

James (Billy) Smith

Elder Billy Smith is a member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Tribe, a federally recognized Tribe located in Southwest Alabama. Billy has been an active member of the Tribe for 36 years. He served 18 years on the Tribal Council and served as Vice-Chairman for 10 years.

He serves on the Creek Indian Enterprise Board of Directors which oversees all the Tribal Enterprises.

He also serves on the Muskogee Metal Works Board of Directors. Muskogee Metal Works is a metal fabrication company enterprise owned by the Tribe that deals primarily in government contracts with the Department of Defense.

Billy is General Manager for the Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve which is the latest Enterprise of the Tribe. The reserve consists of 4700 acres devoted to recreation that includes camping areas, canoeing and tubing, horseback riding, fishing, hunting and hiking trails that are dedicated to educating and enhancing the significance of native plants and wildlife species important to the American Indian Culture.

Billy is active in the "**War Path on Drugs Program**". He developed this program for the Tribe. He goes into local schools and educates kinder- garden through fourth grades on the detrimental effects of drugs and alcohol. Billy appears in traditional dress and encourages the kids to participate in friendship dances and other activities that kids thoroughly enjoy. He presents the participants with shirts with logos that read "War Path on Drugs Say no to Drugs". He has a special place in his heart for kids and hopes in some way he can be a role model for them.

Billy is a special person that loves his family. His wife Faye of 41 years, son Darrin, his three grandchildren Makaya, Dekota, and Dustin enjoy spending time together in the outdoors.

