

Poarch Band of Creek Indians and Its Enterprises Sponsor Southwest Alabama Youth Football League

Donation Supports New Youth Teams for the Poarch Community

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Poarch Creek Indian Reservation, Atmore, Alabama – July 22, 2005 – Building on the tribe’s commitment to supporting the children of area communities, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians announced today the donation of \$15,000 by the tribe’s Creek Indian Enterprises and Poarch Creek Indian Gaming Board to support the organization of youth football teams. In September, Poarch teams will join the Southwest Alabama Youth Football League, which includes teams from Excel, Uriah, Monroeville, Castleberry and Frisco City. Teams will range in age categories from five and six, seven and eight, nine and ten, and 11 and 12 year olds. This donation not only supports the formation of football teams from the ground up, but it also provides for needed gear and uniforms for each child as well as cheerleading squads to represent each team. “This donation allows tremendous expansion in these communities, and we are excited by this growth,” said Tad McMullen, president of the Southwest Alabama Youth Football League. “We have restructured teams to include more age groups, so nearly any child who wants to play can participate.”

“Making an investment in today’s youth is a high priority for our tribe,” said Fred McGhee, Tribal Chairman. “We understand the importance of promoting the well-being of children in our communities through both education and athletics, and we’re proud to be involved in this program.” Children of the tribe will now be able to participate and take pride in their own teams, which has been a long-term goal of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

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“Now we will have year-round activities for our tribal youth, and an opportunity for our children to interact with other children in neighboring towns.” said Rodney Exum, Wellness Activities Director for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, “With the anticipated success of this first season, our hope for next year is that the leagues can travel to our community so we can host games on the reservation.”

About the Poarch Band of Creek Indians

The Poarch Creek Indians are descendents of a segment of the original Creek Nation, which once covered nearly all of Alabama and Georgia. The Poarch Creeks avoided removal and have lived together for nearly 150 years in and around the reservation in Poarch, Alabama (located eight miles northwest of Atmore, Alabama in rural Escambia County, and 57 miles east of Mobile). The Poarch Band of Creek Indians is the only federally recognized Indian Tribe in the state of Alabama, operating as a sovereign nation with its own system of government and bylaws. The Tribe operates a variety of economic enterprises, which employ hundreds of area residents. Poarch Creek Indian Gaming manages three gaming facilities in Alabama, including: the Creek Entertainment Center in Atmore; Riverside Entertainment Center in Wetumpka; and, Tallapoosa Entertainment Center in Montgomery. The Poarch Band of Creek Indians is an active partner in the state of Alabama, contributing to economic, educational, social and cultural projects benefiting both tribal members and residents of these local communities and neighboring towns.

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