SUMMER 2027
TAR CREEK APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM (TCAP)

Program Recruitment

Seeking students interested in connecting with nature on a cultural level and gaining firsthand experience in natural resources restoration and traditional ecological knowledge while earning income in northeast Oklahoma. Apprentices are being sought with preference for the following tribes: Cherokee, Eastern Shawnee, Miami, Ottawa, Peoria, Seneca-Cayuga, and Wyandotte.

Eligibility Criteria: Age 17 - 21 (Must turn 17 by June 1, 2027)

Tar Creek
APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Discover the connection between nature and culture.
Join the adventure!

Program runs June 1-30, Mondays - Fridays @ 9-4 on campus of NEO A&M College.

Participants earn income & an Oklahoma Lifetime Hunting & Fishing License.

Lodging is not provided. Those living over an hour away from Miami, OK must arrange lodging.

Application Deadline:
Friday,
January 15th, 2027

TRIBAL SPONSORS:

Cherokee, Eastern Shawnee, Miami, Ottawa, Peoria, Seneca-Cayuga, & Wyandotte

TCAP Website:

www.TCAP-OK.com

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Tar Creek Apprenticeship Program Gears Up for the Summer of 2027!

Are you currently between the ages of 17 and 21? If you are 16, will you turn 17 by June 1, 2027? Are you a member of the *Peoria, Seneca Cayuga, Miami, Ottawa, Cherokee, Eastern Shawnee,* or *Wyandotte Tribes*? Are you interested in learning more about the environment, tribal cultural practices, and how these two topics are interconnected? Are you interested in earning income this summer and obtaining a free lifetime Oklahoma Hunting and Fishing license? If you answered yes to each of these questions, then our innovative summer program may be perfect for you.

This program, known as the Tar Creek Apprenticeship Program (TCAP), aims to blend classroom and "in the field" teaching to reconnect students to natural resources (water, land, plants, fish, wildlife) of the Tar Creek area and in doing so reunite 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 begin **June 1** and conclude **June 30, 2027**. Classes will be taught Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All students who 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.

What are you waiting for? Space is limited, so don't miss this opportunity!
Applications are due by January 15, 2027. To apply, visit the website at **TCAP-OK.com** or scan the QR code on the flyer and complete the online application. We hope to see you this summer!

Foundation	Plants & Habitat Restoration	Wildlife Restoration	Capstone Project
• Opening Day • Tar Creek & Mining History • Toxic Tour • Restoration • NRDA • Tribe Visits • Ecology	• Medicinal Plants • Fibrous Plants • Pollination Plants • Cultivated Plants (Gardening) • Seed Banks • Sap-Gathering • Fibrous Plants (Basketry) • Use of clay (Pottery)	• Hunter Safety • Wildlife Resources (Hunting) • Fish/Mussels • Bee Ecology & Habitat • Meat Processing • Wildlife Resource Techniques (Archery) • Use of animal skins (Moccasins) • Lacrosse	• Restoration Sites • Capstone Site Visit • Capstone Project Development • Capstone Group Meetings • Career Day • Capstone Presentations • Closing Day

Questions? Contact Tami Lowery, TCAP Coordinator, at tcap.tami@gmail.com, or your Tribe's Environmental Dept.