

Caddo Nation of Oklahoma

Environmental Protection

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Since its foundation Caddo Nation Environmental Protection (CNEP) has received numerous grants through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). These grants are the General Assistance Program (GAP), Clean Water Act 106 program (CWA), and Clean Air Act 103 Program (CAA). CNEP also has obtained funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), to build capacity towards climate resiliency, provide education on natural resources, and combat invasive species in the Caddo Nation Jurisdiction. With this funding CNEP will begin taking steps to better protect our Tribal Jurisdiction against the ever-changing climate. In the upcoming quarters CNEP will be applying for several grants through the BIA, and EPA. These additional grants will allow CNEP to expand and provide better services to the Caddo Nation.

This spring has been a very busy one for CNEP. In April we began by holding a roadside collection event alongside Hwy 281 for 1 mile north. We had 15 volunteers from other Caddo Nation departments which was outstanding! With our combined efforts we were able to collect 20 40-gallon bags of trash. Small efforts such as this help beautify the areas around the tribal complex, and it make a more enjoyable area for visitors. During that same month CNEP attended the Comanche Nation's earth day event. Event attendees were given information on conservation practices, and were also provided with left over items from previous CNEP events. Also, during this month CNEP passed out indoor plants to promote cleaner air quality in homes. In total there were 60 plants given to tribal members, and tribal staff.

During the month of June, CNEP assisted with two different events for the youth. On June 7th CNEP partnered with Caddo Nation Child Care to host a fishing day at Caddo Lake. Things that were learned that day were, how to fish with rod and reel, what types of fish are in the Caddo Nation's jurisdiction, how to clean a fish in preparation for it to be cooked, and also how to cook the fish. There were also stories shared on how the Caddo People have a fish dance, and what the purpose of that dance is. The kids, and adults who attended the event was worn out from the heat, but it was a great time, and the youth really enjoyed their time at the lake. Also, during this month CNEP assisted the Comanche Nation at the Wilderness Explorers environmental camp held at the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge. In total we had 61 kids sign up with ages ranging from 10-14. During the camp the youth learned about water quality and the importance of having healthy waters, how to make a teepee, how to make native tea, how to make a medicine bag and is uses, learned about fire safety and also, they made pinch pots. Overall, the camp was a success and we look forward to holding this type of camp yearly.

CNEP will continue to provide roll offs to Tribal Members to assist with open dump clean ups. Since its initiation CNEP has provided this service to 17 tribal members. This service will be offered <u>three times</u> per quarter on a first come first serve basis. Below are the dates with quarters listed. <u>1st Quarter</u>: (Oct – Dec) <u>2nd Quarter</u>: (Jan – March) <u>3rd Quarter</u>: (April – June) <u>4th Quarter</sub>: (July – Sept.)</u>



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The second service CNEP provides is in home mold inspections. Each member of the CNEP staff is a certified mold inspector and we will be happy to come to your home and collect a sample. We will also educate everyone on what steps could be taken to keep mold away and what can be done if found. If you have any questions about either service, or to schedule the service please call (405) 656-0990.

For further information on any services provided, or information on the CNEP programs please contact us.

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