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## **Cherokee's 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Powwow caps July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend**

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians' 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Powwow kicks off July 3 and runs through July 5 at the Cherokee Acquoni Expo Center.

The Powwow is a yearly three-day explosion of authentic Indian dancing, drumming and tribal regalia. The event features dance competitions offering more than \$60,000 in cash prizes, plus hand drumming, tribal sports, tiny tots, fireworks, and special contests all weekend long.

Gates open Friday, July 3, at 5 p.m.; Saturday, July 4, and Sunday, July 5 at 12 p.m. Daily admission is \$12, or \$10 a day with a Food Lion Card (MVP). Tickets can be purchased at the gate.

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Visitors can also contact the Cherokee Welcome Center: 800-438-1601 or by email at [travel@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:travel@nc-chokeee.com).

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is a sovereign nation with more than 15,000 enrolled members and is the only federally recognized Native American tribe in North Carolina. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians makes its home on the 56,600-acre Qualla Boundary in five Western North Carolina counties about an hour west of Asheville and at the entrance to Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

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