

Kiowa Tribe Of Oklahoma Environmental Program



Kiowa Tribe Emblem

Kiowa Warrior of the Plains

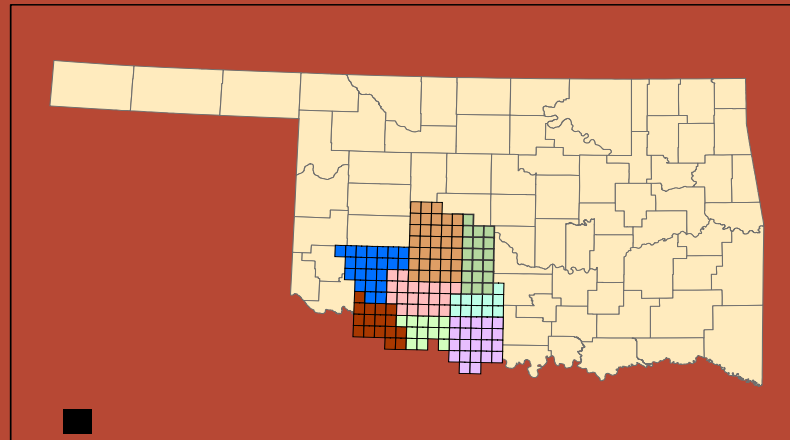
- The symbolism includes ten eagle feathers that represent the ten Kiowa Medicine Bundles, deriving power from the Half Boy “Tahlee”. The lightening bolt on the front left leg of the horse suggests the voice of thunder heard each Spring and is depicted on the Great Drum of the O-Ho-Mah society as held in the eagle’s talons. The bone breast plate and red cape (Spanish Officer Coat), the circular blue of the Great Plains, and the bold red hand print are part of the Koitsenko Warriors’ tradition. The shield depicts the sacred Rainy Mountain in southwest Oklahoma the sacred Kiowa Burial Ground at the end of the Great Tribal Journey. The recurring circular patterns represent the Sun or the Moon, both important in the Kiowa ceremonial dance rituals of the Skaw-tow (Sun Dance), the Feather (Ghost) Dance and the Peyote (Native American Church) Service.

KIOWA TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA










- We have an enrolled membership of over 12,000 tribal members.
- Located in SW Oklahoma with an 8 county jurisdictional boundary.
- Headquarters is in Carnegie, OK.
- Were a nomadic hunting tribe that followed the buffalo migratory routes across North America.
- A very proud warrior people who are spiritual and good stewards of Mother Earth and the environment.

Kiowa Jurisdictional Area

KIOWA TRIBE JURISDICTION



Legend

 Caddo County	 Kiowa County
 Comanche County	 Stephens County
 Cotton County	 Tillman County
 Grady County	 Oklahoma Map
 Jefferson County	

Kiowa: The Principle People

- We are a tribe or nation of people with 5 treaties signed with the United States of America. The most known is the Medicine Lodge Treaty of 18
- The Kiowa do not have a reservation like other tribes outside of Oklahoma.
- We live on what is called trust and allotted lands, and are separate from the state of Oklahoma.
- We have tribal sovereignty and direct governmental relations with the US Government.

The KIOWA Are One of Over 500 Native American Tribes and Nations Across North America



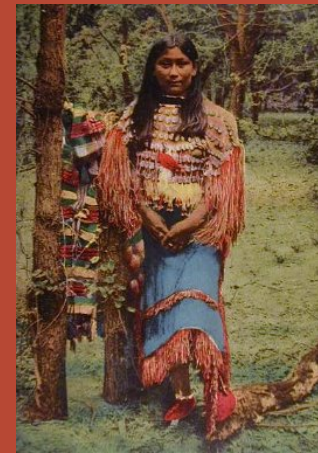
We Work in Cooperation With The US ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY



- EPA REGION 6 Dallas, Texas
And inside the Kiowa Tribal Complex

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE Kiowa Tribal Environmental Program

To promote and encourage the mutually beneficial co-existence between man and the environment in such a way that all Tribal members, present and future generations, included, will enjoy the same rights to clean air, pure water and healthy vegetation.





Kiowa Tribe Environmental Program

- The KTEP strives to provide traditional and modern environmental management and protection principles.
- The Earth, water, air are all sacred to our people and we want to ensure that it is clean for future generations of Kiowa people.
- The environmental director is on the EPA National Tribal Science Council and serves as the current National Tribal Co-Chair.

Kiowa Environmental Concerns

- We all are facing common environmental issues such as global warming and climate change, pollution in the air and water.
- One of the more important environmental concerns for the Kiowa is our water: pollution and rights to the water our ancestors have used for centuries.
- Native Americans believe water is sacred, and water is called the 'first medicine' by many Indian people across America.

To protect our environment and Mother Earth



A Promising Future

- We have a good outlook for our future generations of Kiowa people because of our youth are concerned for the Earth and the environment.
- Teaching them to protect the Earth and sharing this concern with other indigenous youth from around the world gives us a future to look forward to.

Our Future



AHO

- AHO means thank you in our Kiowa language.
- Thank you for sharing your concerns and knowledge for our Mother Earth and the environment which provides for us and you.
- Let us take care of the environment and Mother Earth and she will take care of us.