1790 with President George Washington.
- **Government of Muscogee (Creek) Nation** consists of an executive branch, a legislative body, and a tribal court system.
- **Roots in Alabama** - The Muscogee (Creek) Nation was originally located in the southeast. In Alabama, the large Muscogee (Creek) population was concentrated around the Coosa, Alabama, Tallapoosa, Chattahoochee, Ocmulgee, and Flint rivers. Hickory Ground Tribal Town, located in what is now Wetumpka, Alabama, was the Nation's tribal capital prior to removal.
- **Capitol** - The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Complex, located in Okmulgee, Okla., serves as the seat of tribal government.
- **Mvskoke** – is the traditional tribe name.
- **Muskogee** – is a city and county in Oklahoma. This Muskogean name is also the origin of the name of Muskogee County, Georgia. Many Alabama places retain their Muskogean names, including Wetumpka, Coosa, Tallassee, Loachapoka, and Pintlala.
- **"Muscogee" is the official spelling** adopted by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council.
- **MCN** is the acronym for Muscogee (Creek) Nation and refers to the tribe.
- **Mvskoke language** - "Mvskoke", "Maskoke" and "Muskogee" are all variations of our Nation's name and refers to the language.

Education, Economy and Culture

- **Fully accredited tribal College of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation** is one of 37 fully accredited tribal colleges and universities (TCUs).
- **The Muscogee (Creek) Nation's jurisdictional area** is comprised of 11 counties, either in whole or in part, in east central Oklahoma.
- **Muscogee (Creek) Nation directly employs over 4,000 people** and provides vital services to its citizens such as health care, housing assistance, education assistance, job training and placement, and social services.
- **The Muscogee (Creek) Nation maintains a series of cultural programs**, including:
 - Mvskoke language immersion camps
 - Challenge Bowl (encouraging youth to pursue Mvskoke culture)
 - Euchee Language program
 - Eufaula Dormitory
- There are **16 active ceremonial grounds** that perpetuate the ancient traditions of the Muscogee people.