

## **Chief Buffy Red Feather Brown**

Chief Buffy Red Feather Brown was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA. Her parents are originally from a non-reservation Cherokee community in North Carolina. These communities consist of the descendants of Cherokees who escaped removal to Oklahoma and are scattered throughout the Southeast. Through her parents Chief Buffy and her two brothers learned traditional crafts such as finger weaving and basket weaving. She has been charged with keeping her Cherokee traditions alive.

### **Education**

Chief Buffy's educational background includes Business Administration and Classical Guitar at Temple University and Business Administration at LaSalle University.

### **Professional Experience and Achievements**

Chief Buffy is a gifted Native American educator. She has received a litany of plaques, awards, and certificates for her workshops and lectures conducted in many public and private schools, colleges, universities, religious, corporate, and government facilities in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware.

Large group presentations can include full dress traditional dancing accompanied by the Southeastern Cherokee Confederacy of PA (SeCC of PA)'s drum group, legend telling by members of the speaker's bureau and displays of Native American Indians in general are incorporated in each of these presentations.

Other professional experience includes Temple University's School of Social Administration's Multicultural Institute, University of Pennsylvania- International Classroom, Philadelphia Classical Guitar Society and the City of Philadelphia- Multicultural Affairs Congress, The School District of Philadelphia's public schools.

### **Southeastern Cherokee Confederacy of Pennsylvania**

The Southeastern Cherokee Confederacy of PA (SeCC of PA) was formed in 1988 due to the large number of Cherokees residing in the State of Pennsylvania. Buffy Red Feather was elected as Chief on July 19, 1988. She was given the responsibility of bringing together all of the Cherokees in the State of PA. The SeCC of PA holds monthly meetings and at these meetings there is the teaching of the Cherokee language, Native American Indian dancing and arts & crafts.

In 1994 Chief Red Feather founded a college scholarship fund for Native American Indians in the state of PA. The first Cherokee Festival sponsored by the SeCC of PA was held over the Memorial Day weekend in 1994 to raise funds for the College Scholarship fund. The Cherokee Festival has since been held annually at Temple University's Ambler Campus.

In addition to the annual SeCC of PA Cherokee Festival at Temple University's Ambler Campus, the confederacy hosts the Native American Indian celebration for Welcome America, and held a Cherokee Festival in honor of Veterans in Pottstown, PA in 2002.

They also participate in various Native American Indian and Multicultural functions throughout the Delaware Valley.

Since its inception the SeCC of PA has received a proclamation from the City of Philadelphia for outstanding service to the Native American Indian community.

Chief Buffy's goal is to make the Southeastern Cherokee Confederacy socially as well as economically self-sufficient. The confederacy includes a speaker's bureau, drum group, and women's singing circle.