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Cherokee Heritage Programs

The Daniel Boone National Forest will welcome Don Greenfeather and the Cherokee Firedancers to four locations throughout eastern Kentucky, September 29 thru October 1, 1993, for a special presentation of the Cherokee Heritage. Admission is free to all performances.

According to Program Coordinator Jerry Stephens, the dancers will perform traditional as well as contemporary native american dances. They will also share information on the history and culture of the Cherokee tribe.

The Cherokee Nation entered into an agreement with the Daniel Boone National Forest in 1988 to provide additional manpower to control fires throughout the country. The performers belong to this group of over 300 trained native american firefighters, therefore they use the name "Cherokee Firedancers". This was the first firefighting agreement with an Indian nation east of the Rocky Mountains.

The Cherokee Nation is the second largest Indian tribe in the United States. "This event provides an opportunity for the performers to share cultural and historical information with the residents of Kentucky, a state rich in Cherokee heritage," said Stephens. The programs will be held at the following locations:

September 29 - 1:00 p.m.: Natural Bridge State Park - East of Stanton, Kentucky at Exit 33 off of the Mountain Parkway.

September 29 - 7:00 p.m.: Carl Perkins Center - North of Morehead, Kentucky on Highway 32.

September 30 - 7:30 p.m.: Levi Jackson State Park - South of London, Kentucky on Highway 25.

October 1 - 1:00 p.m.: Somerfest - Downtown Somerset, Kentucky.

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