NPS 2016 Centennial Event
Waynesville, MO

On the banks of Roubidoux Creek, in Waynesville, Missouri, Friday, June 17, third graders filed into Laughlin Park from their school bus to be a part of a 2016 National Park Service 2016 Centennial Event, on the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail.

Hunter Stewart, 8, a Cherokee Citizen the son of Stacy Leeds (Cherokee), Dean and Professor of Law, University of Arkansas, of Fayetteville, AR, and Michael Stewart (Choctaw) handed out the Trail of Tears NPS Junior Ranger Program sheet before the event started. Hunter led the Pledge of Allegiance after the Waynesville Boy Scouts presented the Colors. State Representative Steve Lynch offered a Centennial prayer.

Waynesville Mayor Luge Hardman gave the welcome and opening remarks. Deputy Superintendent John Cannella, National Park Service-National Historic Trails Intermountain Region Office, Santa Fe, NM, talked about their mission and the administering of nine National Historic Trails. He told the students about the NPS Trail of Tears Junior Ranger Project.

David Rauch from U. S. Senator Clare McCaskill’s office, asked what if someone came in the middle of the night and “knocked on their door” and told them that they had to leave their home. He told them that is what happened to the Cherokees People during the Removal. State Representative Rocky Miller spoke a few words to the crowd in Cherokee. He is the only Cherokee Citizen serving in the Missouri House of Representatives.

Stacy Leeds presented the Cherokee Remember the Removal Bike Riders to the large crowd assembled in the park.

Mayor Luge Hardman presented each Cherokee bike rider with a Route 66 lapel pen from the City of Waynesville. The Cherokee Nation represented by the bike riders with Stacy Leeds as the presenter, gave the Waynesville City officials a recognition plaque. The cyclist mounted their bike and formed a circle, performed their ceremony, prayed, and left out on the City trail headed for the Old Route 66 Bridge and Route 66, that is parallel to the Trail at that point at the Cherokee Campsite.

Col. Andrew Herbst, Garrison Commander, Fort Leonard Wood and Mike Curtis, Waynesville City Councilman, joined the cyclists on the trek to Lebanon. The cyclists were escorted out of the City by the Waynesville City Police.

Deloris Gray Wood, President Missouri Chapter Trail of Tears Association and on the National Trail of Tears Board, said the final remarks. After the cyclist departed the Park, she led the students and their teachers on the walk to the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail where the Cherokees crossed the Roubidoux Creek in the Winter of 1838-39 on the Northern Route of the Trail of Tears.

John Cannella joined the walk on the Trail at the Cherokee crossing answering questions.

...AFTER THE CONFERENCE!

DINNER AT RED CLAY STATE PARK

WEDNESDAY EVENING
The Red Clay State Park would like to invite all conference attendees out to the park after the conclusion of the National TOTA Conference. We will be providing dinner starting at 6:15 PM to all of those who RSVP to erin.medley@tn.gov. at 7pm. We will have storytelling by Troy Poteete on the COLORFUL CHEROkees WHO SPRUNG FROM BRADLEY AND McMinn COUNTIES: True Tales of the Lively Descendants of Elizabeth Sevier Morgan Walker. Please come and join us for this educational and entertaining experience.

NPS SIGN DEDICATION

THURSDAY MORNING
The National Park Service is pleased to announce the dedication of new signs to mark an Original Route Segment of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail within Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park. Please join park staff and supporters on Thursday, October 6, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center, 3370 Lafayette Road, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia for the sign dedication.

NPS SIGN DEDICATION

THURSDAY LUNCH
The Charleston, Calhoun, Hiwassee Historical Society invites Conference attendees to join them at Hiwassee River Heritage Center, 8746 Hiwassee St., Charleston, TN (Fort Cass) for a light lunch followed by a groundbreaking and sign dedication on Thursday October 6th. Lunch will be served beginning at 12:30PM.
2016 TOTA Conference
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Monday, October 3rd
8:00am - Noon.............................Registration - Conference Center
8:30am - 11:45am.................TOTA Board of Directors meeting
Noon - 1:15pm.................................................................Lunch
Welcome Georgia Chapter President and Introduce local dignitaries.
1:30pm - 2:30pm......................Keynote Speaker Dr. Brett Riggs
Tsa-La-Gi-U-Weli: “Leaving the Sacred Places Behind”
2:45pm - 3:45pm........................Concurrent Sessions
4:00pm - 5:00pm........................Concurrent Sessions
6:00pm...................................................Reception at Dalton Distillery
Brett Riggs on the Banjo & Becky Hobbs performing her original country hits and other performances by conference attendees.

Tuesday, October 4th
8:30am - 9:00am..........................Board Busses for Field Trip
Field Trip to New Echota - Cherokee Nation Pre-removal Capital
We will be visiting the Vann House, in Chattsworth, GA for a sign dedication and Lunch and then continue the bus tour along Highway 411 to the Rockdale Plantation.
2:00pm - 3:00pm....................Presentations at Rockdale Plantation
Jeff Bishop - History of Rockdale
Amy Kostine - Observations on Preservation
3:00pm - 4:30pm........................Group Tours of House
with hosts Kenny & Sue Hix
5:00pm.................................................................Traditional Chickasaw Meal
6:00pm - 7:00pm........................Becky Hobbs Performs
Becky will perform hymns in Cherokee, Selections from her musical, Nanyehi and some of her original songs including “We are Many.”

Wednesday, October 5th
9:00am - 10:45am.........................Annual Membership Meeting
Chapter reports & NPS Report
11:15am - 12:00pm......................General Session
Youth Presentation & Remember the Removal Bike Riders Presentation
12:15pm - 1:45pm..........................Final Lunch
Grand Door Prize Drawing
2:30pm - 3:30pm........................Concurrent Sessions

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
BRETT RIGGS
Dr. Riggs is Sequoyah Distinguished Professor of the Cherokee Studies at West Carolina University in Cullowhee, North Carolina. He specializes in Cherokee studies and, for more than twenty years, has worked in southwestern North Carolina to shed light on the lives of Cherokee families during the removal era of the 1830s.

ENTERTAINMENT
BECKY HOBBS
Cherokee Nation citizen Becky Hobbs, a singing, songwriting pianist was inducted into the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame in 2015. She has charted many country hits, written songs for a multitude of other artists and in recent years she honored her 5th great grandmother, Nancy Ward with a 17 song musical, “Nanyehi - The Story of Nancy Ward”. She also penned and recorded, “Tsa-La-Gi-We are Many” which was recorded by the Cherokee Nation Youth Choir.

Concurrent Session Speakers

Georgia DeWeese
The Dendroarchaeology of the Green Hotel, Cave Spring, Georgia, USA

Barbara Kawulich
Sowing the Seeds of Culture: The Role of Muscogee (Creek) Women throughout History

Jim Langford
DeSoto in Northwest Georgia: When the World Came Crashing Down

John Latty
Carrying Off the Cherokee

Ben Steere
Mounds, Houses, and Home Fires: Understanding the Built Environment of the Cherokee Heartland

Alfie Vick
Plants and Landscape of the Cherokees

Christina Snyder
Choctaw Academy, KY, A school for American Indian Boys during the removal era.
MAIN STREET OZARK MEMORIAL STONE

Main Street Ozark has constructed a memorial to honor the five civilized tribes that passed through Ozark by land and the Arkansas River on the Trail.

The memorial was fashioned out of Cherokee Marble from Georgia which is what makes this particular monument quite unique.

Each stone in the memorial was taken from areas with special significance. The primary marble stone was extracted from the same area where three of the tribes started on the Trail. The two small stones at the entrance of the memorial site came from a hilltop overlooking the Old Military Road south of Ozark. The 5 small rocks located in the garden at the back that were taken from an important place where each tribe first settled upon reaching Indian Territory.

Main Street Ozark of Ozark, Arkansas is sponsoring this beautiful Trail of Tears Memorial to be dedicated Sept. 24, 2016, at 1PM. The Marble Memorial is located on the Arkansas River in the Ozark downtown area.

The main speaker for the memorial ceremony will be Cherokee Nation Chief Justice, Troy Wayne Poteete. Also featured at the ceremony will be the Cherokee National Youth Choir and Seminole Assistant Chief, Lewis Johnson who will be performing Indian Flute music.
Arkansas

After the election of board members, Carolyn Kent presented a program on the history of Van Buren. A post office was established there in 1831 and the town site was purchased for $11,000 in 1836. John Drennan built his house in 1836 and moved his family in by 1837. A tour was given of the Drennan-Scott property (which includes John Drennan's original 1836 house) and a complete history of the family given from the earliest years to the creation of the museum by site volunteer, Greg Hall.

The “Remember the Removal Riders” came through Northwest Arkansas June 21 and 22, 2016. They were welcomed at the Pea Ridge National Military Park, treated to a cookout by park superintendent Kevin Eads and then participated in a special event as they rode into the University of Arkansas Razorback Football Stadium and were welcomed by Razorback head coach Bret Bielema. Stacy Leeds, dean of the U of A Law School and member of the Cherokee Nation, rode with the riders on this year’s journey.

Research is continuing for original route signage in Arkansas with a focus on Randolph, Benton, Washington, and Crawford counties.

An ARTOTA event is being scheduled at Lake Dardanelle State Park November 12, 2016. More information will be forthcoming.

The Arkansas Chapter is excited about the coming 2017 National Conference to be held in the Ft. Smith, Arkansas area in the fall of 2017. More details will be available in the summer of 2017.

Main Street Ozark is sponsoring a Trail of Tears Memorial to be dedicated Sept. 24, 2016, at 1PM. The memorial is located on the Arkansas River at Ozark, AR. See the full story on page 3.

Missouri

National Trails System National Historic Trail Workshops

Like most Partnership for the National Trails System National Historic Trail Workshops the one held in Independence, MO, June 6-9 2016, was intense with few moments to spare. Travis Boley, Oregon-California Trails Association Manager and Ross Marshall, PNTS Board Vice President were two local men who worked very hard as hosts to have a great workshop.

Federal Partners actively participating in the Workshop and the Trail Apprentice Program were Aaron Mahr, NPS-NHT; and Rita Hennessy, Assistant Park Manager, NPS Appalachian National Scenic Trail; Christopher Douwes, Federal Highways; and Rob Sweeten, Bureau of Land Management, Utah. Federal Partners fund the Trail Apprentice Program. Workshop sessions related to board building and the Three Trails in an Urban scene.

Gary Warner, Executive Director presented ideas for the next National Conference with the Scenic Trails and the 50 Anniversary of the National Historic Trails in 2018.

Kaleo Paik represented the Ala Kaha Kai Trail Association who talked about her ancestors and the land and its role in the trail. Ala kaha kai means “shoreline trail” in Hawaiian. The Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail is a 175 mile trail restored and established in 2000 by the National Park Service. The trail covers over 200 of the Big Island’s original ahupuaa (the traditional Hawaiian mountain to sea divisions of the islands) and connects several ancient Hawaiian fisherman trails. Mobile Workshops took participants to the Missouri Highway Department Dedication of the Powder Mill Bridge; another at the Truman Courthouse; another at McCoy Park and a trail walk to Mill Creek Park; a visit to Wayne’s Landing and dinner at Mallinson Vineyard.

Illinois

June 12, an extremely hot and humid day in deep southern IL, the Remember the Removal riders were hosted for lunch by our chapter board at the historic Camp Ground Church and Cemetery east of Anna. The adjoining photos tell the story. Sunday, September 11, the summer general membership meeting will begin at 3 p.m. CDT at Vienna City Park located just east of the intersection of US highway 45 and IL highway 146 in Vienna. The format will be casual, “meet and greet”, and exchanging of information.

On Saturday, October 29, we will again be offering our “all-day” guided bus tours following the trail from the Ohio River to the Mississippi River with the “famous” box lunch included. This year we are going to try a different format: 2 half-day trips. The a.m. trip will be from Golconda to Vienna, the p.m. trip from Vienna to Ware. Either tour will include lunch.
ALABAMA (continued)

THE WILLSTOWN MISSION AQUEDUCT PROJECT

The Alabama Chapter, Trail of Tears Association had an exceptional opportunity to explore and archaeologically investigate property that is very likely associated with an aqueduct that supplied water to the Willstown Mission School. The property is situated around 3 miles north, northeast from the center of downtown Fort Payne and sits on 3 acres nestled along the western base of a northeast to southwest trending ridgeline on Lookout Mountain (see below). Sharon Freeman is the Project Investigator and Larry Smith is the Historian/Researcher.

Larry Smith initiated the Willstown Mission School Aqueduct Project, as he has tirelessly researched the area for many years. He has remained steadfast that there may exist remnants of a cedar pipe system that was utilized to transport water from a spring to the Willstown Mission School. The transportation method was a below-the-ground cedar log aqueduct for the majority of the distance from the spring and an above ground aqueduct for an unknown shorter distance.

The importance of the site is marked by the spring that supplied water to the Wills town Mission School constructed in 1823 by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (ABCFM). Water was also supplied to the nearby community inhabited by members of the Cherokee Nation. The Wills town Mission School near Fort Payne is one of two missions constructed in Alabama and had a spring fed bathhouse with showers. Quite possibly it was the first or one of the first such showers fed by an aqueduct in Alabama. Creek Path Mission School was also constructed by the ABCFM and is located near Günter’s Landing.

The Wills town Mission School is historically significant as it is associated with Cherokee lifeway’s, the effort to eradicate Cherokee culture, and the mission school is a testament to the tumultuous time period for Cherokee people. Many Cherokee children were housed or boarded at the school and not allowed to speak their native Cherokee language. They were made to speak English and forced to study the Christian faith.

“In front of the house [most certainly the house where the Chamberlin’s lived and later Col. Milford Howard] Mr. C. [Chamberlin] had a watering trough put up by the side of the road, which was raised just high enough for horses to drink comfortably. The water came from a spring in a cave which was in the side of Lookout Mountain near its base, and run through bored cedar logs joined together and laid in a covered ditch to the house and thence to the road, entering the trough through a cane tube and thence to the road, entering the trough through a cane placed in the center of the trough and rising above the water, so that persons passing could get a cool refreshing drink.”

Nestled at the western base of Lookout Mountain just north of the city of Fort Payne, Alabama is a partially hidden and unnamed spring with rushing water that dives into rock infrastructure. Evidence of previous use is apparent when peering down into the opening of the spring into a cave area extending back into the mountain for almost 30 feet with very little headroom. There is a stone man-made dam of unknown age, just inside the opening of the cave, likely to preserve as much water as possible during drier times in the past.

After an initial survey in December 2015, we decided to utilize Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) to hopefully save time, energy, be more precise, and less destructive to any archaeological deposits and to the property in general.

Although the results are extremely exciting, additional archaeological investigations are needed if we are to make a determination that the feature in Block B is in fact the Willstown Mission School aqueduct. Investigations would include ground truth testing and a comprehensive plan to preserve, treat, analyze, photograph, and ultimately store any cedar pipe segments or fragments.
**KENTUCKY**

In May, members of the Kentucky Trail of Tears Association met with Amy Kostine of the Middle Tennessee Center for Historic Preservation at the Hill Cemetery in Caldwell County. During the meeting we worked on a 12.5 mile Pristine Trail segment for Nomination to National Register. Another meeting is scheduled in the fall to continue the work on this project. Later that day we visited a Witness house that is located beside the trail. A family member who accompanied us during our visit to the site shared with us some of his early family history. The gentleman told of his great-great grandmother’s story of watching the Indians pass by on the trail that is located beside this specific witness house.

We are currently working with city of Paducah and National Park Service on two wayside exhibits to be placed on our Waterfront certified site in Paducah. This was a Water Route site. We hope to have this project finished in the spring. While many detachments just passed this site, two Creek detachments and four Cherokee stopped at Paducah site.

In July we had our dedication and unveiling event at Columbus-Belmont State Park. During this time frame we met with the Hickman County Geneology. Later that evening Executive Director Troy Poteete presented a lecture at the old courthouse in Clinton, Kentucky. Dedication and unveiling was the following morning. John Cannelli, Deputy Superintendent and Carol Clark Interpretative Specialist NPS, along with Kentucky State director of parks and other state dignitaries were in attendance. This particular site is a site where land route and water route cross. The Benge Route camped at this site for ten days mid November 1838. The site was also by its mere location witness to all detachments that went by water.

**OKLAHOMA**

Mark your calendars! The Oklahoma Chapter will have an honoring and grave marking on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at 2:00 pm for Margaret “Peggy” Easky Dick at the Tahlequah City Cemetery, Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Chapter members and descendants of Margaret “Peggy” Easky Dick will gather at the cemetery where an honoring ceremony and the placing of a bronze plaque on the headstone will occur.

The plaque indicates that the honoree endured the forced removal of the Cherokees in 1838-39, and has on the plaque a Trail of Tears National Historic Trail emblem and the Cherokee Nation Seal of September 6, 1839. Booklets providing the biographical and genealogical information for Margaret “Peggy” Easky Dick will be given to all the participants at the ceremony.

The fall meeting of the Oklahoma Chapter will be Saturday, November 5, 2016 at 10:00 am at the Cherokee Casino, West Siloam Springs, Oklahoma. The speaker will be Dr. Duane King, an author and knowledgeable researcher of Cherokee history. Dr. King is currently director of the Helmerich Research Center located at the Gilcrease Museum, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Following the meeting, lunch will be on your own at the casino buffet. The public is invited to the October and November events.

**NORTH CAROLINA**

The NCTOTA’s members who attended the Dalton, GA TOTA workshop were inspired by the informative speakers. They appreciated the guidance of NPS employees, Frank Norris and Mike Taylor, and Dr. Carroll VanWest from MTSU, who facilitated the final plenary session “to strategize how to best help identify and monitor sites/segments, list sites in danger, [and] act on preservation needs.”

Congratulations to our new NC TOTA member, Dr. Rose Stremlau, on the Cherokee Phoenix article of May 24 covering her presentation, “The Last Generation and the First Generation: Cherokee Children in Post-Removal Indian Territory” during the “From Removal to Rebirth: The Cherokee Nation in Indian Territory” symposium held at the Gilcrease Museum on April 23.

In late May, several members of the Chapter attended the Fading Voices event held in the Snowbird Community of Robbinsville, Graham County. TJ Holland MC’d the events while other members, including Brett Riggs, Anita Finger Smith, and Doc and Sue Abram, had a great time watching the stickball matches, visiting with Cherokee friends, and, of course, eating!

The North Carolina Trail of Tears Association was once again honored to co-host the 2016 “Remember the Removal Send Off Ceremony,” at Kituwah near Cherokee on June 3. Cherokee elder and Beloved Man, Jerry Wolfe, conducted a sacred blessing for the bike riders on the Kituwah Mound, considered the Mother Town of the Cherokee. The NCTOTA donated funds toward the send-off dinner and worked with the Oklahoma Chapter to distribute Butrick journals to each Remember
the Removal bike rider to read from during their journey.

In June, the North Carolina Chapter held its summer meeting at the public library in Robbinsville. Immediately following, the membership dedicated a new sign to mark the site of Fort Montgomery on Fort Hill. Several members then took a short uphill trek to the nearby actual trail where Brett Riggs and TJ discussed the Removal from the area. Blue Ridge National Heritage Area (BRNHA) director, Angie Chandler, was our special guest and participated in the dedication. Tom Belt gave a moving talk which personalized the Removal for us.

The BRNHA’s matching grant of $5,000 to the Chapter allowed us to develop our new website at http://www.nctrailoftears.org/ and to print a map/brochure with the designing assistance of the National Park Service. This map is now being distributed throughout Western North Carolina. If you need any for your Chapter, individual members, or upcoming events, we will gladly provide these. Contact Andy Denson at Denson@wcu.edu for further info. We will also bring some to the National Conference in Dalton.

Andy Denson, who chaired the Committee, gave a detailed interview with the Smoky Mountain News regarding the NCTOTA’s work in the region which appeared in its July 6 issue: http://www.smokymountainnews.com/outdoors/item/17987-remembering-the-removal-wayside-markers-trace-the-trail-of-tears-in-wnc

Brett Riggs and Sue Abram met with Elizabeth Sims in July to discuss the BRNHA’s project and how it applies to grassroots initiatives in mountain communities. She wants to first focus on the Cherokee in the area, particularly their culture, foodways, and arts. We were happy to share information regarding some of the community partnerships that we have forged.

Anne Rogers, NCTOTA National Director, recently hosted Chapter member John Wible and Treasurer Anita Finger Smith, for a tour through the WCU Archaeology Lab. A fairly new member, John has proven insatiable in his quest to learn more about the Cherokees in western North Carolina!

The NCTOTA’s fall meeting will take place on Saturday, September 17 at 11 a.m. at the Cherokee Tribal Community Center in Murphy. Immediately after, the membership hopes to dedicate the last sign waiting to be placed from an earlier grant. This sign will mark the Unicoi Turnpike as it funneled Cherokee deportees to nearby Fort Butler, their last stop before leaving North Carolina.

The Georgia Trail of Tears Association had a chapter board meeting on Saturday, August 13 at the conference center to visualize it all one last time.

Jeff Stancil volunteered to talk about the road from New Echota to the Vann House along Hwy 225 - He’s excited to place the sign there since he worked there all those years.

Carol Clark has been working on a brochure to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the NPS in Georgia. We have collaborated on a driving tour down Highway 27 from Chickamauga/Chattanooga Battlefield down to Cedartown. This drive is significant since we have several sights along this route. We had planned on two tours that would highlight this route, but wasn’t meant to be. Hopefully the brochure will be available by the conference, at least Carol has it planned to be. Bless her!

The second route is up Hwy 225 from New Echota to Chief Joe Vann and across to Old Hwy 411/Tennessee Road/Sally Hughes Route. The old 411 corridor is significant as the route used for trade from Georgia to Cleveland Tennessee. George Harlan’s home (aka Carter’s Quarters), the removal Fort Gilmer, Judge John Martin’s homesite, and then on to George Washington Adair’s home - aka Rockdale Plantation.

A person could spend two weeks just touring the sites the Georgia Trail of Tears Association has certified in the last six years!
# REGISTRATION FORM

**21st Annual Trail of Tears Association**  
**Conference & Symposium**  
October 3 – 5, 2016  
Northwest Georgia Trade & Convention Center  
(One form per Registrant Please)

## Contact Information

1. **Name** (as wanted on name badge):  
   
2. **Organization Representing** (if applicable):  
   
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   5. **State:**  
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## Registration

### 10. Regular Registration

- □ TOTA 2016 Member: $125  
- □ Non-member: 175

*Non-member registration includes TOTA membership through 2017.*

### 11. On-Site Registration

- □ TOTA 2016 Member: $225  
- □ Non-member: 275

*Non-Member Registration includes TOTA membership through 2017.*

### 12. **Registration**

- □ Monday night reception at Dalton Distillery  
- □ Tuesday Field Trip: Tour of New Echota, Vann House, Sign Dedication, Tour of Rockdale Plantation with Traditional Chickasaw meal on the grounds, followed by music from Becky Hobbs. Box Lunches at Vann House.

### 13. Meals:

- Hotel provides breakfast.  
- Lunch will be provided Mon, Tues, & Wed.  
- A traditional Chickasaw meal will be served Tue evening as part of the field trip.

### 14. Guest Meals

I need to register my guest, _____________________________________, for the following meals:

- □ Mon. Lunch - $30  
- □ Tue. Lunch - $20  
- □ Wed. Lunch - $25  

**TOTAL:** $_________________

## TOTAL FEES

15. Registration Fee from Line 10 or 11  
   = $__________

16. Guest Meal Fees from Line 13 and 14  
   = $__________

**TOTAL**  
= $__________

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Trail of Tears Association

The Trail of Tears Association has entered into a cooperative agreement with the National Park Service to promote and engage in the protection and preservation of the Trail of Tears NHT resources; to promote awareness of the trail’s legacy, including the effects of the U.S. Government’s Indian Removal Policy on the Cherokee and other tribes; and to perpetuate the management and development techniques that are consistent with the NPS’s trail plan.

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Field Trip Waiver

Please sign this liability waiver if you plan to participate in the field trip.

The undersigned hereby agrees that neither the Trail of Tears Association (TOTA), its chapters, directors, officers, employees, and agents, nor to the extent legally permissible any private or public (state or federal or instrumentality of either), landowner or tenant or licensee in possession of any land or over which any tour, field trip, or outing takes place, or through which it travels, in connection with or as a part of any meeting or convention of TOTA shall have any responsibility or liability, in whole or in part for any loss, damage, injury to person or property, delays and delayed departure or arrival, missed carrier connections, cancellations, changes in schedules, program, or itinerary, or mechanical defect or failures, or for any negligent act or omissions of any nature whatsoever which results from, or arises out of, occurs at or during any activities, programs, tours, field trip, or outing thereat, or part of any of the foregoing. All persons registering at or attending any such meeting or convention shall be bound by the foregoing and deemed to have consented and agreed to the same by such registration or attendance.

Sign ______________________________________________________ Date ___________________________

Cancellation Policy

A written and signed notice of cancellation must be submitted to the Trail of Tears Association, 412 N Hwy 100 Suite “B”, PO Box 329, Webbers Falls, OK 74470, fax number (501) 666-5875, in order to receive a refund. A 50% refund will be granted if notice is received by September 25, 2016. NO refunds will be granted after September 25, 2016.

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Ask for Trail of Tears group rate
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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 Intermountain Region, 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 wayside 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
Brainerd Mission Cemetery, TN
Browns Ferry Tavern, TN
Campground Cemetery, IL
Cedartown Cherokee Removal Camp, GA
Chattanooga Regional History Museum, TN
Cherokee County Historical Museum, NC
Cherokee Garden at Green Meadows, GA
Cherokee Heritage Center, OK
Chieftains Museum/Major Ridge Home, GA
City of North Little Rock Riverfront Park, AR
Columbus-Belmont State Park, KY
Crabb-Abbot Farm, IL
Crider Tavern Complex, KY
David Crockett State Park Trail Segment, TN
Delta Cultural Center, AR
Fitzgerald Station and Farmstead, AR
Fort Gibson, OK
Fort Payne Cabin Site, AL
Funk Heritage Center, GA
Giles Co. Trail of Tears Interpretive Center, TN
Green County Trail Segments, MO
Golconda Riverfront, IL
Gray’s Inn, KY
Hair Conrad Cabin, TN
The Hermitage, TN
Historic Road from Ross to Ridge’s, GA
Hiwassee River Heritage Center, TN
James Brown Cherokee Plantation, TN
Jentel Farm Trail Segment, IL
John Martin House, TN
John Ross House, GA
Junaluska Memorial and Museum, NC
Lake Dardanelle State Park, AR
La Petite Roche, AR
Laughlin Park, MO
Mantle Rock, KY
Maramec Spring Park/Massey Iron Works, MO
McGinnis Cemetery Trail Segment, IL
Mount Nebo State Park, AR
Murrell Home, OK
Museum of the Cherokee Indian, NC
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Red Clay State Historic Area, TN
Rockdale Plantation/George Adair Home, GA
Running Waters, John Ridge Home, GA
Sequoah Birthplace Museum, TN
Snelson-Brinker Cabin, MO
Star City Ranch Trail Segment, MO
Tennessee River Museum, TN
Toler Farm Trail Segment, IL
Trail of Tears Commemorative Park, KY
Trail of Tears State Park, MO
Trail of Tears State Forest, IL
Tusculumbia Landing, AL
Vann Cherokee Cabin, GA
Vann House Historic Site, GA
Village Creek State Park, AR
Wagner Farm Trail Segment, IL
Wayside Store and Bridges Tavern Site, IL
Waterloo Landing, AL
Willstown Mission Cemetery, AL

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Cadron 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
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