

MIAMI TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

Tribal Headquarters: Miami, OK



MIAMI NATION

A brief history

The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma has its roots in the Great Lakes region of the United States – specifically Indiana, western Ohio, eastern Illinois and southern regions of Michigan and Wisconsin. Its trust relationship with the US Government stems from 11 treaties negotiated between 1795 and 1854.

The last four decades of the 20th century has seen much rebuilding, as the tribe has been active in strengthening its political, economic and cultural base. The more than 3,000 tribal members remain a determined people with strong kinship ties and a vision for the future.

About the Flag

The Miami Nation/Myaamia flag was designed by the late Chief Floyd Leonard. The round/circular shape references the community “circle” or circle of Myaamia living. The colors inside the circle are the Myaamia colors of the directions: yellow for the east/color of the new day of the little ones/babies/young ones; blue for the south, color of growth/young/growing ones; red for the west, color of blood/of respect of elders and those of aged knowledge.

The center of the circle is white/spiritual color. The Sandhill Crane is a totem of the Myaamia Nation. The turtle represents myaamionki (Miami country). The six feathers hanging from the bottom of the image represent the six original bands of the Myaamia/Miami people.

Educational Activity

The Miami flag uses colors to focus on each generations place in the tribe. Design a flag that represents the generations in your family. What symbols and colors would you use?