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**2014 Coughatta Powwow To Be Held June 13-14 at the Pavilion at  
Coughatta Casino Resort in Kinder, Louisiana**

**ELTON, LOUISIANA (April 22, 2014)** – The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Coughatta Powwow will be held at The Pavilion at Coughatta Casino Resort June 13-14, 2014. The public is invited to attend and general admission is \$5 per day (children 6 years and under are admitted free).

For those interested in competing, Dancer registration is \$5 and Drum registration is \$25. Registration will take place on Friday, June 13, from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., and on Saturday, June 14, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Gourd Dances will be held on Friday, June 13, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., and on Saturday, June 14, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Grand Entry will take place on Friday evening at 7:00 p.m., Saturday at 12:00 p.m., and Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m.

Host Drums are the Wild Band of Comanches of Oklahoma, and the Northern Cree of Alberta, Canada. Head Staff includes Brando Jack of the Diné Tribe of Arizona – Head Man Dancer; Cheyenne Agneaux of the Coughatta/Alabama Tribe of Alabama – Head Lady Dancer; Ted Grant of the Red Rock Creek, Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Oklahoma – Head Gourd Dancer; Tom Phillips of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma – Master of Ceremonies; Juaquin Hamilton of the Cheyenne/Sauk & Fox Tribe of Oklahoma – Arena Director; Rusty Gillette of the Arikara/Hidatsa Tribe of North Dakota

- Head Dance Judge; and Wayne Silas, Jr. of the Menominee/Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin
- Head Drum Judge.

A wide range of prizes will be awarded to the top 5 competitors in the Drum Competition, with a \$12,000 First Place prize; and to the top 4 competitors in a number of age categories in the Dance Competition, each with \$1,000 First Place Prizes in the adult divisions, \$400 First Place prizes in the teen divisions, and \$150 First Place prizes in the junior divisions. Additional dance competitions will be held for Men’s Chicken Dance, Women’s Jingle Dance, and Men’s Northern Traditional.

The Pavilion is a large climate-controlled arena with plenty of bleacher seating available, although performers may choose to bring additional seating. Special Powwow rates will be available for participants at the Coushatta Casino Resort properties (Coushatta Inn and Red Shoes RV Park – (800) 584-7263), and at the Days Inn at Kinder (Next to Feather Fuel – (337) 738-3381).

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Coushatta Powwow is sponsored by the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana and the Coushatta Casino Resort.

For more information about the Coushatta Powwow, please contact Crystal Williams at (337) 584-1603. For vendor information, please contact Loretta Williams at (337) 584-1602 or Katie Arvie at (337) 584-1545.

#### **Details**

- What:** 2014 Coushatta Powwow
- When:** Friday, June 13, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday, June 14, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.  
Saturday, June 14, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.
- Where:** The Pavilion at Coushatta Casino Resort  
777 Coushatta Drive  
Kinder, Louisiana

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#### **About the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana**

*The Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana was officially recognized by the Federal government in 1973 and marked a major turning point in tribal history in 1985 with the election by popular vote of the first Coushatta tribal government.*

*From their earliest days as a proud, hard-working people struggling to maintain long-*

*standing traditions in the face of possible relocation, the Coushatta Indians have endured and overcome every hardship they have faced and have remained on tribal lands in and around Elton, Louisiana, since the 1800s. Despite serious setbacks and some population dispersal, the tribe's character and ideals have not only held fast, but have been strengthened. The Coushatta language, Koasati, is now considered unique among Native Americans because it has survived in its purest form and is still spoken fluently in the Coushatta community today.*

*The Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana owns and operates Coushatta Casino Resort, which employs more than 2,700 area residents. For more information, visit [www.coushattatribela.org](http://www.coushattatribela.org).*