



Tar Creek Apprenticeship Program (TCAP)

Tar Creek Apprenticeship Program Gears Up for the Summer of 2025!





Are you currently a High School junior or senior (Classes of 2025 or 2026) or between the ages 18 to 21? Are you a member of the *Peoria, Seneca Cayuga, Miami, Ottawa, Cherokee, Eastern Shawnee, or Wyandotte Tribes*? Are you interested in earning income this summer and obtaining a free lifetime Oklahoma Hunting and Fishing license? Are you interested in learning more about the environment, tribal cultural practices, and how these two topics are interconnected? If you answered yes to each of these questions, then we have an innovative six-week summer program for you.

This program, known as the Tar Creek Apprenticeship Program (TCAP) aims to teach a wide range of classroom and “in the field” topics to reconnect students to natural resources (water, land, plants, fish, wildlife) of the Tar Creek area and in doing so reconnect them to the cultural practices that use nature’s resources. The program will address a wide range of topics (see list below). It will also teach students the techniques that natural resource professionals use to monitor water quality, survey plant and wildlife habitat, and improve local streams and lands to help the animals that live in them.

TCAP will be taught Monday through Thursday from **June 2 through July 17, 2025** (no class will be held the week of July 4th). All students that successfully complete the course will earn \$3,000 and receive a lifetime Oklahoma hunting and fishing license as well as a Tar Creek Apprenticeship Program Certification.

So, what are you waiting for? Space is limited and **applications are due by March 1st**. For more information on how to apply, please scan the QR code on the flier and fill out the linked application. You can also contact Tami Lowery (918-541-8305; tcap.tami@gmail.com) or Anna Collins (tcap.annac@gmail.com) for further information. We hope to see you this summer!

Curriculum Themes and Topics:

Foundation 	Plants & Habitat Restoration 	Wildlife Restoration 	Capstone Project 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Day • Tar Creek & Mining History • Toxic Tour • Restoration • NRDA • SHPO/THPO • Tribe Visits • Ecology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicinal Plants • Fibrous Plants • Pollination Plants • Cultivated Plants (Gardening) • Seed Banks • Sap-Gathering • Fibrous Plants (Basketry) • Use of clay (Pottery) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunter Safety • Wildlife Resources (Hunting) • Fish/Mussels • Bee Ecology & Habitat • Meat Processing • Wildlife Resource Techniques (Archery) • Use of animal skins (Moccasins) • Lacrosse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restoration Sites • Capstone Site Visit • Capstone Project Development • Capstone Group Meetings • Career Day • Capstone Presentations • Closing Day