

May 31st, 2023



MATTAPONI TRIBAL OFFICE NEWSLETTER

Part-time Summer Internship Opportunity

This is a temporary position that is offered to enrolled citizens. The Internship begins on June 15th, 2023, and ends on September 15th, 2023. This position will support our Tribal Office. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, contact our Mattaponi Tribal Office by phone at 804-353-5908 or via email: mattaponi@mattaponination.com. This position is listed on the Mattaponi Indian Tribe and Reservation (Official) Facebook page. It will come down by Monday, June 5th, 2023.

25th Annual Mattaponi Pow Wow

The Mattaponi Indian Tribe and Reservation will be hosting our 25th Annual Pow Wow on Saturday, June 17th, 2023. The Tribal grounds will open at 10 A.M., and Grand Entry begins at 12 P.M. This is a family event and will be opened to the public. NO drugs, alcohol, or pets allowed. The Pow Wow committee has been holding weekly meetings while preparing and planning a successful event. If any Tribal citizens, family, or friends are interested in volunteering for the Pow Wow, please contact the Mattaponi Petition Office, or email powwow@mattaponination.com.

Mattaponi T-Shirt Reminder

Mattaponi shirts and hoodies are still available to purchase! To place an order, go to <https://forms.office.com/r/BgyffsuMP0>. You can also call or stop by the Mattaponi Petition office to place your order. They will also be available at the Mattaponi Tribe and Reservation's 25th Annual Pow Wow hosted Saturday, June 17th, 2023.

MATTAPONI INDIAN TRIBE & RESERVATION



25TH ANNUAL POW WOW



JUNE 17, 2023

**DANCE
SPECIALS!**

**GROUNDS OPEN 10AM
GRAND ENTRY AT 12PM (NOON)**

**ADMISSION \$5
AGES 5 AND UNDER FREE!**



HEAD LADY DANCER

OLIVIA GARCIA (MATTAPONI)



HEAD MALE DANCER

QUINTON TALBOTT (MONACAN)



SCAN QR CODE FOR
THE LATEST UPDATES!

**NATIVE AMERICAN
DANCING,
DRUMMING, ARTISANS,
FOOD, AND MORE!**

**BRING A LOUNGE
CHAIR OR BLANKET,
RELAX AND ENJOY
THE DAY!**

**THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
NO DRUGS, ALCOHOL, OR PETS ALLOWED!**

**ONSITE
PARKING!**

EVENT ADDRESS: 1314 MATTAPONI RES. CIR.
WEST POINT, VA 23181

RAIN DATE: JUNE 18, 2023

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Mattaponi Tribal Enrollment

If you are a lineal Mattaponi descendent and are interested in becoming an enrolled citizen, please contact the Mattaponi petition office, 804-353-5908. If you have any questions or need assistance with filling out the Enrollment forms, please contact Olivia Garcia at Olivia.garcia@mattaponination.com or drop by the office Monday-Thursday 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Tribal Youth Art Contest

The Mattaponi Indian Tribe and Reservation will be represented at the Machicamaco State Park event on November 4th, 2023. One of the attractions will be searching for youth artists to create a sticker design that reflects their perception of the significance of nature to them and their tribe. Participation in this contest is to the members of State and Federally Recognized Tribes in the State of Virginia and is only open to school aged participants. The winner will have their design transformed into a sticker by the Park, which will be given away as part of the 2023 Indigenous peoples celebration that will take place in November.

In order to be considered, submissions must include the artist's name or initials, age, and appropriate contact information for their parent/guardian. By mail: Submissions can be mailed to the Park address as listed and must be post marked by **August 18th, 2023**. In-person: submission can be dropped off at the park office during open hours. The office is open 7 days a week from 9a-3p Monday-Thursday and 8a-5p Friday-Sunday. Email: A high quality photograph of the submission can be sent to courtney.kirberger@dcr.virginia.gov. Please keep the original copy until after the results of the contest have been announced. If you would like for the Park Service to mail a supply kit to the tribe, provide them with the appropriate mailing address to ensure supplies are sent to the correct location and/or individual. These supplies do not need to be returned.

Mattaponi Website

The Mattaponi Indian Tribe and Reservation's new website will be released in stages, and the first release will be the public side of the website which will be released by June 17th, 2023.

2023 Jamestown Event

On Saturday May 13th, Chief Mark T. Custalow, Samuel McGowan, Tammy and Wanda Heath, Aryan Meadows, and Lois Custalow Carter represented the Mattaponi Indian Tribe and Reservation at the Jamestown Indigenous Arts day. Several Tribes were represented with their craft displays, history, and cultural presentations and handed out literature.



Mattaponi Tribal Citizens, Lois Custalow Carter, Samuel McGowan, & Tammy Heath

Upcoming Tribal Council Election Mattaponi Reservation Residents

Following the adoption of the Mattaponi Constitution that took place on April 29, 2023, there will be a Tribal Council Election held in July 2023. Stay tuned for more communication and next steps in election and voting guidelines.

Oral History Interview

The Virginia Humanities hosted an Oral History webinar in conjunction with Cinebar Productions of Newport News. The webinar mainly focused on best practices for conducting interviews and collecting images of personal papers. Please contact the petition office if you are interested in volunteering for an oral history interview or have any personal papers, photographs, or newspapers related to the Tribe that you would like to share.

Grant News

Last year, the Mattaponi Tribe submitted a grant for Indian Housing assistance. Last week, we were notified that we were not awarded the grant. However, this was a very competitive opportunity with many applications received globally. Recently, there was a news release that Chickahominy our sister Tribe received this grant and was the only Tribe in Virginia that was awarded a grant. We will have an opportunity to submit again for next year!



Mattaponi Cultural Class



Part Three of the Mattaponi Cultural Class

We are excited to announce that part 3 to the Mattaponi cultural class is back on for Saturday, June 3rd, 2023, from 11am to 1pm. Come join us to finish tanning the deer hide! We will start basket weaving during this session as well! **Please RSVP through Facebook if you will be attending.** If you have any questions, please contact the Mattaponi petition office (804)353-5908.

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