

INDIAN STICK BALL GAMES ARE PLAYED OCCASIONALLY

Alright, the ball game itself is in the same category; it has faded, but we only play it during the Choctaw fair which is usually held in July about four days. ~~Remainder of the time, we play softball, baseball, basketball, football, and other types of modern sports.~~ The rough old game is almost faded out itself. But we still know the rules and regulations and it's still being carried on in very small scale, but it can be redeveloped.

(This is very interesting and the fact that you have your Choctaw fair, to me from my observation, this is a tremendous need. I'm real concerned that back in Oklahoma, we're not doing some of these things. I said in the future, I don't know how far in the future, I feel like we will have a center back there. I feel like we will have revival of many of the customs and practices that have occurred head-on in the past. This is some of the things to mention too. The Cherokees are doing this; they're setting up their center and they're reviving and so-forth. I think you well said the need there, and I see you practicing in this Choctaw prayer and holding onto these patterns, and past cultural practices. So, this is real important to me and I think as we move along here in this discussion we'll find this coming out in some of the other things. Now, you know---)

Martin: Let me make one more comment. I think what we'll do in the very near future is to develop a training center here for the reviving of the Choctaw custom and tradition, and if you send the Oklahoma Choctaws down here, we'll train them. How about that! (Laughter)

(You've got a very good point.) (Laughter)