



**What:** *Poarch Creek Band of Indians 50th Annual Thanksgiving Pow Wow*

**Where:** Poarch Creek Pow Wow Grounds: 6477 Jack Springs Rd Atmore, AL 36502

**When:** November 24th (Thanksgiving Day) & November 25th, 2022, beginning at 10:00AM daily.

**About:** \$5 admission for adults and children ages 7 or older. Children ages 6 and under are free.

Guests can enjoy food vendors, craft booths, artisanal tribal vendors, traditional tribal dance contests, tribal drum contests, Thanksgiving Day 5K (known as the Turkey Trot), and watch the selection of the Poarch Creek Princesses.

#### **Events and Times:**

- *Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot* November 24<sup>th</sup> (only)
  - Registration: 6:00AM
  - Race: 7:00AM-9:00AM
- *Gates Officially Open* for Activities November 24<sup>th</sup> and November 25<sup>th</sup>
  - 10:00AM
- *Poarch Creek Annual Princess Contest* November 24th (only)
  - 11:30AM
- *The Grand Entry* November 24th
  - 1:00PM
- *The Grand Entry* November 25th
  - 12:00PM
- Dancing and Drumming Contests will run throughout each day.

#### **History**

In 1971, the first Poarch Band of Creek Indians Thanksgiving Pow Wow was created as a homecoming for its Tribal Members. The event became so popular that in the 1980's, Poarch opened its doors to welcome all tribes, as well as the general public from near and far. The primary goal was to create an opportunity for everyone to experience the rich history and traditions of American Indians on Poarch's original tribal reservation land. Today, tens of thousands of people attend the Poarch Creek Pow Wow held on Thanksgiving Day and the Friday after, to enjoy fellowship with different cultures and experience first-hand the authentic songs, dances, and foods of American Indians across the United States, right here in Poarch, Alabama.

**To Learn More:** <https://pci-nsn.gov/annual-thanksgiving-pow-wow/>