

**Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana
Section 106 Compliance & Tribal Reviews**

**Kom Atlawistak Imoolahiis: For All of Our
Children**



FCC Compliance Workshops

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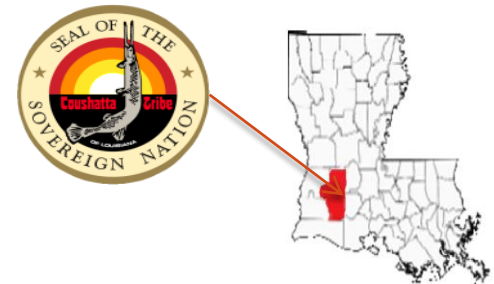
Tribal Setting and Review Background

The Coushatta Tribe of LA is located in rural SW LA.

Approx. 250 of the 900 + members are Koasati speakers, most aged 20 & up
Community is experiencing 1st generation of non-speakers

Koasati (CKU) is a Muskogean language. There are 3 federally recognized tribes with Coushattas, one in Louisiana, one in TX, and one in OK.

Just like all tribes, those in the Southeast have **DIFFERENT histories, backgrounds, experiences, etc.**
that can potentially impact Section 106 review process!





Tribal Historic Preservation Office Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana

The Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) is responsible for:

1. Implementing the tribe's Historic Preservation Program
2. Identifying specific tribal goals, objectives, and activities to promote language and heritage revitalization and historic and cultural preservation, and
3. Carrying out the tribe's responsibilities under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).
4. **Our primary** mission is to promote, protect, preserve, and manage all matters relating to cultural resources that occur on current, historical and ancestral lands (lands currently located in **7 states**).
5. The THPO is the primary and **official point of contact** in all matters relating to cultural resources, and is empowered to consult with Federal and State agencies regarding matters of interest and importance to the Tribe regarding historic preservation and cultural resources.
6. Our current preferences are: A) digital, paperless process; B) initial contact by email; C) contact us immediately w/all changes &/or problems
7. **WHEN IN DOUBT, ASK US!!!**



Guided by the Language Committee and developed through the Heritage Department, the program will expose students and their families to our language and traditions.



Fun while learning

Here are a few things our Koasati kids will learn this summer:

- Basic Koasati greetings and conversation
- Legends and stories by using puppets
- Basket-making history and techniques
- Boys class will include woodworking, stickball, nature and fishing
- Girls class will include artwork, crafts, and visits from the tribal princesses



“It was VICTORIOUS that we survived, that we made it where we are...
-Anonymous Native American Indian

What’s Our Goal This Summer?

We want to encourage our Koasati children to carry on our traditions, cultures, heritage, and most importantly, OUR LANGUAGE!

Last year, we incorporated culture and language lessons into camp. This year, we want our Koasati children to have an immersion experience of our language.

“Immersion” is defined as a method of teaching a language 90% of the time with little or no English spoken.

“Achi-ban tho-poh-ilih-too-lis im-ma-yan skol-ka-fii-lih-chi-to-kom.”
(“The struggle has made us stronger”)



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Thank you!

