

CADDO NATION OF OKLAHOMA

Tribal Headquarters: Binger, OK



A brief history

The modern Caddo people are the descendants of many different tribes that once inhabited Louisiana, southern Arkansas and coastal Texas as far west as the Brazos River. These included the tribes of the Kadohadacho confederacy which gives the modern Caddo their name, the Hasinai Confederacy and the Natchitoches Confederacy. Today, the more than 1,200 Caddo share joint control of small parcels of tribal lands in Oklahoma with the Delaware and Wichita nations around the areas of Fort Cobb and Fort El Reno.

About the flag

Over their lands flies the orange banner bearing their tribal seal, separated from the orange field by a medium blue ring bearing the name "Caddo Nation." The new peach colored flag bearing a band and three dancing women symbolizes the Caddo Nation of Oklahoma. The blue ring recalls the spirit's journey through life and beyond. The seal features three women in 19th century Caddo dress performing the traditional Turkey Dance, an old dance still performed today by singing women and joined by men who sing and play drum. The background of the seals shows five Caddo Men performing. The Turkey Dance is a tool used to foster a sense of confidence and well being. The dance can last from one hour to all day.

At the base of the seal is a small round design of yellow, red, green and white symbolizing the door to the world beyond, the four stages.

Educational Activity

The Caddo tribal flag represents the people of the tribe and important ceremonies showing their history and culture. Design a flag of your own that represents your family and special ceremonies and events you commemorate.