



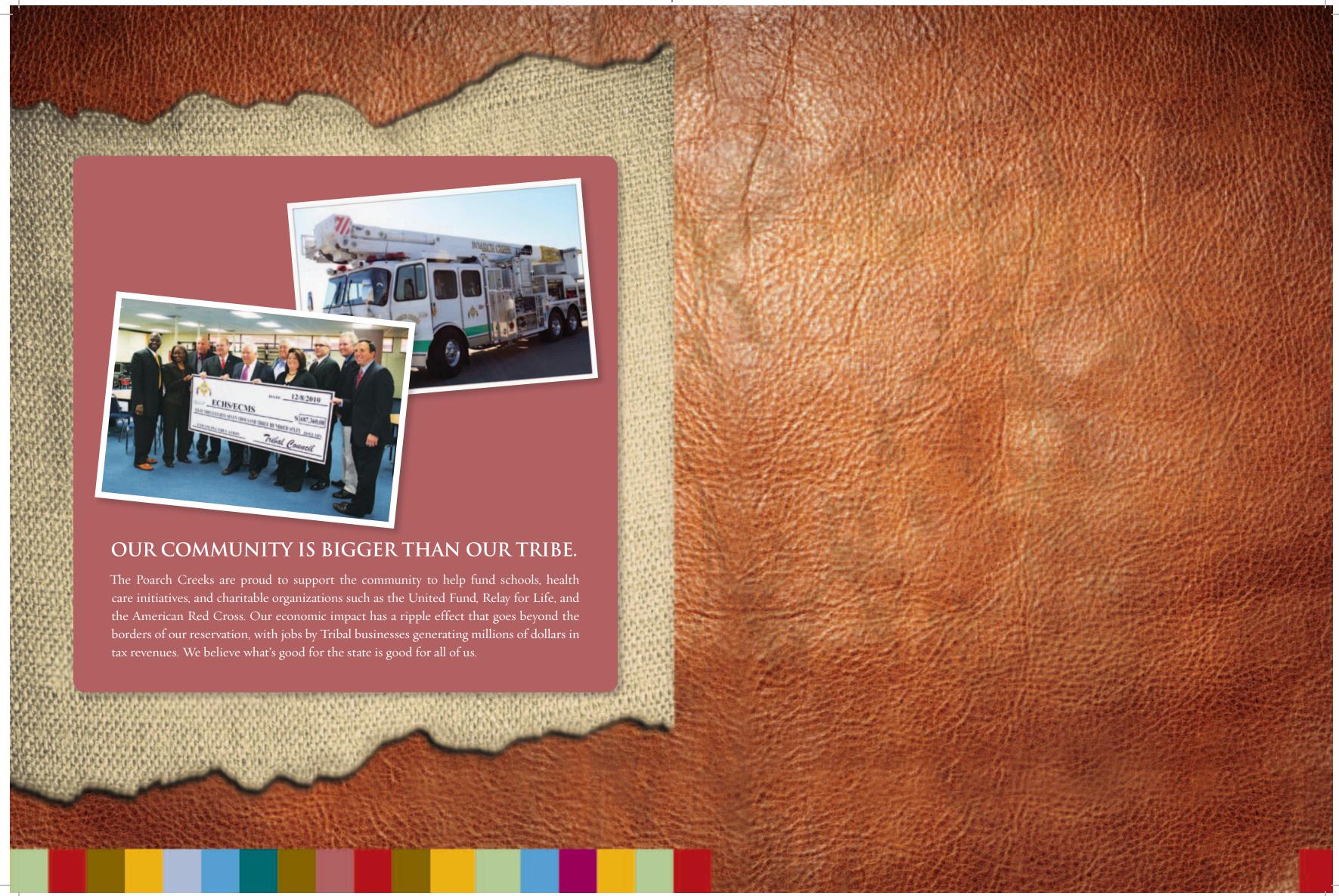
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POARCH BAND OF CREEK INDIANS
SEEKING PROSPERITY AND SELF-DETERMINATION

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TRIBAL GOVERNMENT



The Tribal Government consists of three branches.

Legislative Branch

A nine-member Tribal Council, one-third of whom are elected each year, meets regularly to manage Tribal Affairs.

Executive Branch

Responsible for the overall management of the daily activities of the Tribal Government, several departments oversee administrative functions, accounting, human resources, education, family services and health and human services, safety, public works and utilities, economic development, Tribal Court, planning, and legal department.

Judicial Branch

A full-time law enforcement staff and Tribal Court system, including a Supreme Court and lower

court of general jurisdiction, makes up the Judicial Branch of the Tribe. Operated exclusively for the benefit of Tribal members, the judicial system is an important exercise of Tribal sovereignty, as the state of Alabama has neither criminal nor civil jurisdiction for Indians located on the reservation. The Federal Court System has judicial authority only over major criminal offenses which occur on the reservation.

Tribal Government Goals

The Tribal Government of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians sets forth to...

- Continue forever, with the help of God our creator, our unique identity as members of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, and to protect that identity from forces that threaten to diminish it
- Protect our inherent rights as members of a sovereign American Indian Tribe
- Promote our cultural and religious beliefs, to pass them in our own way to our children, grandchildren and grandchildren's children forever
- · Help our members achieve their highest potential in education, physical and mental health, and economic development

- Maintain good relations with other Indian tribes, the United States, the state of Alabama and local governments
- Support the government of the United States and encourage our members to be loyal citizens
- Acquire, develop and conserve resources to achieve economic and social self-sufficiency for our Tribe

• Ensure that our people shall live in peace and harmony among ourselves and with all other people.



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OUR HISTORY

The Poarch Creek Indians have a rich heritage as descendants of a segment of the original Creek Nation, which once covered almost all of Alabama and Georgia. The ancestors of the Poarch Creek Indians lived along the Alabama River, including areas from Wetumpka south to the Tensaw settlement Unlike many eastern Indian tribes, the Poarch Creeks were not removed from their Tribal lands and have lived together for almost 200 years in and around the reservation in Poarch, Alabama.

The Treaty of Fort Jackson in 1814 forever changed the face of the great Creek Nation as more than 21 million acres of Creek Indian land was ceded to the United States and the Creeks were forcibly removed from their land in Alabama.

In 1830, the historic Trail of Tears forced the resettlement of the Creek Nation from the remaining lands to present-day Oklahoma. There were several Creek families who received land grants in 1814 and 1836 and were allowed to remain in Alabama.



They moved inland away from the river and into the Poarch area. Through the turn of the century, the Poarch settlement remained largely ignored and increasingly impoverished. In the 1940s, community leaders took action to improve community conditions and educational opportunities, and in 1950, more formal leadership was established with a dedicated leader of a nine-member formal governing body. In 1984, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians became the only federally recognized Tribe in the state of Alabama.

As of 2010, there are over 3,000 members of the Tribe. The reservation is located eight miles northwest of Atmore, Alabama, in rural Escambia County, and 57 miles northeast of Mobile.

The Poarch Creek Indians have fought hard to preserve their proud heritage while moving forward into the mainstream of today's modern society. Their determination to maintain both their identity and inherent right to self-government is evident through continued efforts to preserve their culture and improve their community.





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KEEPING COMMUNITIES STRONG

The mission of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, "Seeking Prosperity and Self-Determination," continues to guide our Tribe toward a position of self-sufficiency and good citizenship in the community. As a fully functioning Tribal Government with more than 3,000 Tribal members, the Tribe provides essential services:

- Housing
- · Health clinics
- Education
- · Elder care

· Police and emergency services

Reflecting a tradition of sharing with those in need, the Tribe contributes to numerous charities, youth sports, educational programs, senior citizen support and emergency relief services. But our community is far bigger than just our Tribe. We work, play, go to school and raise our families with our fellow Alabamians. In fact, Tribal businesses provide more than 2,500 jobs in Alabama, 90 percent of which are held by our non-Indian neighbors.

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POARCH CREEK COMMUNITY SERVICES

Health

Established in 1984, the Poarch Creek Indian Health Program is a full-service, outpatient clinic that services Poarch Creek Indians and first-generation descendants up to the age of 19. Additional clinics include a health

center containing health, medical, dental and pharmacy services, and a Women, Infant and Children program (WIC) contracted through the state of Alabama.

Planning Department

The Planning Department fulfills the Tribal Comprehensive Plan through acquiring land, grant writing and research, drafting and surveying, natural resources, economic development, and land records. The department is dedicated to obtaining funds and resources that will enable the growth and development of the Poarch Creek Indians.

Education

The Education Department oversees three federal programs, the Johnson O'Malley (JOM) program, the Adult Education program and a library program.

The department provides tutoring services ranging from after-school tutoring, GED classes and college assistance to other services such as typing classes, leadership classes and on-the-job training.

THE POARCH BAND OF CREEK INDIANS
IS THE SECOND LARGEST EMPLOYER IN ESCAMBIA COUNTY.

Tribal Administration

Tribal Administration strives to improve the Tribe's relationship with the community and their knowledge of the Poarch Creek Indians through informing them of special events, offered services and programs.

Fire Department

The Poarch Fire Department has strengthened

and seen vast growth since its opening in 1988. The department today includes both paid and volunteer firefighters, paramedics and emergency medical technicians who have all completed a 160-hour course over a six-month period.

Tribal Culture History

Tribal culture, history and tradition are kept alive through the efforts of the Education Department, Tribal Enrollment Department and the Calvin McGhee Cultural Authority by means of demonstrations, dancing, art, language and other activities including language, beading and

basket weaving classes that are taught to keep the culture alive.

Family Services

The Family Services Department promotes selfsufficiency and well-being through a variety of services ranging from investigation of child abuse/neglect to crisis intervention for families and children. Services are available to enrolled members of the Poarch Creek Indians or those eligible for enrollment, members of a federally recognized Tribe and a member of an enrolled member's household.

Law Enforcement

The Poarch Creek Tribal
Police Department is the
primary law enforcement
agency for the Poarch Creek

Indian Reservation and also provides law enforcement services for the surrounding community. Tribal Police Officers are cross-deputized with the county and provide assistance to the Escambia County Sheriff's Department, Atmore Police Department and the Alabama State Troopers. Services include warrant and civil process, crowd control, domestic disturbances and background investigation, etc.



Tribal Court

In 1987, the Tribal Court System was established when the Tribe was awarded a one-year Tribal Court contract through the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Tribe has since received many contracts including a five-year contract in 1997. The system staffs a full-time administrator, clerk of court, administrative assistant, legal secretary, probation officer, addictions counselor, Tribal court judge and a drug court judge. We also have a Tribal chief justice and two Tribal associate justices who work on

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an "as needed basis."

Housing

The Poarch Creek Indian Housing Authority provides adequate housing facilities to eligible Tribal members. The Housing Authority contains five rental subdivisions containing 117 family units and 36 senior citizen rental units and has granted 19 mutual help and 119 TAHOE homes to eligible Tribal members.

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CREEK INDIAN ENTERPRISES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The only federally recognized Tribe in the state of Alabama, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians supports itself through its enterprises. As the economic development and management arm of the Tribe, Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority (CIE) administers a number of businesses representing the entertainment, recreation, hospitality, service, manufacturing, farming and healthcare industries.

River Oaks Apartments

River Oaks Apartments is located at 200 River Oaks Drive 25 A, Wetumpka, Alabama, on the beautiful Coosa River just minutes north of Montgomery on Hwy 231. The apartment complex consists of a total of 78 units with spacious one, two, and three bedroom floor plans. The River Oaks Apartment community offers all the freedom of apartment living with all the amenities of a private home.

Tallapoosa Lakes Golf Course/ Lakeside Sports Grill

Tallapoosa Lakes Golf Course is one of Alabama's most popular 36-hole public golf courses, located at 1501 Dozier Road in Montgomery, Alabama. With over 350 expertly maintained acres filled with local wildlife, tremendous oaks and scenic lakes, golfers are provided the pleasure of their golf game in a relaxing and friendly atmosphere. Lakeside Sports Grill is also located on the premise and has a beautiful view and a delicious menu, served by a fun and friendly staff.



Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve

A beautiful recreation and camping area that consists of approximately 5,000 acres on Big Escambia Creek that was purchased for tourism development to include the construction of a lodge and cabins. Recreational activities that can be enjoyed here are fishing, canoeing, kayaking and tubing. Camping is also available with RV and primitive campsites.

Muskogee Technologies

Working out of a 90,000-squarefoot facility, Muskogee Technologies offers services such as metal fabrication, electronics, warehousing and engineering. They were named 2007 National Minority Manufacturer of the Year by the Department of Commerce and the Minority Business Development Agency. In 2008, Muskogee Technologies was selected as American Indian Tribal Enterprise of the Year by RES and also received the 2008 Eagle Award from the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce. Muskogee Technologies is an AS9100 certified company.

Muskogee Inn

Located on Interstate 65 at Exit 57 in Atmore, the Muskogee Inn consists of 88 guest rooms, a pool, free cable television, wireless Internet, free parking, and meeting and conference facilities.



Creek Smoke Shop and Convenience Store

Serves as a newly constructed upscale convenience store with easy access to Interstate 65 at Exit 57.

Perdido River Farms

Perdido River Farms maintains the management control of the Tribal agricultural properties and also over sees a 13-acre catfish pond and a 500-head brood cattle herd.

Premier Family Eyecare

The staff at Premier Family Eyecare is dedicated in providing treatment that will best meet the patients' needs, including complete eye health exams, contact lens, frames and fittings, and an onsite finishing lab. The facility is open to the general public as well.

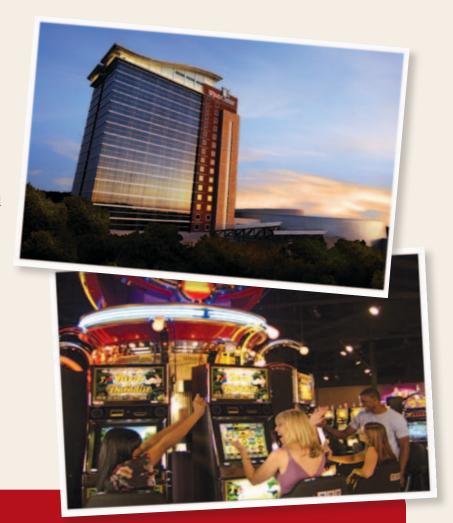
Muskogee Technologies has a Mentor Protégé agreement with The Boeing Company to provide quality assurance, lean training, and marketing and business development assistance.



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PCI GAMING

The Tribe now owns Class II gaming facilities with three locations in Alabama featuring over 2,600 machines. Wind Creek Casino & Hotel in Atmore, Creek Casino in Wetumpka and Creek Casino in Montgomery are open 24 hours, seven days a week, and offer beverage and snack bar service.





Wind Creek Casino & Hotel

Located just off I-65 at Exit 57 in Atmore, the new Wind Creek Casino & Hotel features over 225,000 square feet of gaming, hotel and restaurant amenities. The 17-story, 236-room luxury hotel features spacious rooms and the finest amenities. The casino features over 57,000 square feet of gaming floor and 1,600 electronic gaming machines, as well as four new restaurants including a signature steakhouse, an international buffet, a 24-hour café and a coffee bar.



Creek Casino Wetumpka

Located on Hwy. 231 in Wetumpka, Creek Casino Wetumpka comprises 16,000 square feet and features over 550 Class II electronic bingo games.



Creek Casino Montgomery

Creek Casino Montgomery in Montgomery features over 500 Class II electronic bingo games, and is located off Dozier Road behind the River Run Golf Course.