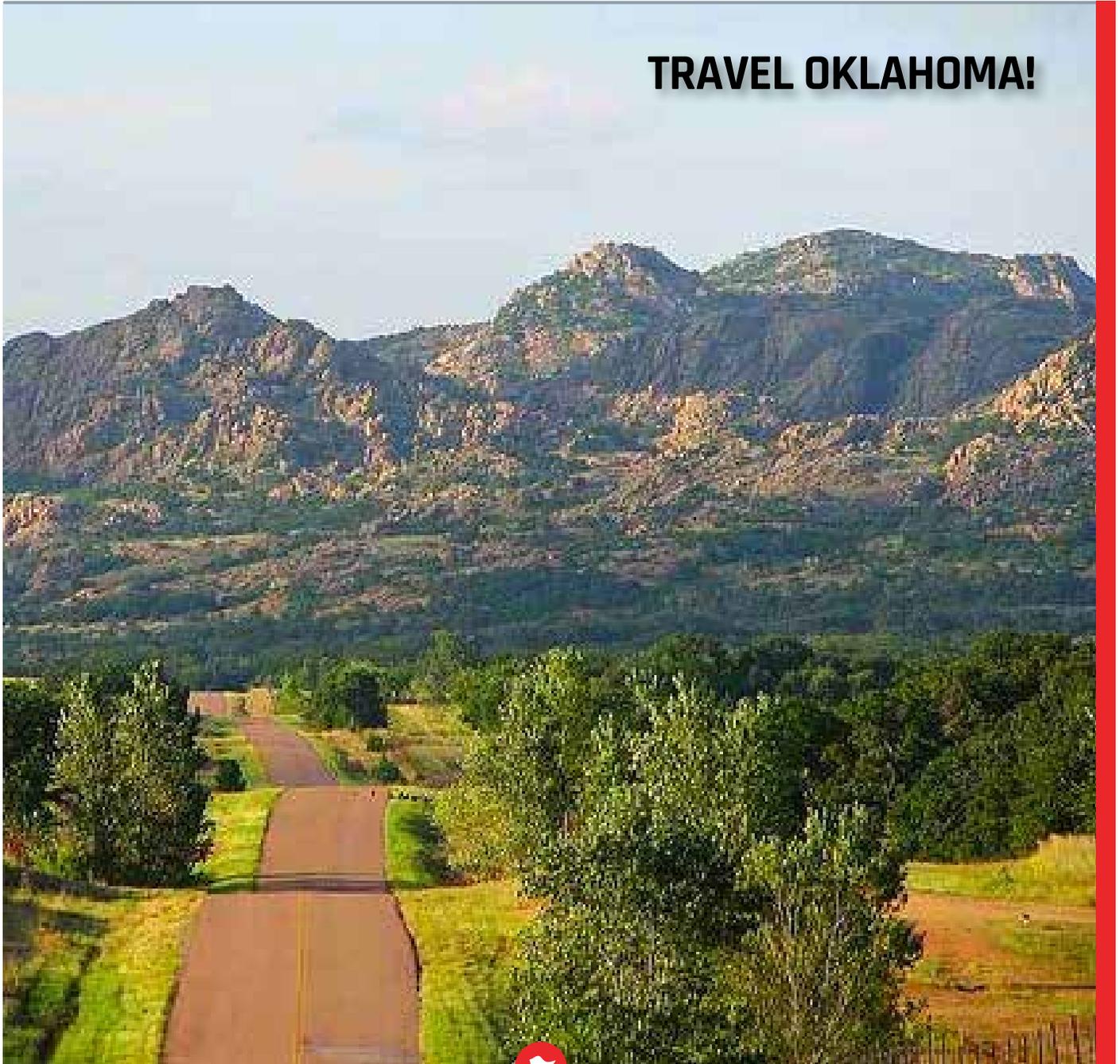


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# Native Zombie Flick Coming in September

There is nothing like that chill in the air that first brings Fall into our spirits. But it's not just that the chill of the air which tingles but also those that race up and down our spines as the spooky season arrives. As the summer's warmth withers and dies we can almost feel fear follow us at every corner as the hallowed months settle into our souls. Beware fore death is alive and close...and its coming...it's coming to Native Country.

**SHUDDER/RLJE Films released the horror film BLOOD QUANTUM on VOD, Digital HD, DVD and Blu-ray on September 1, 2020.**

This latest film in the zombie genre is directed and written by **Jeff Barnaby** (Rhymes for Young Ghouls) and stars **Michael Greyeyes** of "Fear the Walking Dead", *True Detective*, **Forrest Goodluck** of *The Revenant*, **Kiowa Gordon** from the *Twilight* franchise, and **Elle-Máijá Tailfeathers** from *The Body Remembers When the World Broke Open*.

The cast brings a realistic and yet terrifyingly enjoyable tale to life of the indigenous people in the isolated reserve of Red Crow. Though some are immune to the zombie plague that has taken over the nation, this doesn't mean their lives aren't at risk. It's up to Traylor (Michael Greyeyes, the tribal sheriff, to protect the families residing on the reserve and a flood of desperate refugees from the hordes of bloodthirsty, walking white corpses that are closing in to feast on a Native harvest. Watch gore as it was meant to be with. And remember when that chill hits you this Fall, lock the doors and pull the curtains because you never know what could be lurking in the darkness waiting for its next meal.

What could be better to welcome the season of mayhem than a tribal zombie apocalypse!

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# The Tribal Divide

Tyler Cooper, editor-in-chief of BroadbandNow

America's digital divide can be felt in communities both large and small, but perhaps none are more affected than people living on tribal lands. The U.S.'s tribal communities and the more than 14 million residents living within them have long been poorly served by telecommunications services. The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes know this all too well. According to our new research, just 73 percent of residents have access to wired broadband and just over half (53%) do so to a low priced plan – defined at a cost of \$60 or less per month.

## The Research

Overall, our research analyzed 552 tribal communities, including reservations, bands, villages, and colonies. What did we find? Of the 14.2 million Residents in tribal zip codes, 82% have access to a wired broadband connection, as compared to 94% of the rest of the country – a significant gap. In addition, only one-third (33%) of tribal residents can purchase a low-price plan, while more than half (51%) the U.S. can do so.

## The Tribal Divide

Lack of infrastructure in tribal communities has been an issue since the earliest days of the internet. In 2018, the Government Accountability Office recognized this, stating that over the past decade, the FCC “has done little to promote and support tribes’ access” to crucial telecommunications spectrum.

## The Path Forward

The FCC must commit to a sustainable, concerted effort to incentivize service and infrastructure development within tribal communities in order to ensure that they are properly serviced and connected. This was an essential task before the pandemic, and now it is absolutely crucial to the continued health and safety of some of our most vulnerable citizens. Native communities have suffered immense tragedies due to a lack of critical infrastructure and aid in years past. During the 1918 flu, these areas were affected four times more than the general population, according to a 2014 study published in American Indian Quarterly. At least 3,200 native Americans died, including 72 of 80 residents at the Inupiat village of Brevig Mission, Alaska.

## Tribal Access & COVID-19

Access to a reliable broadband connection has been a critical link to America's healthcare system over the past six months for many tribal residents. Government and health official resources and telehealth services have been essential in combating the rampant coronavirus outbreak in the U.S., but with so many in tribal communities unable to access the internet, the growing digital divide has a profound impact on underserved communities.

Earlier this year (February 3rd), the FCC opened a historic 180-day tribal priority window, allowing native nations to apply for the ability to license small sections of spectrum for the first time ever. This spectrum allocation could ostensibly be used to establish community networks in states that allow them, as well as make it easier for residents in these areas to convince private providers to finally serve them.

Additionally, late last July, U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) and Congresswoman Deb Haaland (D-N.M.) announced a landmark bill that “would affirm Tribal Nations’ and Native Hawaiian organizations’ ownership of broadband spectrum over their lands to deploy wireless internet services.” This is a tangible step in the right direction, but still, much more remains to be done.

## Conclusion

To prevent history from repeating itself, we must act quickly to provide crucial communications and telehealth aid to communities who need it the most. This means repealing laws that block municipal networks, establishing a sustainable spectrum licensing system for tribal communities, and promoting nascent technologies like low-Earth orbit broadband in areas where physical infrastructure is impractical. It is the shared responsibility of all Americans to ensure that the digital divide is closed, and affordable, equitable broadband is available to everyone.

Tyler Cooper is editor-in-chief of BroadbandNow. Follow him on Twitter @TylerCooperBBN. Finally, you can read BroadbandNow's research, “82% of Residents in Tribal Zip Codes Have Broadband Internet Access , Compared to 94% of Non-Tribal Residents here: <https://broadbandnow.com/research/tribal-broadband>



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# Returning to Learn: Opening Schools During a Pandemic

Rosemary Stephens

**P**arents, guardians and grandparents may face one of the most difficult decisions they will ever make when deciding if they will send their child into a classroom during a public health pandemic.

It would be safe to say most will wonder if their decision was the right one.

Across Oklahoma and the U.S. school districts are scrambling for answers and solutions for bringing students safely back into the classroom. Each district seemingly coming up with their own customized plans with various pseudo names attached.

Currently in Oklahoma there are over 44,700 confirmed cumulative cases of COVID-19. Of that number 4,490 are classified as “pediatric cases” with 3,961 positive cases for 5 to 17 year olds and 1,029 positive cases for 0-4 years old. (As of Aug. 11, 2020.)

When schools shut down for spring break in March, they remained closed for the rest of the school year and went immediately to distance learning platforms to finish the 2019-2020 school year due to the coronavirus outbreak. Now four months later positive case counts in Oklahoma have far exceeded the March numbers and continue to rise. Primarily the rise is attributed to the many cases of asymptomatic people unknowingly spreading the virus to others, and the refusal of most Oklahoma residents to wear a mask in public. So rolling the dice to bring students back into a brick and mortar classroom setting is a gamble.

For some families, there is no choice due to both parents working and no one to oversee their child at home. And for other parents they worry about the emotional and mental stressors being placed on their children by keeping them isolated at home.

“It’s a challenging time and our local school districts are just doing their best to navigate what is best for their students. If you look at Oklahoma Public Schools, they delayed their start date and are going virtual the first nine weeks, but if you look at Yukon or Mustang school districts they are a lot different when you look at our school districts. Meaning they are in more affluent neighborhoods so they have Wi-Fi access with towers close and they don’t have connectivity issues, so they provided that option for parents to do distance learning and most may have a stay at home parent, and that’s not reflective of a lot of our communities where both parents have to work,” Carrie Whitlow, executive director of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Dept. of Education, said.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ operate three Head Start

facilities and have implemented the Return to Learn plan for a Sept. 14 opening of the Head Start school year.

“We have discussed only having half of the students in one classroom at a time, and truthfully there are so many questions that we just don’t know all the answers yet. We are trying to figure out how to best serve our students, our families and our communities,” Whitlow said.

Whitlow said school districts are following federal and state guidelines and are doing what they are told to do, especially in light of U.S. President Donald Trump’s announcement, if schools don’t open they won’t receive their federal monies.

One of the biggest obstacles for Tribal and non-Tribal students in Western Oklahoma is the lack of Wi-Fi options and viable connectivity to the Internet due to a lack of carriers. Whitlow said she contacted all of the school superintendents asking them what were their needs were.

“Some schools have said we won’t know until August when we get some feedback from our parents, but the general consensus was they need Wi-Fi access for all of the chrome books they either have now or have purchased for this school year for students,” Whitlow said.

The Tribes’ education department looked into purchasing hotspots or devices with Wi-Fi built in access, but that became an overwhelming option because every school district is different, using different systems and devices.

“And if we did furnish hotspots, it doesn’t mean they will have good connectivity in their rural communities. We need to make sure all of this is equitable for our

students,” Whitlow said.

The Tribes’, through some of the CARES Act funding, has increased this year’s school clothing program to add an extra \$100 for the purchase of PPE for students, and have announced the COVID Technology Assistance for all enrolled students, no matter where they live or the level of education they are at. The one-time assistance gives \$400 for Head Start through 12th grade students, and for higher education students, they receive \$500 if a part-time student or \$800 if they are a full-time student.

“These were the ways we could best get this money (CARES Act funding) directly to the kids and their families. We know our students, minority students, low income students, there is already a divide of equal access, equal opportunity, but even more so now with this pandemic. It’s made it very clear the kids of the haves and the have nots,” Whitlow said.

Whitlow, is also the mother of a second grader and knows



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the struggle first hand with the decision making process of allowing her child to return to the classroom. She removed her executive director hat and spoke directly as a mother about her daughter returning to class in a few short weeks.

"I am nervous and a little worried, however my child is the type of child that needs to be in school. She thrives in socialization. We did the distance learning in April and May, and I will tell you that was tough," she said.

Whitlow stated she didn't know how to teach as a first grade teacher teaches and there were many challenges.

"Sometimes my daughter would get made and start crying, go to her room, you know it was touch and it was hard, and that was just general work," Whitlow said.

Whitlow's main concern is her daughter regressing after making huge improvements from the beginning of her first grade year up to February 2020 right before the pandemic outbreak.

"We were getting there, she had made such huge improvements with one-on-one help from teachers, and then everything shut down. Even now we read everyday, work on sight words but I don't know how effective that is in regards to her development. I think about that and I think she needs that teacher one on one, and I have to work, our whole household has to work and we don't have the option to leave her anywhere else," Whitlow said.

Whitlow said if school is open her daughter will be in school, although reiterating she is nervous and it is scary.

"As an administrator I think everyone is doing their best, the tribes, the school districts, in trying to best serve their families, their communities and their employees. I know nobody knows all the answers right now or knows what is going to happen, but I feel like everyone is trying their best to make the best possible decision for everyone involved," Whitlow said.

She said we are all in uncharted territory right now and no one knows what it's going to look like a week from now or a month from now, "I really feel everyone is doing their best and trying to learn from one another as we go,"

One point Whitlow made was the size of her daughter's school, Darlington, is much smaller than other schools in the El Reno district who have a much larger student capacity, with Darlington able to better social distance their students.

Which is a good point of reference when looking at individual schools. For instance in Canton Public School in Canton, Okla., where Canton has had one confirmed case and a population of 625 people, their K-12 school could safely reopen for in person class with little to no worries. However, compared to Yukon High School located in Yukon, Okla., where Yukon has had over 400 confirmed cases and a population of almost 23,000 people, it becomes more risky to open in person classrooms.

Oklahoma City Public Schools have announced a delayed start date to Aug. 31, and all learning will be virtual for the first nine-week semester. El Reno Public Schools have stuck to their Aug. 13 reopening, giving the options of in person attendance or virtual learning, as well as Mustang Public Schools announcing similar plans. However, both El Reno and Mustang schools have continued to proceed with their extracurricular and sport activities including band, football, softball, volleyball and wrestling. Making some parents wonder whether keeping their student at home for learning will even matter if they are exposed through these activities.

According to the CDC Guidelines on 'Principles to Keep in Mind,' when opening schools it states, "The more people a student or staff member interacts with, and the longer that interaction, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spread. The risk of COVID-19 spread increases in school settings as follows: Lower Risk: students and teachers engage in virtual-only classes, activities and events. More Risk: small, in-person classes, activities and events. Groups of students stay together and with the same teacher throughout/across school days and groups do not mix. Students remain at least 6 feet apart and do not share objects (e.g., hybrid virtual and in-person class structures, or staggered/rotating scheduling to accommodate smaller class sizes). Highest Risk: Full sized, in-person classes, activities and events. Students are not spaced apart, share classroom materials or supplies and mix between classes and activities."

The CDC also recommends closing communal use shared spaces such as dining halls and playgrounds with shared playground equipment or otherwise stagger use and clean and disinfect between each use. Add physical barriers such as plastic flexible screens between bathroom sinks, especially when they cannot be at least six feet apart and have children bring their own meals as feasible or serve individually plated meals in classrooms instead of in a communal dining hall, and using plastic utensils that can be thrown away.

To read the entire CDC Guidelines for safely reopening schools visit [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).



# Working the Frontlines During Worldwide COVID-19 Pandemic

Latoya Lonelodge

**W**ith Oklahoma breaking the record for new positive cases across the state, the total number of positive cases as of Aug. 11 has climbed to over 44,700, according to the Oklahoma State Department of Health. Communities across the world are facing the COVID-19 pandemic head-on with many states currently mandating masks and other social distancing guidelines.

As new cases continue to climb in record-breaking numbers in and around the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal community, frontline workers are also working tirelessly to aid those affected by the pandemic. Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal citizen Dana Tammen-Ogilvie has firsthand experience working in an emergency room (ER) as a registered nurse at SSM Health St. Anthony in El Reno, Okla. Ogilvie has been working in the health field as a nurse for over 28 years.

As a tribal citizen within the community working the frontlines during the COVID-19 pandemic, Ogilvie said her job could be trying at times, especially with Canadian County rising to 1,238 positive cases with nine confirmed deaths.

With the rise in cases growing in the area, Ogilvie said more patients were coming in to the ER.

"One of the bad things is no one can come in with a patient, I know they're scared and sick, but they can't have family members with them unless they're minors. We're not doing the breathing treatments because it aerosolizes COVID, we're just doing inhalers, and so it's trying at times to get them in," Ogilvie said.

"If they are symptomatic and they're sick and having problems they can come in, we test them and we see them," Ogilvie said.

"The masks are important, even the cloth masks actually protect other people from you if you happen to be spreading it, which should make people feel good. The social distancing and hand washing and actually just staying out of the very populated areas, like the gyms and the bars and the places that you're really in close contact with people."

"That's why we're seeing such a rise right now, everything started opening up and people started feeling relaxed I think, they said it would come later as soon as we opened up, but we're starting to see the surge now," Ogilvie said.

As communities continue to be affected by the pandemic, with businesses shutting down and many out of work, Ogilvie said she knows of families that have been out of work due to having the virus.

"Some of my kid's businesses were shut down and so it was difficult, and I know it's still difficult for a lot of people getting back to work and then you have to quarantine for so long, we have people that have been out that tested and had to stay out from work and actually weren't sick but were exposed and had to get tested, there's a lot of lost income and it's very difficult for a lot of people," Ogilvie said.

With businesses that have opened back up, many have guidelines in place to screen employees before they can begin their workday. And like many of those businesses, Ogilvie said

she too has to get checked everyday.

"We have to wear a mask for 12 hours and that's not fun at all, there's a lot of new things like no make-up and we have to wear our hair up because we're wearing the mask," Ogilvie said.

"Every patient we see we have to take a lot of precautions but then there's people that are scared too, the emergency room isn't really the proper place to just come and get a COVID test if you don't have symptoms, the ER is for the people that are sick and need a COVID test and need help, so there's a difference," Ogilvie said.

For people that are just worried about it and want to get tested, Ogilvie said they would need to go to one of the drive-thru clinics and other testing sites.

"That's kind of important because you're coming into a place where you can potentially be exposed if you don't have it, we thoroughly clean each room but it can be in the waiting room, hallway, anywhere. So people need to think about that and they do need to realize that none of us have immunity to it and mostly everyone that gets exposed in a closed enough area, you're going to get it because you have no immunity to it," Ogilvie said.

With more testing sites becoming available, Ogilvie said the benefits of early testing are simply not spreading it to others.

For people that are not feeling well and are worried, Ogilvie said they would need to be responsible and not go around people until they know for a fact they don't have COVID.

"There's people with mild symptoms or no symptoms, the ones with no symptoms honestly I guess if they've been exposed they should probably get tested, it's hard to decide when you need to get tested but those are the ones that don't need to come to the ER to get tested," Ogilvie said.

Ogilvie said because not doing so does a lot of things for ER personnel.

"One it's just inappropriate, it's not emergent care, the other thing is if we do have sick people there, they're tying us up with their stuff whenever we have really sick people that need to be cared for as well, if you're really sick that's where you need to be is in the ER but if you're not then you just need to get tested, there are testing sites and that's the difference a lot of people don't understand," Ogilvie said.

With not many solutions available to treat COVID patients who are at home self-isolating, Ogilvie said people have begun asking questions about their COVID illness at home and how to take care of it.



# Travel Oklahoma Boys and Girls!

By Fus Yvhikv

**T** **rivia question:** Out of the fifty states, only four have ten or more distinct ecoregions. Three of those four are obvious; Texas, California and Alaska. What is the fourth state? Oklahoma! Oklahoma has twelve (12!) distinct ecoregions. Mile for mile Oklahoma offers the most diverse terrain in America!

Oklahoma's ecoregions, or terrains and sub climates, include everything from Rocky Mountain foothills to cypress swamps, tallgrass prairies, hardwood forest and pine-covered mountains. Each is graced with wide blue lakes, rivers and streams.

This natural geographic diversity and variety affords a myriad of opportunities for endless outdoor adventures of all types. Let us take a quick trip around our state to these twelve distinct ecoregions.

## Western High Plains

This ecoregion is in the panhandle of Oklahoma. This area is marked by great swaths of the famed buffalo grass. A visit to Oklahoma's panhandle delivers a taste of the frontier. Drive to Kenton and hike to the top of Black Mesa. Better reset your watches, however, as this area is on Mountain Time.

## Southwestern Tablelands

This ecoregion encompasses parts of the panhandle and northwestern Oklahoma. You can take a dune buggy ride through the sands of Beaver Dunes Park, explore the regions rock formations or take a selfie at the Guymon Game Reserve or the Washita National Wildlife Refuge.

## Central Great Plains

This is Oklahoma's largest ecoregion. It covers most of the western half of the Sooner State from north to south. Here you will find the Little Sahara State Park as well as rock climbing at the soaring Mt. Scott in the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge. Route 66 traverses the region all the way to Elk City.

## Tallgrass Prairie

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## Crosstimbers

The Crosstimbers is generally defined as where the Eastern Woodlands meets the Western Prairie. It runs from Oklahoma's northern border to the southern border and covers most of central Oklahoma. It affords some of the best hiking of any of Oklahoma's twelve ecoregions. Hike at the Keystone Ancient Forest. Here you will find a thick forest in its aboriginal state with trees at least 500 years old.

## East Central Texas Plains

This region covers part of Oklahoma's southern border. It is characterized by one of the rarest plant communities in the

world; the oak savannah. This area marks the transition from the arid plains of the west and the moist broadleaf forest of the east with its canopied post oak trees.

## Ozark Highlands

The thickly forested Ozark Highlands region is one of Oklahoma's most popular destinations. Grand Lake O' The Cherokees is the crown jewel of the Sooner State's many lakes. Just down the road, thousands of people each year enjoy float trips down the famed Illinois River. The 20,000-acre J.T. Nickel preserve has three wonderful hiking trails.

## Ozark Forest

Also known as the Boston Mountains. It features an abundance of red oak, white oak and hickory trees in it heavily forested and very hilly terrain. Fly fishing is very popular on the Lower Illinois River while boaters love Lake Tenkiller.

## Hardwood Forest

In these forested valleys and ridges you will find spectacular scenery and outdoor adventure. Be sure to visit the Spiro Mounds Archeological Center, Heavener Runestone Park and Robbers Cave State Park the infamous hideout used by such notorious outlaws as Jesse James and Belle Star. There are some wonderful hiking trails in this region.

## Quachita Mountains

You can't miss the scenic Talimena National Scenic Byway. It is one of Oklahoma's premier destinations for fall foliage. Hiking and other outdoor activities are unsurpassed at Beavers Bend State Park and Broken Bow lake.

## Cypress Swamps and Forest

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# Oklahoma Fellowship of Christian Athletes 100%



“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.” —Mark 12:3

I had the opportunity to lead and hold the 2020 NEOK FCA Golf Day Camp at the Cherokee Springs Golf Course in Tahlequah, Oklahoma! FCA golf camp

is an opportunity to share the gospel of Jesus Christ, as well as build life and golf skills with students ages 13-17 years of age. Our Theme, “100%” was our focus during our three days of camp. I pray that God’s word will encourage you to give God 100%.

### Day 1 Devotion-

**100% GOD-Sacrifice**—“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”

—John 3:16

Jesus Christ gave 100%—His very life—so we may receive a personal relationship with Him. His love, His sacrifice, His service and His passion are 100% for us. What will our your response be? When you give Jesus 100% of your heart, soul, mind and strength, our lives will be transformed.

**100% Self-Surrender**—“My old self has been crucified with

Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” —Galatians 2:20

We give God 100% by surrendering our lives. We need to actually realize that we need to turn everything over to God, all parts of our lives, our families, jobs and our finances!

### Day 2 Devotion-

**100% Team (Surround)**—“Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.”

—Philippians 2:2

We give 100% by surrounding ourselves with committed teammates. We need to be part of a local Bible believing church that loves God!

### Day 3 Devotion-

**100% Others (Serve)**—“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.” —Mark 10:45

We give 100% by serving and leading others into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. We need to serve in churches, community and our own families!

It is so important to live our lives out loud, you never know who is listening! Thank you Jesus!

It is also my prayer to hold and have FCA Golf Camps next summer throughout the state of Oklahoma with other FCA leaders, coaches, volunteers and staff. If you would like to get your area involved in FCA and FCA Golf, please let me know! May God continue to bless and keep you safe!

**John Morris** is currently serving with Oklahoma Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is supported financially by faith partners. If you are interested in more information on FCA or being a faith partner, John can be contacted through email: [jmogolfer@icloud.com](mailto:jmogolfer@icloud.com) or by cell number (785-760-1627)



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