

JUNIOR NAIWA

2024 Community Impact

January 2024-

- Jr NAIWA Interest/General Meeting
- Attended Ocmulgee National Park Initiative learning session in collaboration with the Cherokee Youth Council and Center for Native Health to learn about public policy for protecting sacred sites

February 2024-

- Jr NAIWA Interest/General Meeting
- Designed Jr. NAIWA ribbon skirts
- Held quarterly cultural learning session hosted by Jr. NAIWA secretary, in partnership with Amy & Johnny Post oak to teach members how to fingerweave.
- Interviewed with Cherokee Onefeather to promote Jr. NAIWA

March 2024-

- Jr NAIWA Interest/General Meeting
- 5 members traveled to Asheville to purchase supplies for NAYO tournament fundraiser
- Participated in team building exercise activity- Escape room
- Participated in the NAYO Basketball Tournament Concessions - Chair and Co-Chair
- Community service project-trash clean up at the Island.

April 2024-

- Jr NAIWA Interest/General Meeting
- Held 3 leadership meetings to prepare for upcoming events

May 2024-

- Jr NAIWA Interest/General Meeting
 - Made ribbon skirts for upcoming NCAI conference
- Supported the EBCI Natural Resources Department by serving as hosts and food servers for their Intertribal Timber Conference
- Chair and Secretary also spoke during the dinner's entertainment portion.

June 2024-

- Participated in NCAI Conference in Cherokee, NC
- Hosted NCAI Youth Caucus convening
 - Led Longman clean-up community service project with NCAI youth attendees

- Partnered with NAIWA NC chapter to host NCAI youth caucus lunch and learn session with 2 tribal Elders and one EBCI conservation leader.
 - Partnered with NPS to host NCAI youth caucus at Kuwohi to discuss restoring its Ancestral name
 - Partnered with Birdtown stickball team to host NCAI youth caucus at Stickball demonstration.
- Wrote grant application to First Nations Development Institute to support Jr. NAIWA development
- Chair wrote grant support request letter to Center for Native Health to attend National NAIWA conference and Federal Advisory Committee for Reconciliation in Place Names meetings
- Chair attended the Federal Advisory Committee for Reconciliation in Place Names and presented public comment on behalf of Junior NAIWA
- Chair, Co-Chair, and member attended National NAIWA Conference in SD.