To offer

Seminole/Creek Language I
ZAP #2802

Date:
October 10 through December 9, 2011

Time:
10:00 a.m.-11:50 a.m.
(Class meets on Monday/Wednesday/Friday for 8 weeks)

Place:
Haney Center Room 104

Instructors:
Kevin Roberts-Fields
Melanie Frye

Cost:
$323.10

(Pre-registration is required)

Class space is limited

For additional information call
Carol Hartman at 405-382-9246 or
Lana Reynolds at 405-382-9218

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Open Monday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
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Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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The Mvskoke language, as it is spoken by the Oklahoma Seminoles, is the same as the Mvskoke (Creek) language. This is due, particularly, to the fact that most Seminoles who were removed to Oklahoma, after the Treaty of Payne’s Landing in the 1830’s and subsequent “Great Seminole War,” were descended from the lower Creeks who had migrated to Florida in the 1700’s.

The purpose of this course is to develop language comprehension to respond to commands and instructions and interact at a basic level. The course will use a communicative approach to cover the fundamentals of basic vocabulary, commands, conversation, grammar, and culture. It will also include reading and writing at an introductory level.

In Oklahoma you will find remarkable diversity in languages. In fact, Oklahoma is second only to California in the number of languages still spoken or remembered by members of different tribes. Thirty-eight federally recognized tribes and tribal towns are located in Oklahoma. There are at least 40 languages and distinct dialects that fall into 10 diverse language families. All of these languages are in varying degrees of endangerment. Close to half no longer have conversationally fluent speakers. About 12 more have fewer than 100 first-language speakers; in some cases all of the speakers are extremely elderly.

Let us always protect the Mvskoke language so that we will never forget.

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Upon completion of the course, the student will

- Recognize and correctly pronounce the 19 character alphabet.
- Understand and be able to respond to common commands such as turn off/on objects, open/close objects, walk, run, jump, etc.
- Understand the basic sentence structure and be able to create simple sentences accordingly through oral production and writing.
- Speak well enough to greet and take leave, ask and answer basic information questions such as likes and dislikes, talking about one’s self and family, etc.
- Understand the methodologies associated with Total Physical Response instruction.

Teach your children as well so that they may learn.