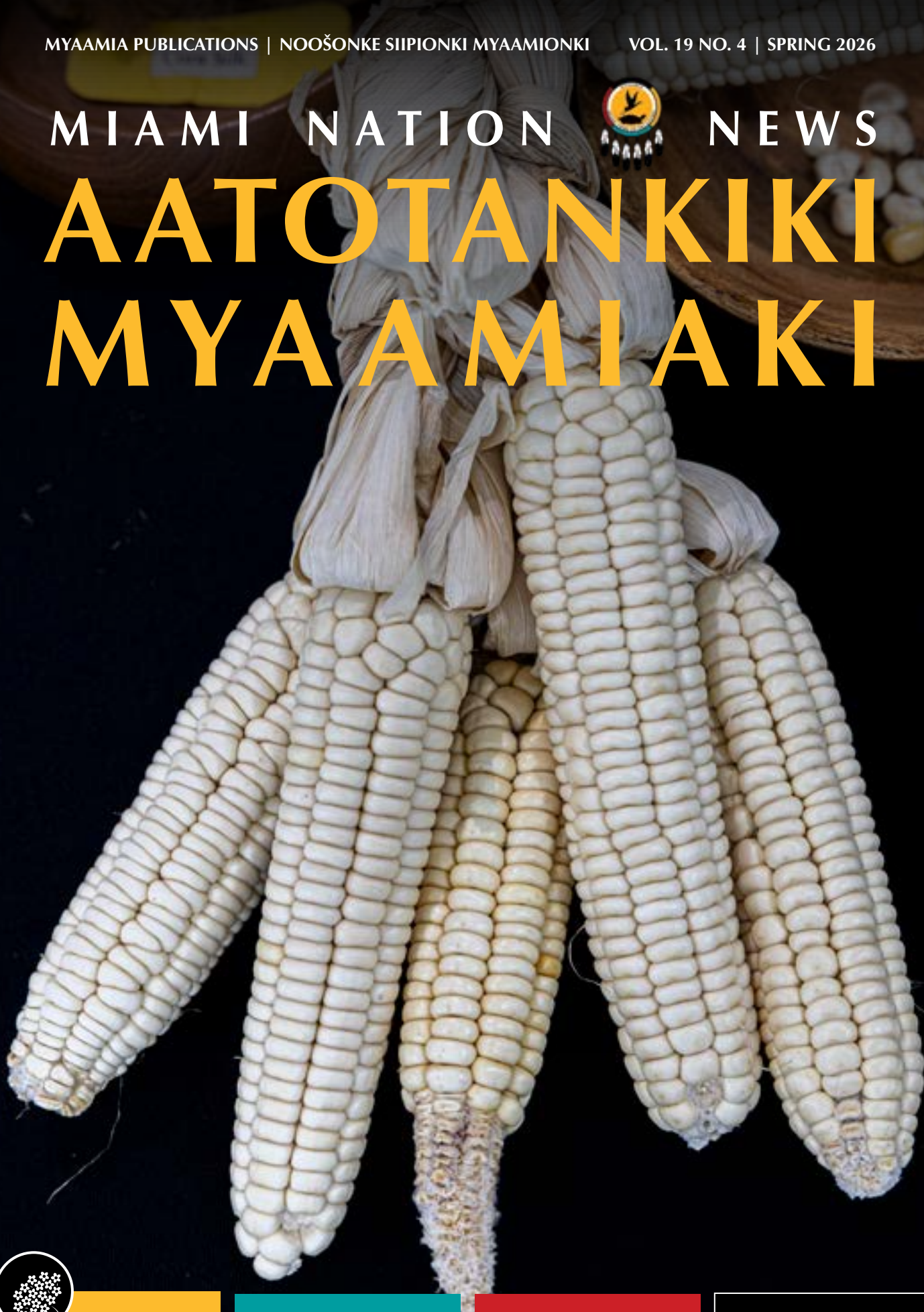


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OFFICIAL NOTICE:
The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma will host their Annual Meeting on June 27th, 2026



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'The Chief's Report'

**Akima
Eecipoonkwia**
Chief Douglas
Lankford



Aya, Aya ceeki eeweemakiki. Greetings to all Myaamia citizens. We are in wiihkoowia kiilhsua – whippoorwill moon, which means our annual National Gathering Week is fast approaching. With events scheduled to begin on June 24, we look forward to welcoming all citizens home to our Nation's headquarters in myaamionki nooŝonke siipionki, the lands of the Myaamiaki along the Neosho River in northeast Oklahoma. Our National Gathering Week is a time to learn, share, dance, build community, and of course, and most importantly, meet as the 2026 Myaamia General Council. Miami, Oklahoma is named after our Nation, and our Tribal lands are located within the Miami-Peoria Reservation.

Oklahoma is our southernmost homeland and a place we have called home for over 155 years. Before this place, we called our reservation in Kansas home for a mere 25 years, hardly long enough to get to know the land. Before that, we were at home on the lands of our ancestors. A vast landscape full of trails, rivers, mounds, burial grounds, and village sites. Places where our language, culture, traditions, and stories were alive and vibrant from village to village. A time when other Tribes of the same homeland, as allies, lived

and fought as we did for our Nation, people, and our lands.

As America celebrates 250 years, we understand, better than most, the cost of such an anniversary. What I want us all to remember and appreciate is that we survived. That we are still here, thanks to our ancestors, and that we always will be, so long as we remain strong in our commitment to reclaim and restore our language and culture, and to maintain places we, and generations to follow, can always call home.

On June 27th, we, the Miami Nation, will come together in our Nation's Council Building to fulfill our constitutional responsibility to meet annually and to share reports and important information that have emerged since the previous meeting. Each year we report the continued growth of our Nation, and our current enrollment is 7,271 citizens. We are scattered across many places, with larger community concentrations in Oklahoma, Indiana, and Kansas. And, to the surprise of some, we have quite a number of citizens living in Washington State, in California, and in Texas. Distance has always been a challenge in maintaining communication with our Myaamia households. Distribution of information from Tribal leadership, government, and tribal programs, cultural revitalization events, and the newspaper requires regular communication, which has become quite costly due to printing and mailing charges and the number of returns resulting from unreported address changes.

To ensure clear communication and improve budget requirements, we recently made two major changes that we believe will serve you well. First, instead of mailing event postcards for all events, we have created and mailed a single, fold-out event poster listing all the annual events, along with magnets for your refrigerator or another prominent location. On this poster, we have included a QR code that takes you directly to our website with all the same event info, including details and updates. This will make it much easier for us to announce last-minute weather cancellations or venue changes, and for you to plan travel or online event participation.

Second, we are pleased to offer a new texting service for Tribal citizens and their family members. The service is called Text-Em-All, and signing up is



free. The service allows us to provide up-to-date information, notifications, and reminders for programs or services with deadlines, such as scholarships or class enrollment. Citizens receive a limited number of text reminders specific to areas of interest they select when signing up. The sign up information is included in this edition, and we highly encourage you to make use of this helpful tool.

Since our last General Council in 2025, we have enjoyed several cultural events, including our second-largest annual event, our 29th annual Myaamia Winter Gathering, held the last weekend in January of this year. There were several events, including an open house at our wonderful Myaamia Heritage Museum, a presentation celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Myaamia Center at Miami University, storytelling, and, of course, social dancing. Representatives of Strawtown Koteewi Park traveled from Noblesville, IN, to bring a special gift to our Nation, a beautiful, custom-engraved copper gorget to show their great appreciation for the relationship we share with the park, our help with signage, and to show respect for their presence within our homeland. However, the highlight of this year's gathering was the ethical return of a personal tobacco bag that once belonged to akima mihsikinaahkwa 'Chief Little Turtle' by the Fort Orange Club of Albany, NY. Two representatives of the Club made the journey to personally present the bag back to the Miami Nation. That bag, the peace medal, the national council books, and other significant objects of our Nation are on display in our Myaamia National Archive. The Archive will be open until 6 p.m. on June 27 to allow viewing after the General Council meeting. There is limited parking, but I understand our MHMA Manager, Meghan Dorey, has a plan for the safe and secure flow of visitors.

Before I begin updates on Tribal business, I want to again address the recent misinformation in the Fort Wayne area regarding the Tribe's property located on Fritz Road, which we call Peehkahkionki, meaning the beautiful place. Many of you may have seen the incorrect media reports in the Fort Wayne area, stating the Tribe will build a casino on the property. This rumor spiraled out of control, driven strongly by the Mayor of Fort Wayne. In an effort to correct this

misinformation, the Tribe sent correspondence to the mayor and local state officials, again explaining the CREO's work and affirming that the Tribe has no intent to conduct casino activities. Further, the Tribe informed these officials that it is precluded from gaming on the land due to affirmations made to the Department of the Interior in its fee-to-trust application that no gaming would occur on that property. And yet the mayor continued to perpetuate the rumor, causing a negative opinion of the Tribe in the area that is the heart of our homeland. To address this harm, we are working to share accurate information about the Tribe through educational outreach, presentations, and participation in public-facing cultural events in Fort Wayne to heal the damage she inflicted.

Myaamia citizens, please know and rest assured that the Tribe purchased the 45-acre property for the cultural good of our community in the Indiana homeland region, and all Myaamia citizens and their families who travel there, to enjoy its beauty and that of our heartland region. We remain fully committed to establishing our Cultural Resources Extension Office and Myaamia Community Center at Peehkahkionki. As you know, we completed construction of the 7,500-square-foot building in June of 2025, and multiple community events have been hosted there. Furthermore, we have invested in creating a community garden, lacrosse field, fishing pond, and walking trails at Peehkahkionki, all for the benefit of our Tribal families. The spread of rumors regarding a casino being built there, on that place set aside for our cultural needs, is disrespectful to the Tribe and our citizens. Our commitment to the use of the property has not and will not change. Peehkahkionki will always be where we come together to learn more about our language and culture, and a beautiful place in Kiihkayonki – part of our homeland - to enjoy being Myaamia.

Our year in tribal governance has been especially busy thus far. Travel to Washington D.C. to meet with legislators, and to testify on behalf of our Nation, has been on my and Second Chief Olds' calendars on a number of occasions. We have several projects with moving parts to report to you.

Illinois Legislation

As you know, the Tribe has been working hard for the past 9 years to get legislation through Congress



that would authorize the Tribe to bring its claim for loss of historic lands in southeast Illinois. Past Senator Markwayne Mullin (Cherokee), a staunch advocate for the Tribe throughout this legislative effort, reintroduced the bill last session, S 550, entitled A Bill to provide for the Equitable Settlement of Certain Indian Land Disputes Regarding Land in Illinois, and for other Purposes. On December 15, 2025, the bill passed the Senate by Unanimous Consent.

On March 4th, I testified before the House Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs on our House bill, H.R. 2827. Oklahoma Congressman Tom Cole (Chickasaw), a longtime advocate and good friend of the Miami Tribe, presented the bill during the hearing and strongly promoted our interests. Following the Hearing, the Department of Justice (DOJ) asked for the opportunity to provide “technical advice” on our bill, which we received and responded to last week. We anticipate that our bill will be reported to the House floor in the next month. We are working to schedule a call with the DOJ to discuss this. Once H.R. 2827, a bipartisan bill, is authorized by Congress, this historic legislation will grant jurisdiction to the Court of Federal Claims to consider and decide the Tribe’s land claim. We are committed to continuing our important work on this bill to get our day in Court.

One final note. Second Chief Dustion Olds and I visited Markwayne Mullin on Wednesday, March 4th, when we were in D.C. Turns out, this was his last day as a US Senator, and he was announced the next morning as the Secretary of Homeland Security. We thank Senator Mullin for being a long-time champion of this legislation and wish him well in his new and important role.

Federal Litigation

The United States Supreme Court’s 2020 landmark decision in *McGirt v. Oklahoma* held that the Muscogee Creek Nation reservation was never disestablished by Congress. Following this momentous Supreme Court decision, the Miami Tribe, like other Oklahoma tribes, actively assumed its governmental responsibilities, policing and exercising jurisdiction over its reservation lands. The Department of the Interior, post-McGirt, without any federal directive, tied federal funding allocated for Oklahoma tribes for polic-

ing and court needs to formal court rulings “upholding” a tribe’s reservation.

In December 2023, the Miami Tribe, joined by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe, Ottawa Tribe, and Seneca-Cayuga Tribe, filed federal lawsuits in the Northern District Court in Tulsa, requesting that the Court declare the reservation lands of the plaintiff tribes to be intact, never having been disestablished. The litigation was initiated to help the Tribe secure essential federal funding for the Tribe’s court to address its criminal docket, which has increased nearly 2,000 percent.

On February 17, 2026, after the Tribe’s motion for partial summary judgment was taken under advisement for nearly a year, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma Judge John D. Russell the Court found that the Tribes and the state appeared to agree about the status of the reservation and therefore was no “real earnest and vital dispute” for the court to resolve. The Court must conclude that there is a real, earnest, and vital dispute to exercise its authority under Article III of the U.S. Constitution.

The legal landscape has changed significantly since the Tribes initially filed this lawsuit. Other cases, such as *State v. Brester*, *State v. Lee*, *State v. Dixon*, and *State v. Fuller*, decided by the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals, rejected arguments that Tribes’ reservations were disestablished.

The Tribes who litigated together have discussed the decision and will continue to engage with the State to clearly allocate our respective criminal law enforcement authority, so we effectively and cooperatively ensure and promote the public safety of our citizens.

SAUSA

The Miami Tribe and other Northeast Oklahoma Tribal Consortium Tribes (Eastern Shawnee Tribe, Wyandotte Nation, Ottawa Tribe, Seneca Cayuga Nation, and Shawnee Tribe) continue to work with our Special Assistant United States Attorney, David Youll, a legal professional from Tulsa retained by the Consortium Tribes to prosecute federal offenses which occur on the Tribes’ reservation lands.

David Youll brings years of legal experience, having served as a prosecutor, judge, and SAUSA in the Eastern District. Funding for this position



is through a Justice Department Coordinated Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) Grant.

We are pleased to have David Youll working with us as our federal representative in the United States Attorney’s Office. This important position helps ensure that crime on the Miami Tribe Reservation is responded to in a fair manner to make the community a safer place for all living and working in Ottawa County.

Miami Tribe District Court

The Miami Tribe District Court remodel project is in its final phase of completion. This project is funded through a Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) Court Remodel Grant. This funding has provided the beautiful new, state-of-the-art court space, which houses the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma District and Appellate Courts. The CTAS grant funding will conclude on September 30, 2026, and final exterior remodel activities are underway.

The Tribe began holding its monthly dockets in the new court space earlier this year following completion of the interior remodel. The Tribe’s spring jury trial docket was held in this new space the week of May 11th. Trial dockets will be held twice a year in the spring and the fall.

The new court space includes a courtroom with a new Judge’s bench large enough to seat three Appellate Justices for cases appealed to the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma Appellate Court, a witness stand, a clerk’s desk, a jury box, and seating for those attending court. Beautiful ash furniture designed and hand-crafted by Tribal Member Jody Gamble fills the courtroom with unique Myaamia inlay designs. Ash paneling crafted by Jody Gamble also covers sections of walls with an inlay wood design throughout the courtroom. The beautiful woodwork and furnishings in the courtroom are enhanced by a state-of-the-art audio/video recording system. The interior of the court is truly something to be proud of and is likely one of the nicest tribal courtrooms in Northeast Oklahoma.

Outside the court entry door, a portico will be added to protect court attendees from inclement weather as they enter and exit the building. Plans to enhance the exterior include adding decorative stone to the outside wall of the building

and installing a fence to block the view of existing HVAC equipment in that area. Landscaping, court flags, and new signage are also scheduled to be installed in and around the court parking area.

The Tribe’s District Court holds a criminal docket twice a month and family court and civil dockets once a month, or more frequently as needed. The Tribe holds trial dockets twice a year, in the fall and spring, and quarterly cost dockets to ensure fines and fees are paid on time. The Tribe looks forward to using this beautiful new space in its work to exercise the Tribe’s inherent authority on its reservation lands.

FERC

The Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA) relicensing application for the Pensacola Hydroelectric Project before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) remains ongoing. FERC has found GRDA responsible for flooding in Northeast Oklahoma, and these impacts are a major focus of the relicensing studies. Back in September of 2025, FERC issued a long-awaited decision on the Tribes’ and the City’s request that GRDA conduct a “contaminated sediment transport study.” The Tribes want FERC to take into consideration the negative impact on tribal lands, which are flooded by GRDA activities related to dam operations. The flood water carries contamination in the form of zinc, cadmium, and lead. When the waters recede, contamination settles on the flooded property, and that contamination gets into the plants and animals that tribal members harvest – some of which are essential to tribal cultural practices.

The Tribe provided its formal comments about the negative impacts to the Reservation, to include impacts to reservation wildlife, vegetation, berries, trees, pecan groves, fish, fowl, water quality, clays harvested for pottery, bark and textile plants harvested for baskets and other weaving crafts, the health of tribal members, and the community in general on the Tribe’s reservation.

The Tribe worked with its expert, Dr. Ean Garvin, who is responsible for studies investigating the presence of elevated levels of zinc, cadmium, and lead in plants harvested in the floodplain and the human pathways for those heavy metals. The Tribe has been committed to this important work for nearly a decade



and will continue to work to ensure the voice of the Tribe is heard throughout this relicensing process.

Trust Land

Federally recognized tribes are eligible to apply for trust land acquisitions for any land owned by the tribe in fee-simple status. Fee-simple means the landowner may sell or encumber the land. Once land is in trust status, state law, with a few exceptions, does not apply, nor is a tribe required to pay state property taxes associated with the land. Fee-to-trust land acquisition applications are evaluated by the Secretary of the Interior according to criteria published in the Code of Federal Regulations (25 CFR 151).

On January 12, 2026, the Tribe concluded its work with the BIA for the fee to trust transfer for Miami Tribe Lot 8 Property adjoining the north side of the Miami Tribe headquarters trust parcel. On this 30-acre parcel, the Tribe remodeled an old existing storage space into new offices for the Tribe's Environmental Department. The work to place this parcel in trust began some 15 years ago but was delayed due to boundary and metes-and-bounds issues. The Tribe is happy to see this important piece of real estate finally placed in trust status.

On January 28, 2026, the Tribe concluded its work with the BIA for the fee-to-trust transfer for the Miami Tribe Allen Property on E. 65 Rd. This historic 150-acre farm property once belonged to the sister of Chief Richardville. The Tribe has remodeled the existing house on the property into office space. We are so pleased to have this historic farm included as a trust acquisition.

Since September 2017, the Tribe has successfully moved into trust status 14 parcels of land, including the Fritz Road property in Fort Wayne, Indiana – the first Miami lands in the Tribe's historic homeland owned and under the jurisdiction of the Miami Tribe in almost 180 years.

The 14 parcels now in trust are part of the total 662 acres of Miami Tribe trust land. Currently, the Tribe has two on-reservation parcels in process for fee-to-trust applications and one in Fort Wayne. Several other parcels are under discussion to begin the fee-to-trust process. The Tribe holds a total of 2,450 acres on its reservation, of which 1,788 are held in fee simple.

Indiana

The Tribe continues its important work in Indiana at its Cultural Resources Extension Office (CREO), which provides programs and educational opportunities for Miami citizens through its Cultural Department, headed by past Tribal Leader Julie Olds.

With the upcoming 250th July 4th celebration this year, the Tribe has received unusually high numbers of media requests from media outlets in Indiana to discuss the Tribe's history, its historic lands, and cultural activities. In light of the casino rumors previously mentioned, we are pleased to discuss these topics and highlight current events and activities taking place at the CREO Community Building on Fritz Road in Fort Wayne, as well as other events in the State of Indiana in which we participate.

I've traveled to Indianapolis several times to meet with our friend, Attorney General Todd Rokita, as well as Indiana Congressional representatives. We have had great dialogue about the Tribe, its historic ties to Indiana, and our cultural activities in Fort Wayne. The Tribe welcomes this positive dialogue and is committed to being a good community partner in Indiana, with the same great relationships it has with state and local counterparts here in Oklahoma.

Tribal Relations

And lastly, some of you may have heard of the somewhat strained relations between the Myaamia and our immediate relation Tribe, the Peoria. It is true that there have been a few misunderstandings among individuals in their community, which has led to difficulties in communication. I am grateful to report that our relationship is slowly returning to a good place, largely due to the solid, respectful leadership of their Chief, Rosanna Dobbs. I encourage us, the Myaamia, to be respectful, patient, hopeful, and encouraging as this relationship heals.

I conclude this report with my deepest appreciation and respect for each Myaamia citizen, for your kindness, patience, and, most importantly, your true interest and commitment to your community and to those of us you have elected as servant leaders. We join you in our shared love of all things Myaamia. My heartfelt mihsī neewe to you all.

*Akima Eecipoonkwia
Chief Douglas Lankford*



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A Brief History of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma

George Ironstrack

Assistant Director, Myaamia Center

The sovereign Miami Tribe of Oklahoma is based in Miami, Oklahoma in the northeastern corner of the state. As of 2024, the population of the Nation is just over 7,000, and citizens can be found living in 49 states as well as outside the boundaries of the United States. The Tribe's population is concentrated in northeastern Oklahoma, eastern Kansas, and northern Indiana. This reflects the historical experiences of a tribe that suffered a series of forced removals from our historic homelands – in what became the states of Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Wisconsin, and Michigan – to lands lying west of the Mississippi in what would become the state of Kansas, and then from Kansas to Indian Territory, which later became the state of Oklahoma.

In our language, the Miami Tribe's name for ourselves is Myaamia, which means “the Downstream People.” Our story begins at a place we call Saakiiweeyonki, near where the St. Joseph's River empties into Lake



Miami Nation sign located at tribal headquarters. Photo by Doug Peconge, Miami Tribe of Oklahoma.

Michigan. At some point in our distant past, our ancestors first emerged onto our homelands at Saakiiweeyonki.

From the village at Saakiiweeyonki, they descended into the Waapaahšiki Siipiiwi (Wabash River) valley building communities at major confluences and portages from Kiihkayonki (Ft. Wayne, Indiana) downstream to Aciipihkakhionki (Vincennes, Indiana). Together these villages maintained a common language, hunting and farming cultural practices. They often

came together to collectively defend themselves and negotiate peace with neighboring tribes and Europeans.

Over generations, the Myaamia extended their cultural roots deep into the soil of the Wabash River Valley. The people drew their sustenance from the wetlands, prairies, woodlands, river bottomlands, and the plants and animals that lived in these places. During the long summers, villages grew miincipi (corn) and other vegetables. They dried, processed, and



stored these agricultural products to last throughout the year. The men of the villages helped in minor ways with the farming, but most of their time was spent hunting moohswa (White Tailed Deer), lenaswa (Bison), mihšiiwiwa (Eastern Elk), and the wide variety of smaller animals and birds that populated the Waapaahšiki Siipiiwi and the hunting grounds to the east and west. During the winter, larger villages broke into smaller hunting bands and moved into winter camps located on or near the hunting grounds. In the early spring, the women and children moved to the sugar maple groves to collect sap and process the liquid into maple sugar that they ate, stored, and traded. Following the return of warmer weather, the Myaamia began their agricultural cycle again with the clearing and planting of their fields.

These vital cycles of planting, harvesting, hunting, gathering, and processing governed the lives of the Myaamia for generations. The rhythms of these cycles reflect an ecologically-based existence in an ancestral homeland we call Myaamionki (Place of the Miamis). For the Myaamia, our land and the ability to care for our basic needs is the foundation of communal life, and is the basis of our physical and mental health as a people.

Myaamionki has always been vital in sustaining our community. Our lands continue to serve as the place by which our language and cultural practices sustain the general wellbeing of our people.

Our language and culture are essential in preserving our unique worldview and indigenous knowledge system for future generations. Our identity as a people is intrinsically tied to the places we call home historically and today.

Our ancestors' lives in our homelands shifted dramatically in the generations following first contact with Europeans and the birth of the United States of America. In 1846, half of the six hundred or so Myaamia – who had survived the years of war, disease, and settlement perpetrated by the newcomers – were forcibly removed from our homelands and settled west of the Mississippi on lands in Indian Territory (current day Kansas). These lands were not the wooded river valleys of the northern Waapaahšiki Siipiiwi, but over time the tall grass prairies west of the Mihsisiipiiwi (Mississippi River) became home. Along the watershed of the Marais des Cygnes River, the Myaamiaki rebuilt their homes, planted their corn, and hunted deer and bison as they always had. As Myaamia people worked to transform this new place into Myaamionki (the Place of the Miami), new groups of settlers began pressuring the Myaamiaki to give up our lands and move yet again.

From the end of the 1860s into the 1870s, many Myaamiaki were forced to leave their homes in Kansas and move to new lands to the south in Indian Territory (current-day Oklahoma). In northeastern Oklahoma, Myaamiaki found a new

home on lands that the Osage and Quapaw people had called their own for generations. In addition to living near the Quapaw and Osage, the Myaamia found themselves living next to other tribes who were originally from the Great Lakes region: the Wyandot, Peoria, Ottawa, Seneca-Cayuga, and Shawnee.

Northeastern Oklahoma is the seat of government for the sovereign nation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma. However, all of the lands where the Miami have lived over time are still referred to as “Myaamionki” (the Place of the Myaamia). The Nation maintains a 2,314-acre land base in four states and many tribal businesses in and around Miami, OK. Through its land base and businesses, the Miami Tribe seeks the resources necessary to care for its elderly and young people and to maintain the integrity, both cultural and political, of the Nation.

Today, our Nation is a strong and vibrant community. We share a common history, but we are not a people trapped in the past. Instead, we work diligently to make choices and changes built solidly on the foundation passed to us by our predecessors. If you have the opportunity to visit us in Miami, Oklahoma know that you will be greeted as an honored guest with open and generous arms. “piintikiilo neehi wiitapimiloom” (come in and sit with us!)

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TRIBAL CITIZEN IDENTIFICATION & ENROLLMENT CARDS

The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma Tribal Citizen/Member Identification and Enrollment Card card allows for the inclusion of a photograph of the Enrolled Citizen/Member and also allows the inclusion of a Myaamia name. Tribal citizens who wish to obtain the new card should contact Tera Hatley, Member Services Manager, at thatley@miamination.com or by phone at 918-541-1324.

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM

In Oklahoma, over half of native children in foster care are in non-compliant homes. The Miami Tribe ICW calls for kind-hearted individuals to establish loving, ICWA-compliant homes, ensuring safety and nurturing cultural heritage for every child, shaping brighter futures.



Make A Difference Today!

If you are a Miami Tribal Member and are interested in becoming a resource home, or if you know of anyone interested in becoming a Miami Tribe resource home or have questions, please call Corinna Evans at 918-325-9078 or Trina Grayson at 918-961-1395.



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The 2026 Myaamia National Gathering Week events are scheduled for **June 23-27, in Miami, OK.** Changes to this schedule will be posted on the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma Facebook page at [MYAAMIAMI Miami Tribe of Oklahoma \(private members only page\)](#), and website at www.miamination.com. Text notifications/updates will go out to those who subscribe to the Text-Em-All service (see Tribal website to sign up.)

NOTICE: ONLY THE MIAMI NATION POW WOW ON SATURDAY EVENING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. ALL OTHER EVENTS LISTED ARE FOR MIAMI TRIBE CITIZENS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

Tuesday, JUNE 23 OPEN HOUSE AT MYAAMIA MAKERSPACE
(Miami Tribe Community Event - not open to the Public)
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Makerspace/Ethel Miller Moore Cultural Education Center - 5990 S. 520 Road, Miami, OK.

Wednesday, JUNE 24 MYAAMIA COMMUNITY ARTS/CRAFTS WORKSHOP
(Miami Tribe Community Event - not open to the Public)
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Makerspace/Ethel Miller Moore Cultural Education Center - 5990 S. 520 Road, Miami, OK.

Tribal citizens and their family members are invited to visit the Makerspace to try new arts and crafts, or bring their own in-progress arts and crafts to continue while visiting with other community members. All ages, however children under 12 must have a chaperon. RSVP by email to Joshua Sutterfield at jsutterfield@miamination.com or by phone at 918-541-1300. Watch the Miami Tribe Facebook page and website for updates. *Lunch provided for attendees.*

Beading workshop led by CRO Staff. All ages, however children under 12 must have a chaperon. RSVP by email to Joshua Sutterfield at jsutterfield@miamination.com or by phone at 918-541-1300. Watch the Miami Tribe Facebook page and website for updates. *Lunch provided for attendees.*

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Community Survey



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Thursday, JUNE 25 MYAAMIA FAMILY DAY
(Games & Dancing)

(Miami Tribe Community Events - not open to the Public)

Location: Myaamia Games Field - 54505 E. 65 Road, Miami, OK
Events: ARCHERY - LACROSSE - TOMAHAWK THROW

Events begin at 10:30 a.m. and last all day and into the evening. There are events scheduled for adults and children. Lunch and dinner will be provided. Bring lawn chairs, hats, sunscreen, and bug spray.

10:30 a.m. Beginner Archery Training:

Conducted by certified instructors. Open to beginners and novice shooters. Youth Fun Shoot: Open to children. Non-competitive shoot for fun and to instill proper form and safety skills.

LUNCH PROVIDED

1:30 p.m. ARCHERY COMPETITIONS BEGIN

Novice Challenge: Open to inexperienced shooters. Participants will use equipment provided by the Cultural Resources Office to participate on an even playing field with other shooters. Awards will be given. One practice round followed by scoring round with shoot offs for ties.

Recurve Challenge: Experienced archers challenge each other's skills with personally owned recurve bows from a greater distance. ONLY RECURVE BOWS welcome for this event. Awards will be given. One practice round followed by a scoring round with shoot off for ties. (Shooters without bows can participate but will use equipment provided by the Cultural Resources Office).

Maamišaahkwaheetaawi - Lacrosse Shootout:

Occurs after Archery Challenge is completed. Awards given for best score out of five shots at goal in two categories: contemporary stick and traditional myaamia pakitahaakani.

Tomahawk Throw: Non-competition - test your

throwing skills. Instruction will be provided. Open to 18 and over for safety reasons. Throwing open all afternoon in a safe area but only when supervising personnel are present.

6:00 p.m. Myaamia Community Dinner
8:30 p.m. Myaamia Community Stomp Dance

Archery and Games Contact:
Scott Willard 417-317-3465
swillard@miamination.com

General Contact:
Joshua Sutterfield 918-325-0107
jsutterfield@miamination.com

Friday, JUNE 26 CULTURAL EDUCATION DAY
(Miami Tribe Community Events - not open to the Public)

Events: COMMUNITY BREAKFAST - LACROSSE GAME - LUNCH - PRESENTATIONS

Breakfast at the Myaamia Community Center/ Title 6 Dining Hall followed by the community lacrosse game on the game field behind the Cultural Resources Center. If you have your own pakitahaakani/Myaamia lacrosse stick please bring it, if not we will have sticks on hand **(only traditional sticks will be used for the game.)**

Lunch will be served after the game in the cool of the new Prairie Sun Event Center located across from Tribal Headquarters at 3411 P. Street. After lunch we will have cultural presentations, and hand out t-shirts to those present.

8:00 a.m. Breakfast at Myaamia Community Center/Dining Hall
54535 East 65 Road, Miami, OK
10:00 a.m. Community Lacrosse Game on the Myaamia game field
54505 East 65 Road, Miami, OK
12:00 p.m. Lunch at Prairie Sun Event Center
3411 P. Street NW, Miami, OK.
1:00 p.m. Presentation: Social Dances & Stomp
2:30 p.m. Break
5:00 p.m. Dinner - (Arena)



EVENING SOCIAL DANCES

(Miami Tribe Community Events - not open to the Public)

Location: Miami Nation Dance Grounds - 54505 E. 65 Road, Miami, OK

7:00 p.m. Arena
9:30 p.m. Fireworks - viewed from Arena

Contacts: Julie Olds 918-541-3131
jolds@miamination.com
Nate Poyfair 918-325-0295
npoyfair@miamination.com

Saturday, JUNE 27 ANNUAL MYAAMIA GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
(Miami Tribe Community Event - not open to the Public)

Location: Myaamia Council House - 54515 E. 65 Road, Miami, OK

7:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served at the Myaamia Community Center/Dining Hall
9:00 a.m. Annual Meeting of the Myaamia General Council begins promptly at 9 a.m. in the Council House. Myaamia citizens enter through the doors on the east side of the building for registration.

Lunch: Prairie Sun Events Center at close of the meeting
3411 P. Street NW, Miami, OK.

Annual Meeting Contacts:
Donya Williams 918-541-7274
dwilliams@miamination.com and
Tera Hatley 918-919-1444
thatley@miamination.com

25th ANNUAL MIAMI NATION POW WOW

(See flier on Miami Nation Events Facebook page)

(Public Event)

6:30 p.m. Grand Entry Miami Nation Pow Wow (Arena)
Stomp Dance

***NOTE: PLEASE FOLLOW MIAMI NATION EVENTS (PUBLIC PAGE), AND MYAAMIAMI MIAMI TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA COMMUNITY (PRIVATE COMMUNITY GROUP) AND THE WEB HOMEPAGE OF MIAMINATION.COM FOR UPDATES OR CHANGES TO SCHEDULED EVENTS.**

IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT/ THREATENING WEATHER, THE CONTACT FOR TRIBAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IS MIKE BROWN - Cell: 918-919-1979 Email: mbrown@mn-e.com

HOTEL INFORMATION FOR MIAMI, OK
BUFFALO RUN HOTEL - 8414 S. 580 Road, Miami, OK

Phone: 918-542-2900

Buffalo Run Hotel offers a discounted Tribal room rate. When you phone to book a room, tell them you are an enrolled citizen of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma booking a room for our National Gathering Week in June. To get the discounted rate - one discounted room per person - you will need to present your Tribal enrollment card at check in.

Other Area Hotels:

DAYS INN - 2120 East Steve Owens Blvd., Miami, OK Phone: 888-942-6215
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS - 509 Hendley Avenue, Miami, OK Phone: 918-542-7424
HAMPTON INN - 115 S. Deacon Turner Road, Miami, OK Phone: 918-541-1500
MICRO-TEL - 2015 E. Steve Owen's Blvd., Miami, OK Phone: 918-540-3333

To book a cabin in the Tribe's Four Wings Park, contact Tera Hatley at 918-541-1300 or thatley@miamination.com. First come, first booked! Note: No repeat guests from last year - if you stayed in a cabin last year you are not eligible to book again this year. We want to make sure others have an opportunity to stay.



MYAAMIA EDUCATION OFFICE BACK-TO-SCHOOL FUND & SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

NOTICE! ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE MAILED AND IN OFFICE BY THE DEADLINE!

Back-to-School Funds

Spring and Fall Semester Back-to-School applications will be mailed to all enrolled Miami Tribe of Oklahoma children from Pre-School through High School (ages 4-19 years). Spring applications will be mailed out in September of each year and Fall applications will be mailed in June of each year.

Eligible tribal members may apply for the following funds:

- ◇ Pre-School (min. age of 4 years): \$50.00
- ◇ Kindergarten through 6th grade: \$75.00
- ◇ 7th & 8th grade: \$100.00
- ◇ 9th through 12th grade (max. age 19): \$150.00

Fall Semester Applications must be **received** by **JUL 1** or postmarked by **JUN 17**.

Spring Semester Applications must be **received** by **NOV 15**, or postmarked by **NOV 5**.

We will not process late applications.

Applications must be filled out completely. Read

instructions on the application carefully and make sure it is signed at the bottom before returning to the Myaamia Education office by the application deadline. If you do not receive an application, it can be downloaded from the miamination.com under Services, Myaamia Education Office, Back-to-School Funds or call for a new application to be mailed. Please ensure your address is up-to-date with the Member Services Department. If you have questions, contact the Education Office at **918-541-2176**.

To receive Back-to-School Funds an application must be completed for each semester. Checks will be mailed within 3 weeks after the Fall semester application deadline, and after Christmas for the Spring semester.

**The Tribe may require, at any time, the recipient of back-to-school-funds to produce receipts for items purchased with said funds as a requirement for receiving future funding. *The policy of the Miami Tribe is to communicate with the biological parent or legal guardian.*

You can now submit your application online using the new education portal! myaamiaportal.com

Scholarships

The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma is committed to supporting the education of Myaamia people of all ages through the funding of scholarships and continuing education programs. The Myaamia Scholarship Selection Committee is made up of 3 tribal members appointed by the Business Committee and given the responsibility of

awarding scholarships through a blind application process on behalf of the General Council. **All scholarship applications must be fully completed upon submission or the application will not be considered.** *Note: All scholarships offered by The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma are for enrolled members/citizens of the tribe only. Scholarships are available only for Spring and Fall semesters.*



If selected to receive a scholarship, only one scholarship will be awarded. When applying, check any boxes for which the student qualifies. If changing colleges after award checks are mailed, it is the responsibility of the awardee to recover the scholarship amount and have it sent back to the Myaamia Education Office to be redistributed. It is also the awardee's responsibility to notify that the school selection has changed and send the update to the Myaamia Education Office.

Scholarship Applications

If you have any questions please contact the Myaamia Education Office. Donya Williams: dwilliams@miamination.com, 918-541-2176.

**All awards are subject to change per the Business Committee.*

Fall Scholarship Application
DEADLINE OCTOBER 1ST.

Spring Scholarship Application
DEADLINE APRIL 1ST.

SCHOLARSHIP ON THE SPRING
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION:

***CASINO/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
EDUCATION AWARD
DUE APRIL 1 EACH YEAR.

Application Eligibility:

- ◇ Full-time undergraduate status (enrolled in 12 credit hours).
- ◇ Must have 2.5 cumulative GPA.

Award:

- ◇ **\$2,000 per academic year.**
 - ◇ Student must advise school if full amount should be applied to Fall semester, or split between Fall and Spring.
- ◇ Pays up to eight consecutive Fall/Spring semesters (4 years).
- ◇ Renewable annually with Spring Scholarship Application.

Renewal Requirements:

- ◇ Maintain full-time status (minimum 12 credit hours each semester).
- ◇ Maintain 2.5 cumulative GPA.

PLEASE NOTE THAT LATE, INCOMPLETE OR UNSIGNED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED. THE MYAAMIA EDUCATION OFFICE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR RETURNING INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS TO BE SIGNED OR COMPLETED.

JOSEPHINE GOODBOO WATSON
MEMORIAL BOOK SCHOLARSHIP
DUE APRIL 1 EACH YEAR.

(Established by the surviving descendants of tribal member Josephine Goodboo Watson).

Application Eligibility:

- ◇ Full-time graduate or undergraduate status.
- ◇ Must have 2.5 cumulative GPA.

Award:

- ◇ **\$500 per academic year.**
- ◇ Renewable annually with Spring Scholarship Application.

Renewal Requirements:

- ◇ Maintain full-time status (minimum 12 credit hours/undergraduate; 6 credit hours/graduate, each semester).
- ◇ Maintain 2.5 cumulative GPA.

TAX COMMISSION CONTINUING
EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP
DUE APRIL 1 EACH YEAR.

Application Eligibility:

- ◇ Full-time undergraduate status.
- ◇ Must have 2.5 cumulative GPA.

Award:

- ◇ **Award amount changes; awarded each academic year.**
 - ◇ Student must advise school if full amount should be applied to Fall semester or split between Fall and Spring.

◇ Renewable annually with Spring Scholarship Application.

Renewal Requirements:



- ◇ Maintain full-time status (minimum 12 credit hours) or part-time status (minimum 6 credit hours).
- ◇ Maintain 2.5 cumulative GPA.

**NON-TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP
DUE APRIL 1 EACH YEAR.**

Application Eligibility:

- ◇ Full-time undergraduate status (minimum 12 credit hours).
- ◇ Must have 2.5 cumulative GPA (high school or college, whichever is most recent).
- ◇ Must be 5 years since completion of last semester in high school or college.

Award:

- ◇ **\$2,000 per academic year.**
 - ◇ Student must advise school if full amount should be applied to Fall semester or should be split between Fall and Spring.
- ◇ Non-renewable.

**FRESH START SCHOLARSHIP
DUE APRIL 1 EACH YEAR.**

Application Eligibility:

- ◇ Freshman (apply senior year of high school).
- ◇ Must have 2.0-2.4 cumulative GPA.
 - ◇ This scholarship is for a student who does not carry a 2.5 GPA, which is a requirement for all other Miami Tribe of Oklahoma scholarships on the Spring application.

Award:

- ◇ **\$400 one-time award for Fall Semester.**
 - ◇ Student must advise school if full amount should be applied to Fall semester or should be split between Fall and Spring.

- ◇ Non-renewable.

**CRANE AWARD
DUE APRIL 1 EACH YEAR.**

Application Eligibility:

- ◇ Graduate or post-graduate student.

Award:

- ◇ **\$2,000 per academic year.**
 - ◇ Student must advise school if full amount should be applied to Fall semester or should be split between Fall and Spring.
- ◇ Renewable annually with Spring Scholarship Application.

SCHOLARSHIP ON THE FALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION:

VOCATIONAL OR TRADE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

DUE OCTOBER 1 EACH YEAR.

Application Eligibility:

- ◇ Must be enrolled full-time in a state-accredited vocational or trade school.
- ◇ Full-time undergraduate status (minimum 12 credit hours).
- ◇ Must have 2.0 cumulative GPA.

Award:

- ◇ **\$2,000 per academic year.**
 - ◇ Student must advise school if full amount should be applied to Fall semester or should be split between Fall and Spring.
- ◇ Renewable annually with Fall Scholarship Application.

Renewal Requirements:

- ◇ Maintain full-time status (minimum 12 credit hours each semester).
- ◇ Maintain 2.0 cumulative GPA.

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Kinship Language: Terms for the 2026 Summer Programs



Activity during summer programs. Photo by Jonathan Fox, Myaamia Center.

Hunter Thompson Lockwood
Language Research Office, Myaamia Center

As spring turns to summer, we here at the Myaamia Center are starting to look forward to one of our favorite times of year: Eemamwiciki Summer Programs! The theme this year is Ee-weentiiyankwi ‘Family’, and we wanted to talk about some words and concepts the Myaamia language has for family and kinship.

In English, we use the word “aunt” to talk

about both our mother’s sisters and our father’s sisters, and “uncle”, of course, means both our mother’s brothers and our father’s brothers.

But if you spend as much time looking through the dictionary as I do, you might have noticed that iinka ‘mother’ is the same word you use for your mom’s sisters, and that noohsa ‘father’ is the same word you use for your dad’s brothers! (Bonus fun fact: English used to have a really similar system!)

In fact, the main time you use the Myaamia word nisekohse ‘aunt’ is when you’re talking about your



dad’s sisters, and the main time you use nišihse ‘uncle’ is when you’re talking about your mom’s brothers! (Historically, it was a little more complicated than that; nišihse was used for the husband of either your mom’s sister or your dad’s sister, or one of your in-laws of the opposite gender, and nisekohse was used for the wife of either your mom’s brother or your dad’s brother. Let us know in the comments if you want a deep dive on all of these words and more!)

Why is that? Well, today, most Myaamiaki ‘Myaamia people’ live in a household with only their parents and siblings. But in the past, your mom’s sisters and dad’s brothers would have played a big role in your life; they were considered part of your immediate family.

And that’s just scratching the surface. That same system applies to cousins, too! When talking about your mom’s sister’s kids, or your dad’s brother’s kids — your “parallel cousins” — you talk about them the same way you talk about your own brothers and sisters.

There’s a different way of talking about your other cousins, which you’ll learn all about if you come to summer programs this year, but in the meantime, check out the dictionary or our social media posts about family words, and keep practicing!

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Lankford Family at the Miami Tribe’s General Council meeting, 2025. Photo by Karen Baldwin, Miami Tribe of Oklahoma.



Siblings – Jordi, Kai, and Mirin Ironstrack at the Myaamiaki Conference. Photo by Karen Baldwin, Miami Tribe of Oklahoma.



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myaamiaataweenki 101

Learn basic greetings, introductions, and parting phrases in Myaamiaataweenki ‘the Miami language’ on Šaapohkayoni, the Myaamia education portal.



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You can also contact Kara Strass at strasskl@miamioh.edu

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Questions? Contact Stella Beerman at beermsej@miamioh.edu



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eeweentiiyankwi



This year's theme is eeweentiiyankwi 'we are related to each other.'

Miami, OK:
June 15-19, 2026

Fort Wayne, IN:
July 13-17, 2026

eeweentiiyankwi 'Family'

Eemamwiciki Education Staff

wiiaakiteeheelo weehki-kihkatwe 'Happy lunar new year' from the staff of the Miami Tribe's Eemamwiciki education programs. We hope that all of our Myaamia relatives find a way to celebrate the sprouting of Mahkoonsa Kiilhsua 'Young Black Bear Moon' and the beginning of a new Lunar Year.

The new year also means that we change our focus from last year's educational theme, meeh-tohseeniwinki ašiihkionki 'Living on the Land,' to this year's theme: eeweentiiyankwi 'Family.'

Over this year, participants in our programs will join us in exploring what it means to be related to each other. We will explore personal identities, close and extended family groups, and ancestors. Exploring these relationships will help us see how they have shaped our understanding of the Myaamia community over time.

In-person Summer Program dates:

- Miami, Oklahoma: June 15-19, 2026
- Fort Wayne, Indiana: July 13-17, 2026

Applications will be available for next year, April 1 - May 1, 2027

For more information, visit miamination.com/summer-programs

myaamia kiilhswaakani ‘myaamia lunar calendar’



wiihkoowia kiilhswa – May 19th - June 17th, 2026

This month is named for the eastern whippoorwill.

Wiihkoowiaki ‘whippoorwills’ return from their winter in the Gulf of Mexico during this time.

The unique call of wiihkoowia marks the beginning of the planting season.



paaphsaahka niipinwiki – June 18th - July 16th, 2026

This month falls in the middle of the summer season.

Pahsaahkaahkanka neepinwiki ‘summer solstice,’ or the longest day of the year, is always in this month.

Planting finishes, and people take a break to enjoy games and dances before harvest begins.



kiishiinkwia kiilhswa – July 17th - August 15th, 2026

This month is named for the young corn that can be eaten raw off the cob during this time of year.

Many other fruits and vegetables ripen during this time as well.

This is a time for celebration, play, and feasts.



mihšiiwia kiilhswa – August 16th - September 13th, 2026

This month is named for the eastern elk.

Male mihšiiwiaki ‘elk’ would bugle loudly to attract females and scare away other males.

The eastern elk was driven to extinction by both habitat loss and overhunting by early settlers.



Come & See Us!

Join us as we celebrate the Tribe’s cultural revitalization with the greater Fort Wayne area community through sharing Myaamia art, games, and foodways!

Sponsored by the Myaamia Heritage Foundation, in collaboration with the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma Cultural Resources Office.

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*Events are subject to change without notice.

EEMAMWICKI 2026 EVENTS

Jan 30-31: Myaamia Winter Gathering - nooŝonke siipionki	Feb 21: Myaamia New Year - nooŝonke siipionki 28: Myaamia Storytelling - kiihkayonki	Mar	Apr 4: Sprout About - kiihkayonki 11: Picnic and Play! - nooŝonke siipionki 18: Myaamiaki Conference
May 2: Lacrosse into Spring - kiihkayonki	Jun 15-19: Eemamwiciki Summer Programs - nooŝonke siipionki 25-27: National Gathering & Annual Meeting - nooŝonke siipionki	Jul 13-17: Eemamwiciki Summer Programs - kiihkayonki 17: kiiŝiinkwia kiihswa - kiihkayonki	Aug 1: SummerFest - nooŝonke siipionki 15: Washington Workshop - Kennewick, WA 29: Myaamia Heritage Fest - Fort Wayne, IN
Sep 12: Fall Gathering - kiihkayonki	Oct 17: Sasquash Seed Swap - kiihkayonki	Nov 14: Beaver Week - kiihkayonki	Dec

For nooŝonke siipionki 'Oklahoma' events, RSVP to Joshua Sutterfield at (918) 325-0107 or jsutterfield@miamination.com

For kiihkayonki 'Indiana' events, RSVP to Claudia Hedeem at (918) 325-8810 or chedeen@miamination.com

OFFICIAL NOTICE:

The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma will host their Annual Meeting on June 27th, 2026

