



The Southwest Forest Indians

Between 1,000 and 12,000 years ago, the Caddo Indians settled near rivers, utilizing the abundant food and shelter these areas provided. They constructed their homes, known as wickiups, from straw tied in bundles and fastened together with green saplings. The interior walls were often plastered with mud or clay for added insulation.

The Caddo Indians relied heavily on the surrounding forest to meet their needs. They hollowed out the trunks of large trees to create dugout canoes and gathered nuts, fruits, and wild game such as deer, bear, and wild turkey.