



Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center



A MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE WHA-ZHA-ZHI CULTURAL CENTER AND _____

This Memorandum of Cooperative Agreement is entered into between the Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center, hereafter referred to as WCC, and _____, hereafter referred to as _____. The designated representative of WCC will be the WCC's Director. The designated representative of _____ will be the _____.

As set forth by this agreement, a formal cooperative relationship is hereby established between WCC and _____ while recognizing the independent and autonomous authorities of each entity. The major purposes of this agreement are:

1. Help facilitate and sustain Osage Networking Partnerships, a broad-based collaborative effort between WCC and various tribal, intertribal, educational, and other public interest organizations whose purpose is to advance research and education relating to Osage history and culture;
2. Develop and sustain internships and other experiential learning opportunities for students interested in learning about Osage history and/or culture;
3. To open up new, and identify existing, opportunities for scholars to exchange ideas and research in such a way as to encourage the production of scholarship and knowledge in the field;
4. To foment the growth of research and understanding about the intersections of Osage, American Indian, and non-Indian history and culture;
5. To build bridges of collaboration between the Osage nation and non-Osage communities and institutions.

To fulfill the purposes of this agreement, WCC agrees to:

1. Provide necessary leadership and staff support to achieve the goals and objectives of the Osage Networking Partnership;
2. Facilitate inter-institutional communications between WCC and _____;
3. Offer a venue for conferences in the Osage Reservation;
4. Welcome the presence of scholars and students in the reservation and WCC facility;
5. Provide internship and other learning opportunities to students and scholars from _____ who have an interest in working in the broad area of Osage history and/or culture;
6. Provide a small stipend for summer interns working in conjunction with WCC;
7. Provide room and board in Pawhuska, Oklahoma, for students and/or scholars who conduct research and/or other work under this agreement.

To fulfill the purposes of this agreement, _____ agrees to:

1. Co-facilitate partnership activities involving _____ students and/or scholars;
2. Post internship opportunities in _____'s website and on bulletin boards as opportunities become available;
3. Offer academic credit for internship work undertaken under this agreement;
4. Share with WCC, either in the form of originals or copies, work undertaken under this agreement;
5. Help disseminate information regarding activities, projects, and events that are organized or undertaken under this agreement;
6. Assist designated Osage Tribal Members and Employees of the Osage Tribe in the protocols involved in researching archives of the _____ in the areas of Osage History.

The agreement constitutes the understanding between WCC and _____ with respect to the purposes and functions of this cooperative agreement. It is understood that this agreement represents no intent, expressed or implied, to supersede the powers and authorities held by either WCC or _____.

This agreement can be modified, amended, or terminated by mutual consent of the parties. A thirty (30) day written notice, duly-executed by one or both parties, will be submitted to indicate such intentions to modify or amend this agreement.

This agreement becomes effective upon the execution of this document with the signatures of the designated WCC and _____ representatives.

For the Osage Nation

For the _____

Jim Gray – Chief of the Osage Nation.

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Date: _____

Date: _____