Cherokee Youth Feel Some of Ancestors’ Pain during Bike Ride

by Will Chavez, Senior Reporter
Cherokee Phoenix

The bicyclists who rode nearly 1,000 miles through six states learned leadership, teamwork and Cherokee history, but they also shared some of their ancestors’ pain.

Although the pain was physical, the challenges were mental, said most of the bicyclists who endured the third “Remember the Removal” ride. The ride retraced the northern route of the Trail of Tears.

Ten Cherokee students and four chaperones set out June 5 from Calhoun, Ga., and rode through Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas and back to Tahlequah. They returned June 23 to a homecoming celebration at the Cherokee Nation Courthouse.

Jordan Nelson, 21, of Stillwater, said the ride was an “amazing journey” that made him appreciate Cherokee history more. He said he knew of some ancestors who were forcibly removed, but going through “a fraction of the suffering” they endured made him appreciate his heritage more.

The bonds the group formed helped make the trip successful, Nelson said.

“You get to be family pretty quickly,” he said. “There were definitely hard parts, through the mountains of Tennessee…but we worked pretty well together.”

The ride was the “hardest thing” 18-year-old Ashley Johnson, of Claremore, said she has ever experienced, but she had “a lot of fun” doing it.

“It was totally worth it, but there were days I just wanted to get off my bike and just go home,” she said. “I learned so much about myself and my heritage. I’m proud to be Cherokee.”

Johnson also said the people she traveled with for three weeks are like family now.

Cherokee Nation marshal Danny Tanner, who accompanied the riders, said he admired how the riders and their personalities came together to complete the trip.

“We were wondering at first if they were even going to make it. About a week in, they seemed to all fall into together and knew what their job was and their mission and they accomplished that,” he said.

Tanner provided first aid after bicycle accidents, insect stings and when riders got too hot. He also drove a security vehicle, changed flats and repaired bicycles.

Organizers said the ride was meant to provide participants the chance to experience Cherokee history personally and help understand the strength of their ancestors.

This is the third tribally sponsored group to make the trip. The first “Remember the Removal” ride was in 1984. The ride was revived in 2009 to mark the 25th anniversary of the 1984 event. Riders age 16 to 36, representing eight communities, participated in this year’s trip.

Sierra Carson, 18, of Welling, said she learned more about the Trail of Tears and wants more people to know about it.

“It was really hard, but I got a real sense of pride in my ancestry and being Cherokee,” Carson said. “It was hot, and no hill is just a hill when you’re on a bike, but it was awesome.”

The oldest rider, 36-year-old Nathan Smith, of Westville, reflected on a particularly hard day in his blog.

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TOTA Remembers Cox, Baker for Long-time Championing of Trail

In March of this year, the Trail of Tears Association suffered its first loss with the passing of Tommy Cox, former president of the Georgia chapter and former member of the national TOTA board. Along with wife Kathy, Tommy supported the Association for over a decade.

To share with readers the impact that Tommy had on his colleagues in the Trail of Tears Association, many of those colleagues posted notes online or sent emails of condolences. To include these in this article really is the best way of describing the love and respect felt for Tommy by so many in the Trail of Tears Association and community.

“To say ‘we have lost a valuable member of our team’ just doesn’t seem good enough in the case of Tommy Cox. In many ways, he was the heart and soul of the Georgia TOTA chapter, and his absence will be deeply felt for many years to come. I learned many lessons from Tommy Cox while he served as president of the Georgia chapter of the Trail of Tears Association. Not everyone agreed with Tommy all the time, but it was difficult not to respect him, and it was even more difficult not to love him. Tommy, you will be missed. Probably more than you ever suspected.” – Jeff Bishop, Georgia chapter president.

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Here are some expressions from Beverly’s colleagues.

“It is with sadness that we learn of Mrs. Baker’s death. She was one of the old-time original researchers. As the rest of us old timers begin to fade away, we are comforted knowing that so many good young researchers will continue the task.” – Bill Jones, Tennessee chapter president and TOTA board member.

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The Georgia chapter also greeted the youth Cherokee bicyclists on this year’s “Remember the Removal” ride when they stopped for the night at New Echota. The Georgia chapter’s Cycling Friends of New Echota and Friends of the Chief Yann House to provide the bicyclists with a meal before they headed out on their 95 mile journey, tracing the Trail of Tears.

On the research front, the chapter has been going to the Georgia Archives in Morrow to obtain digital copies of every single land plat showing an improvement (fields, houses, roads, etc.) in the Cherokee Land Lottery. The chapter continues to keep members updated on the latest news with weekly email reports collated by Leslie Thomas and with regular updates to the chapter blog at www.trailofthetrail.blogspot.com.

Arkansas

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The Missouri chapter met at the Salem Pizza Inn meeting room Saturday, March 6, 2010, at 11 a.m. The new National Park Service Trail of Tears movie was the program feature. A visit to the proposed Hilderbrand Route was planned.

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The Missouri chapter now has Missouri Geology and Land Survey maps from the early Missouri surveys for use in researching trail segments and places along the Northern, Hildebrand, and Benge Routes in 22 counties. Counties surveyed in the early 1820s lack the detail as surveys done just before the Cherokee Removal. The project was funded by the National Park Service National Trails System Office in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Updates from the Trail of Tears Association state chapters and their partners will routinely appear in future issues of Trail News. Contact Jamie Hopper at TOFATrail@wcu.edu, or at (828) 227-2443.
The Partnership for the National Trails System (PNTS) hosted the National Trails Workshop May 12 - 14, 2010, in San Antonio, Texas. The theme was “Cultural and Heritage Tourism: Trails as Destinations.” PNTS was able to send three people: Jerra Quinton, TOTA executive director; J. B. Tate, a Georgia chapter board member; and Deloris Wood, Missouri chapter president. Arkansas member Marilyn Heifner also attended.

The workshop started with a tour of two of the San Antonio Missions as an opportunity to discuss and explore an approach to heritage tourism. The next two days were devoted to presentations by speakers from around the world. Some were: A How-To in Developing Heritage Corridors by Daniel Mattson of Heritage Design, Defining & Protecting Trails as Heritage Corridors by Rebecca Schweinler of National Trust for Historic Preservation, Trails as Cultural Resources by Eugene Marino of U.S. Fish & Wildlife; and Federal Transportation Funding Opportunities by Christopher Douwes of the Federal Highway Administration.

PNTS hosts a national scenic and historic trails conference every other year, as well as workshops like the one in San Antonio. If you are a member of the Trail of Tears Association and would like to attend one of the PNTS meetings, contact Jerra Quinton at the TOTA office. There could be funds available to help you with travel expenses.

The next PNTS national scenic and historic trails conference will be held in Abingdon, Virginia, in mid-May 2011.

Calendar of Events

July 24
Alabama Chapter Board Meeting 10 am, Birmingham, AL
See chapter report for more information.

July 25
Illinois Chapter Meeting 2:30 pm, Cook, IL
St. Joseph Catholic Church

August 14
Tennessee Chapter Meeting 12:30 pm EDT, Beechwood, TN Cherokee Removal Memorial Park

September 11
The Return, Memorial Walk 9 am, Sheff, AL
See chapter report for more information.

Alabama Chapter Meeting 2 pm, Florence, AL
See chapter report for more information.

Arkansas Chapter Meeting & Program 11:00 am, Fayetteville, AR
Town Center
Visit www.tota.org for more information.

September 22
Illinois Chapter Meeting 7:00 pm, Metropolis, IL
Harrah’s Casino Restaurant

September 23
North Carolina Chapter Meeting Murphy, NC
Hiwassee Wellness Center
See chapter report for more information.

September 20 - 21
2010 TOTA Conference & Symposium Harrah’s - Metropolis, IL

Registration at www.NationalTOTA.org

TOTA REMEMBERS

Deloris Wood, Trail of Tears Association; Aaron Mahr, Trail of Tears Association; Bill Martin and Travis Boley, National Trails System Office – Santa Fe.

“Beverly Baker was truly one of a handful of people responsible for the existence of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. It could be argued that without Beverly’s efforts the TOTA NHT would not have been a part of the National Park Service and the story of Cherokee removal would not be a part of our national debate.

Beverly was also a founding member of the Trail of Tears Association, and her leadership helped transform TOTA into the effective, meaningful, important organization that it is today. She will be missed by her friends and honored by all those who enjoy the fruits of her lifelong commitment to telling the story of the Trail of Tears. – Paul Austin, former TOTA executive director

Beverly Baker was such a mentor to me. I worked so close with her for the past 8 years. She taught me well. On days that we had work, I would try to put things off. She would tell me, “We have got to get this done.” Her legacy will live on for all to enjoy that visit the sites along the Trail of Tears in all nine states as Beverly’s work started it all. We are grateful for Beverly’s efforts and the contribution she made to our heritage. Beverly will be missed by her friends and the Trail of Tears community.

Attendants of the National Historic Trail Conference visit during lunch. From the bottom left corner: Marilyn Heifner, Fayetteville A & P Commission and the National Park Service National Trails System Office – Santa Fe.

BIKE RIDE

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“After a few minutes I was complaining to myself about the heat, I thought back to my forefathers and their suffering along the trail,” Smith wrote. “I said to myself, ‘If they suffered and made it, you can too. Shut up and pedal.’”

Other riders included Amber Fire, 30, of Tahlequah, Bluebird Lavelle, 17, of Sulphur, Kyle Quieckel, 23, of Roland, Brooke Hudson, 19, of Claremore, Kurt Rogers, 21, of Tahlequah, and Kaleb O’Brian, 16, of Fort Gibson. Chaperones were Jerrad Dry, Sarah Holcomb, Kolton Holmes and Baron O’Field.

For photos and blogs entries from riders, visit the group’s website at www.remembertheremoval.org.
Archaeological Research Project Links Surface Transportation to the Trail of Tears

The Tuscumbia Landing TE project is the first archaeology project in 15 years to be funded by the Alabama Department of Transportation. Located at the confluence of Spring Creek and the Tennessee River in Sheffield, Alabama, the landing was added to the National Historic Register in 1982 for its railroad and steamboat-related significance prior to the Civil War.

Though Tuscumbia Landing has a fascinating connection to surface transportation, the site’s role as a key waypoint on the Trail of Tears is the basis for its historical notoriety. In 2007, the National Park Service designated Tuscumbia Landing as a certified historic site on the Trail of Tears.

The archaeological project at Tuscumbia Landing is a result of the tenacity of its lead investigator, Gail King. King began investigating Tuscumbia Landing in 2006, when she was elected president of the Alabama chapter of the Trail of Tears Association. At the time, King was also a professor at Northwest-Shoals Community College (NWSSCC). King initiated the TE application process in September 2008 with a meeting at the Northwest Alabama Coalition of Local Governments (NACOLG), which is located on the NWSSCC campus. That same month and with NWSSCC acting as the project’s official applicant (and providing local matching funds), King submitted the first of two TE grant applications to Alabama’s Department of Transportation (ALDOT). Later that year, ALDOT informed King that the project was ineligible because Tuscumbia Landing was part of Park West, a 40-acre park surrounding the landing. By ALDOT guidelines, parkland is not eligible for TE funding.

Tuscumbia Landing is also a historic nexus in the region’s surface transportation system. It played many roles in the local and regional transportation system throughout its history in addition to its role in the Trail of Tears. Beginning in the 1820s, the landing was a significant link along steamboat trade routes traveling between New Orleans and Knoxville, Tennessee. The railroad connection, built in the early 1830s between Tuscumbia Landing and the landing at Decatur, proved to be a critical improvement to this network, as it allowed steamboats to avoid 45 miles of treacherous shoals along the Tennessee River. The site’s value as a nexus led to its downfall when the Union Army destroyed the railroad depot during the Civil War.

Instead of conceding to the rejection of her initial application, King scheduled a meeting with ALDOT to discuss ways to improve the application. ALDOT staff suggested that King re-write the application in the format typically used for archaeological proposals, making the process of applying a second time around much more involved. In addition, ALDOT recommended that King make a case for Tuscumbia Landing being a separate entry from Park West. To do this, King enlisted the support of the Mayor of Sheffield and the Parks and Recreation Board. Letters of support from these figures helped make a case for the importance of additional research in Tuscumbia Landing as well as the critical distinction between the landing and the adjacent parkland.

In 2007, King submitted a second and improved TE application. Though approved, it took nearly two years to gain ALDOT’s authorization to use an alternative procurement method for hiring highly specialized archaeologists. (Typically, TE grantees must use a standardized competitive bid process.) In October 2009, ALDOT granted the Tuscumbia Landing research team permission to proceed with the project. The total grant award was $104,450.

At the time of this publication, the investigation of Tuscumbia Landing is about 75% complete. This past spring, the research team—comprised of an ethno-historian, a GIS specialist, archeological technicians, and a cartographer—employed sophisticated equipment for archaeological mapping and discovery. They used a laser scanner and ground-penetrating radar to identify underground artifacts and a magnetometer to identify any underground tanks or anomalous areas. They then mapped the archaeological features discovered with the help of a Global Positioning System (GPS).

Archaeological Research Project (continued from left)

Dr. Kent Schneider of Bucks Geophysical used this data to develop three-dimensional topographical maps of the site. Their findings, which are detailed in a report scheduled to be released in July, have already contributed new evidence illustrating pre-Civil War transportation patterns in the Southeast. These include maps of the road, rail, and building foundations that formed the infrastructure of Tuscumbia Landing.

One particularly interesting preliminary finding involves the death of four Native American children while waiting for the arrival of a steamboat at Tuscumbia Landing in 1838. During a ground survey, King found three depressions in the earth. Utilizing the ground-penetrating radar, Dr. Schneider found that this is indeed a burial place, however, because the landing became the resting place for many throughout its history, it is unclear if the two are connected.

As of fiscal year 2009, archaeological planning and research projects comprised only 0.5% of the funds distributed through the Transportation Enhancements (TE) grant program. Though small in number, these archelogical projects—such as this one at Tuscumbia Landing—uncover unique historical aspects of the surface transportation system. To learn more about this project, visit http://southeasternai.net/tusclanding.html.

Researchers from NWSSC lead tours of Tuscumbia Landing to raise awareness about the location’s historical significance.

Image produced from Ground Penetrating Radar and GPS data.

Image produced by GPS and Ground Penetrating Radar.

The National Park Service hosts a dedication ceremony for certification of Tuscumbia Landing in 2007. (L-R) John McWilliams, Colbert County; Ellen Mootsman, Alabama chapter; TOA; Robert Threver, Poarch Band of Creek Indians; President Gail King, Alabama chapter; TOA; Jayne Bass, Massange (Chickasaw) Nation; Ollie Hoffmann, National Park Service; Chairman Buford Rolin, Poarch Band of Creek Indians; Mayor Bill Shoemaker, City of Tuscumbia; Bob Perry, Chickasaw Nation; Mayor Billy Don Anderson, City of Sheffield.
Youth Scholarships Available for TOTA Conference

To get more youth involved with the efforts of the Trail of Tears Association, TOTA has set up a new scholarship program for this year’s conference. The scholarship is available to both high school students and college students, ages 16 - 25. The scholarship program will be able to fund the students’ conference registration fees, their hotel rooms, and travel to and from the conference and their homes.

To download the application, visit the TOTA website at www.nationalTOTA.org/general-info/conf-info.

Vision Becoming Reality - Using Partnerships to Develop the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail

In 1987, Congress acknowledged the significance of this tragic event in our Nation’s history by establishing the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. The National Park Service administers the Trail in cooperation with federal, state, and local agencies, the Cherokee Nation and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, interested groups, and private landowners.

The Trail of Tears Association and the National Park Service National Trails System Office -Santa Fe have been working with Trail partners to increase visibility for the Trail and to develop it for visitor use. Old traces, historic buildings, and other resources are being preserved. Many sites have been certified and numerous on-the-ground projects have been completed, such as route signing, visitor-use development, interpretive waysides exhibits, and interior museum exhibits at existing facilities.

Certified Sites
Andrew Ross House, AL
Arcadia Valley Campground, MO
Audubon Acres, TN
Berry’s Ferry and John Berry Homesite, KY
Big Spring, KY
Branier Memorial Cemetery, TN
Brown’s Ferry Tavern, TN
Campground Cemetery, IL
Cedarview Cherokee Removal Camp, GA
Chattanooga Regional History Museum, TN
Cherokee County Historical Museum, NC
Cherokee Heritage Center, OK
Chief’s Museum/Major Ridge Home, GA
City of North Little Rock Riverfront Park, AR
Crab-Hill-Abish Farm, IL
Delta Cultural Center, AR
Fitzgerald Station and Farmstead, AR
Fort Gibson, OK
Fort Payne Cabin Site, AL
Golconda Riverfront, IL
Gray’s Inn, KY
Hair Conrad Cabin, TN
The Hermitage, TN
Historic Road from Ross to Ridge’s, GA
James Brown Cherokee Plantation, TN
John Ross House, GA
Junaluska Memorial and Museum, NC
Lake Dardanelle State Park, AR
Laughlin Park, MO
Mantle Rock, KY
Marmac Spring Park/Massy Iron Works, MO
McGinnis Cemetery Trail Segment, IL
Mount Nebo State Park, AR
Murrell Home, OK
Museum of the Cherokee Indian, NC
New Echota Historic Site, GA
Petit Jean State Park, AR
Pinnacle Mountain State Park, AR
Port Royal State Park, TN
Red Cedar State Historic Area, TN
Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, TN
Shelton-Blakker Cabin, MO
Star City Ranch Trail Segment, MO
Tennessee River Museum, TN
Toter Farm Trail Segment, IL
Trail of Tears Commemorative Park, KY
Trail of Tears State Park, MO
Trail of Tears State Forest, IL
Tuscumbia Landing, AL
Vann House Historic Site, GA
Village Creek State Park, AR
Wagner Farm Trail Segment, IL
Waterloo Landing, AL
Willstown Mission Cemetery, AL

Federal Protection Components and Interpretive Sites
Arkansas Post National Memorial, AR
Caddo Settlement Park, AR
Cherokee Memorial Park - Blythe Ferry, TN
Fort Smith National Historic Site, AR
Great Smoky Mountains National Park, TN
Mark Twain National Forest, MO
Moccasin Bend, TN
Pea Ridge National Military Park, AR
Shawnee National Forest, MO
Stone River National Battlefield, TN

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September 20 - September 23, 2010 – Metropolis, Illinois – Harrah’s Casino & Hotel

REGISTRATION
Both FULL registration and SOCIAL EVENTS ONLY registration are being offered this year. Social events only registration has been made available for spouses and other guests of conference attendees and presenters who are not registering or attending the full conference but wish to participate in the social events, including meals, receptions, and field trips. Both forms can be downloaded at www.NationalTOTA.org.

Check or money order only. Credit card payment is unavailable.

The registration cancellation policy can be found at the website address above.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS
Reservations: 1-800-HARRAHS (427-7247)
General Group Code: S09TEAR
Rate deadline: August 21, 2010.

Monday, Sept. 20
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Registration
9:00 - 9:30 AM Welcome
10:30 - 11:30 AM Concurrent Sessions 10, 11, 12
Noon - 1:15 PM Luncheon with Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chad Smith
1:00 - 4:00 PM TOTA Board Meeting
5:00 - 8:00 PM Full Buffet 5:00 - 6:30 Special Performance 7:000

Tuesday, Sept. 21
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Registration
9:00 - 9:30 AM Welcome
9:30 - 10:30 AM Keynote: Brett Riggs, Ph.D.
11:00 AM - Noon Concurrent Sessions 1, 2, 3
Noon - 1:15 PM Luncheon with Cherokee Nation Tribal Councilwoman Julia Coates
1:30 - 3:30 PM General Assembly, General Membership Meeting/Chapter Reports
3:30 - 4:30 PM Concurrent Sessions 4, 5, 6
5:00 - 6:30 PM Wine-tasting: Cache River Basin Winery
Dinner on your own

Wednesday, Sept. 22
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Field Trip: Mantle Rock, KY, to Pope & Union Counties, IL
9:00 - 10:00 AM Concurrent Session 7, 8, 9
10:30 - 11:30 AM Concurrent Sessions 10, 11, 12
Noon - 1:15 PM Luncheon with Cherokee Nation Tribal Councilwoman Julia Coates
The Trail of Tears Association
would like to thank the following for their generous upgraded membership support:

**Benefactors $1000**
- Cherokee Nation - $10,000
- Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians - $10,000

**Patrons $500 - $999**
- Jay Hannah, OK - $500

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