

Oklahoma State Flag

Sooner State • Capital: Oklahoma City • Statehood: 1907

Overview

A sky-blue field with a circular Osage shield of buffalo hide, decorated with eagle feathers. Across it lie a peace pipe and olive branch. Small white letters spell “Oklahoma” beneath. The symbolism is explicit: a flag of conciliation and heritage.

Flag specifications

Adopted: 1925-04-02
Designer: Louise Fluke
Ratio: 2:3
Sky blue field with Osage warrior shield, olive branch, and calumet.

Colors

   

#0086C9 #FFD700 #008000 #FFFFFF

Symbolism

Osage shield	Represents Native American heritage.
olive branch and peace pipe	Symbolize peace between cultures.
blue field	Choctaw flag influence and devotion.

Historical timeline

- 1925: Shield design flag adopted.
- 1941: Name ‘Oklahoma’ added below design.
- 1911 — Early Oklahoma flag with red background and white stars.

Notable facts

- One of the most symbolically rich U.S. state flags.
- Features both Native American and European peace symbols.
- The Osage Nation buffalo-skin shield is the central element.
- Seven eagle feathers hanging from the shield represent sacred traditions.
- The peace pipe symbolizes Native American peace.
- The olive branch represents European peace.
- The sky-blue field reflects devotion and sincerity.
- The current flag design was officially adopted in 1925.

Seal deep dive

buffaloShield
An Osage Nation buffalo-hide shield centered on the flag.
Meaning: Native heritage, protection, and the Indigenous peoples of Oklahoma

peaceSymbols
A Native American peace pipe crossed with an olive branch.
Meaning: Peace between Native Americans and European settlers

stateName
The word 'OKLAHOMA' displayed beneath the central emblem.
Meaning: Clear labeling of the state

field
Light blue background field.
Meaning: Peace, harmony, and a break from darker military-style blue fields

Vexillology notes

Design type: Indigenous emblem on colored field

Complexity: 5/10

Readability: 8/10

Printable reference sheet for classroom use.