

Topic: Council Own- Western Oklahoma/Native American History
Patch: DINE (from Home)- Junior
Suggested Supplies: Flat weaving- construction paper (2 different colors)
Helpful websites:

39 Oklahoma Tribal Nations

<https://www.okhistory.org/research/aitribes>

Oklahoma Historical Society

<https://www.okhistory.org/historycenter/index.php>

Cherokee Flat Weaving

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8fvAQht2Q2A&feature=youtu.be>

Recipes from the Choctaw Nation

<http://www.choctawnation.com/history-culture/heritage-traditions/food>

National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum

<https://artsandculture.google.com/search/asset/?p=national-cowboy-western-heritage-museum&em=m09c7w0&categoryId=place&hl=en>

Oklahoma Museums Association

<https://www.okmuseums.org/oklahoma-museums/>

Pottery Exhibit and Native American Symbols Video- National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum

<https://nationalcowboymuseum.org/explore/native-american-pottery/>

Oklahoma Indian Nations Powwow (2014)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KIF6WMDDiwo>



In earning the DINE patch at home, you will learn about the important contributions of Native Americans to the history and culture of Western Oklahoma.

****For the purposes of completing the DINE patch at home, and the online resources available, you will see shared activities from a couple tribes outside of Western Oklahoma. Many of the tribal nations within Western Oklahoma have cultural heritage centers; we would encourage you to plan a future trip to see some of their amazing history in person!**

Choose 8 activities from the choices below:

1. On a map of the state of Oklahoma, show the following:

- The Native American tribes that originally inhabited the territory that is now Western Oklahoma.
- The Native American tribes presently represented by large concentrations in Western Oklahoma.

2. Learn about a Native American legend or a historical event that occurred in your area. With the help of an adult, present what you learned in the form of a skit, story or visual aid to share with your Junior Girl Scout friends via your private troop Facebook page, GroupMe app, or at your next virtual Zoom meeting.

3. Learn to play a Native American game. Teach it to another Girl Scout via your private troop Facebook page, GroupMe app, or at your next virtual Zoom meeting.

***The Choctaw Nation has a significant amount of resources under their History and Culture section that help to give reference to the rich history of their nation. You can find their direct link within the Oklahoma Historical Society 39 Tribal Nations link shared above.**

4. Attend a special Native American event.

***Visit the direct link above to virtually attend the 2014 Oklahoma Indian Nations Powwow**

5. Visit a Native American museum within Western Oklahoma or perhaps a Native American exhibit within your locality.

***The Oklahoma Historical Society offers a collection of Native American artifacts that can be viewed from home! From [HERE](#) you can view their "American Indian" collection and even narrow down what tribal nation you'd like to research from their online archive. Click on each image for specific information about the history of each artifact.**

6. Learn about the food eaten by the Native Americans in Western Oklahoma, past and present. Prepare one of the foods.

***Visit the Choctaw Nation's direct link above to look over some of the delicious recipes they have shared to try at home to get started! Research some other recipes on your own!**

7. Observe the paintings of Native American artists and contrast them to other types of paintings.

***Visit the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum to view some of the painting and textile work of various Native American artists and Tribal Nations:**

- Harrison Begay- Navajo painter
- Acee Blue Eagle- Muscogee-Creek-Pawnee-Wichita artist (from Oklahoma)
- Monroe Tsatoke- Kiowa painter (from Oklahoma)
- Tonita Peña- Pueblo artist
- Stephen Mopope- Kiowa artist (from Oklahoma)
- James Auchiah- Kiowa painter (from Oklahoma)
- Allan Houser- Chiricahua Apache artist (from Oklahoma)

Use the Oklahoma Museum Association's link above to explore other museums virtually in order to compare and contrast these artists with other art collections in our state.

8. Learn about the crafts done by the Native Americans in their day-to-day living. Pick one of these crafts (such as leather, beading, pottery, basketry) and have fun learning how to do it.

***The Cherokee Heritage Center has a link to their [Facebook page](#) with lots of informative videos that may help. You can find a demonstrational video for Cherokee Flat Weaving at the link above for you to practice at home on your own!**

9. Learn about the differences in the dress and the homes of the different Native American Tribes in Western Oklahoma.

***You may find direct links to the websites of 38 of the 39 Tribal Nations when visiting the Oklahoma Historical Society's 39 Tribal Nations link shared above. Explore the websites of tribes in your area to help get your started on your research!**

10. Native American's express themselves through music and dance. Learn a Native American dance, musical instrument or song.

***Need help getting started? The Oklahoma Historical Society has a great resource on Native American dance in Oklahoma. From [HERE](#) you can learn about different tribes' ceremonial dances. Choose one to research on your own!**

11. Learn how our Oklahoma land has changed since the Native Americans were first here.

- What plants did the Native American's bring to the land to cultivate? What animals are no longer here?
- What was the Native American concept of the "Mother Earth"?

12. Learn what famous Native American artists reside in Western Oklahoma and what art form they use (painting, sculpture, etc.)

***Revisit some of the artists listed in #7 to help get you started on your research!**

13. Learn 10 Native American signs or symbols.

***To help you get started, view the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum's video above to learn about Native American pottery and some of the symbols included in their collection of pieces. Research additional symbols on your own to finish this step's requirements.**

14. Learn the meaning of the symbols of the Oklahoma State Flag and the State Seal.

15. Choose a tribe and discover how one became enrolled in that tribe.

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***Once completed, this badge can be purchased at the GSWESTOK Girl Scout shop**

****Please take a moment to fill out [the badge completion survey](#) to offer feedback on what badges you would like to see from us in the future.**