

January 2012

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Recruitment...

Recruit new members for this season and get a recruitment patch for every new participant!

Online Registration

Program & Event registration is available at ymca-arlington.org



Upcoming Events...

* See complete calendar on page 2 *



Federation Winter Campout

January 27 - 29

Loyd Park Grand Prairie

Cost: \$30/pair, \$3 each additional child
\$10 additional for trailer

All Nations camp together... Don't miss it!

Daddy Daughter Date Night

February 10 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Hilton Arlington

Cost: \$58 pair, \$21 each additional child

This is THE premier event for the Princess!
Also open to Papoose and Trail girls.



Guides Night at the Museum

February 3-4, 7pm - 9:30am

Museum of Nature & Science - Dallas

Cost: \$74/pair, \$25 each additional child

Elder: **Brian Hill**

Elder: Mike Ginani 469.767.3051

Elder: John Geyerman 817.473.0218

Elder: David Adams

Elder: **Jeff Cloud** 817-360-0611

Elder: Jim Gammon

Bold names are new elders this year.

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Papoose Chief: Brian Bolton

Guides Chief: Brad Millican

Princess Chief: Rob Williams

Trail Chief: David Adams

Federation Meshenewa: Jeff Cloud 817-360-0611

YA TA HEY MIGHTY BLACKLAND PRAIRIE FEDERATION!

I hope each and every one had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. With 2012 off to a good start, Winter Federation Campout is just a few weeks away. Please start signing up NOW. During the Bon Fire Ceremony Saturday evening, we will be honoring Rodney Smith for all his years of dedication to the Father Child Program.

This is my last month as your Federation Chief. My time as chief has been full of challenges and adventures every month. With the help of Assistant Federation Chief Chris Elkins, the nation chiefs, and the COE, we have met every challenge head on and have persevered. There is still plenty of work to be done to keep this program healthy and providing life memories for the fathers and children. Your incoming chief is ready to make this program even better. How can you help? It is simple, continue to invite your friends to join, and keep participating in the program. You will get out of the program what you put into the program. It will change your life and your relationship you have with your children.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve alongside all the Federation and Nation leadership. I am humbled at the vast amount of time, energy, and passion these guys pour into the program.

Our primary fundraising event, the Fundraiser Dinner, will be held on **February 25, 2012** from **6:30-8:30pm** at a Boles Junior High in Arlington. The proceeds of this fund raiser go EXCLUSIVELY to the Father-Child program to make some or our events *FREE* to members, buy things like new BB guns for the Turkey shoot next year, consumables like caution tape and pyrotechnics for the bonfires, and also insurance, mailings, copies, and numerous other mundane expenses that go along with keeping our program running without raising program or event fees. There will be a Silent Auction, Raffle, and also a Cake Walk for the kids. David's BBQ, Sweet Tomato (Pasta, Salad, Dessert), and Cici's Pizza are providing the meal.

Please come out and bring your family, grandparents, neighbors, and friends to keep our meaningful program funded. Remember, every penny we raise stays within our program. Bring Mom with you to get some great bargains at the Silent Auction. Tickets are available from your Tribal Chiefs or Tim Cameron at the YMCA (Cell (817) 275-8418 ext 21 / Work (817) 274-9622 / timc@ymca-arlington.org).

The prices are as follows: \$8 Adults, \$4 kids, or \$24 for a Family of any size.

See you along the trail ...

**Chief Crazy Horse, Little Chief Singing Pony and Little Chief Mustang.
(Bill, Hannah and Samuel)**



Ya Ta Hey Mighty Papoose Nation!

First, I want to wish all of you a Happy New year. I pray that your holiday season was filled with much merriment, with the occasional opportunity to "recharge the battery" before 2012 kicked off in full swing. We are officially over the half-way marker through our Program year after a relatively busy, event-filled Fall.

We have received much positive feedback regarding the **PAPOOSE CHRISTMAS PARTY**. Thanks

to each of the Tribal Chiefs who each contributed to making the Party a success. Toys for Tots collected nearly 60 new, unwrapped toys for less fortunate children from our Nation. Our kids seemed to get a kick out of crawling around the Marines' truck they collected the toys in... Thank you to everyone who came out and made a generous gesture to make another child's Christmas more special.

In a few weeks, we will be headed out to Loyd Park in Grand Prairie for our **FEDERATION WINTER CAMPOUT**. Bring your blankets. As always, you can register for the campout through the YMCA website, or at any YMCA branch. Please get registered as quickly as possible for the event. Despite the cold weather, the Winter Campout is always a great time for the kids. Our Federation Chief, Bill Darroch, will be passing his headdress to Chris Elkins, the new Federation Chief. There are lots of activities scheduled for the weekend, so go camping, have some fun, and freeze!

On February 10, the Princess Nation is sponsoring the **DADDY-DAUGHTER DATE NIGHT** at the Arlington Hilton on Lamar Boulevard. This event is open to all Papoose Nation girls as well! Come on out and party with your daughter during a formal, fun-filled evening! You may refer to the Princess Nation article below for more detailed information, or you may contact me.

Have you started thinking about what your Tribe will be contributing for the **ANNUAL FEDERATION FUNDRAISER**? Make sure to talk to your Tribe Chiefs about what each Tribe will need to do to make the event a success. Each Tribe contributes (or procures a contribution from a business) items to the silent auction and raffle. Also, each family that attends needs to bring **at least 1** cake for the cake walk. Who thought walking around in a circle would be so much fun? The cake walk is the highlight of the evening for the kids; for the dads - pick up some great bargains at the silent auction. More information will be sent out from your Tribal Chiefs in a few weeks regarding costs. All money raised goes directly into Program coffers to fund things like insurance, print, copy, and mail expenses, as well as mundane, consumable items like bonfire pyro equipment, teepee poles, diesel fuel, sound system upgrades, caution tape, and Federation supplies, and to offset, as much as possible, costs that we, as Program members, would otherwise be responsible for. Bring out the family, have some fun, take something home with you, all while contributing to the Program.

PROGRAM CALENDAR CHANGE: Please note that our **SPRING CAMPOUT** will be at Tyler State Park. We have 16 total camping spots, so it will be cozy, but it's a GREAT park! I'm actively working on having some special guests make an appearance at our campout that weekend. Currently, the burn ban has been lifted at the park. Keep your fingers crossed...

It's never too late to bring somebody into the Program. Feel free to invite any of your friends or your kids' friends out to ANY of the scheduled events, or invite them to one of your Tribe meetings. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns you have regarding the Program events.

May the Great Spirit walk with you and work through you...

-PAPOOSE NATION CHIEF BLACK OWL (Brian Bolton)

-LITTLE NATION CHIEF SMILING TURTLE (Madeleine)

-LITTLE NATION CHIEF DANCING RAINBOW (Grace)



YaTaHey Mighty Trail Nation!

Happy New Year!! I hope everyone had a great holiday, and the Great Spirit came and visited you with all kinds of great gifts. A new year is a great time to make resolutions, and one resolution to make is to attend all the remaining events with your Trailblazer/Trailmate this year! So get ready to sign up for this year's events, as there are plenty of fun events coming up.

Although it was a little wet, the **Arlington Parade of Lights** was another successful event this year for our Federation Program. Three big kudos to Brian Bolton and all the other dads that helped assemble this year's float for the parade, it was a great reflection on our Program and fun for those that participated in the parade.

As we start 2012, we have plenty of events planned, starting with our **Federation Winter Campout**, on January 27-29 at Loyd Park in Grand Prairie. There are only a few weeks left before this campout, so start preparing those winter tents and supplies for what hopefully will be a cool camping experience this year. As we have in the past two years, don't forget to bring your fixin's for the best dessert contest.

The Guides Nation will have a **Night at the Dallas Museum of Natural History** on February 3, and the Trail Nation Dads and Sons are invited. Registration for this event must be done by January 12. This is a new event for the Guides Nation and promises to be a great experience, and if you have not been to the Dallas Museum of Natural History, this is a great way to see it without all the crowds.

For our Trail Dads and Daughters, the annual **Princess Nation Daddy-Daughter Dance** is on Friday, February 10, at the Arlington Hilton Hotel on Lamar. Please note the **NEW** Date. This is always a great evening for our older daughters to dress up and have a great evening out with dad. So get those dress shoes shined and flowers for your daughter, and come join the fun!!

Our Father-Child Program's all important **Federation Fundraiser** will be held on Saturday, February 25, at Boles Jr. High, with a Silent Auction, Dinner, Cake Walk and Raffle. Start gathering your donations for the Silent Auction now from businesses and restaurants that you frequent. This year, more than ever, our program needs your help and participation with this event. Invite your family and friends, neighbors and potential new members to this event. Remember, all the funds raised at the Fundraiser stay within our Program to help maintain the trailer and supplies, and replenish our campout materials. So come early, stay late and bring your checkbooks for a great time and auction items.

The **Pinewood Derby** quickly follows the Fundraiser, to be held on March 3, at the Central Branch YMCA. So all of you "racing" trail dads and kids, starting preparing your cars soon so you're not the left in the starting block!

The Trail Nations **Spring Campout** will be held at Enchanted Rock State Park this year. This is a first for our Nation and several dads that I have talked with that have camped at Enchanted Rock really enjoyed it, as there are several domes and caves to explore. More to come on this campout later.

I look forward to each of us having a great year as we continue to grow our Program, and our relationship with our daughters and sons.

"Running Bear" (David Adams)

Trail Nation Chief

"Dancing Sunshine" (Allison) – Trailmate

"Big Trout" (Brian Murphy)

Assistant Trail Nation Chief

"Rainbow Trout" (Molly) – Trailmate

Ya-ta-hey Mighty Princess Nation!

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year's! Now, it's back to work and getting back into the groove to our normal lives. I want to give a shout out to all that helped and attended the Parade of Lights. Cold, wet and rainy but we pulled it through. Amazingly, the rain was coming down pretty good prior to us walking, stopped throughout the parade and came back down once we were completed. Thanks to Brian Bolton for stepping up and coordinating the float. Three major KUDOS for taking time off work, getting the Dads together and making this tradition an enjoyable event for all the kids and families. It was amazing to see the amount of people during the parade. I was almost sure the rain was going to scare them away; boy was I wrong.



Here are some big events coming up that everyone needs to be aware of and help is needed. Did you know the annual Fundraiser we have helps pay for certain things through the year? Patches, food at certain events, lights for the Christmas Parade, supplies for the campouts, etc? WE NEED HELP, make sure to reach out and have people, companies, people you know donate and contribute items for the annual fundraiser. ***The Fundraiser is on February 25th, so please start making the calls for donations to help our program.***

Daddy Daughter Date Night is on February 10th. IMPORTANT NOTE: The venue and date has changed. It will be held at the Hilton Arlington off Lamar. I know some will be disappointed with the change from Cacharel to Hilton, but there was miscommunication with Cacharel so we were forced to change. Also note, we checked with over a dozen venues and to help lower the ticket prices and still have a wonderful evening with our Princesses, the Hilton was the best option.

BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT right now is the Federation Winter Campout. January 27-29th at Lloyd Park in Grand Prairie, Joe Pool Lake. What a great time to invite a friend and their Princess to enjoy the weekend or even just the Saturday events. GET SIGNED UP, please don't wait. Especially if you are using a camper. Limited space and a lot of coordination is involved so getting signed up now will help out tremendously.

Last note, I am reminded of how this program has continuously given back to my family and me. My girls, my wife, my friends and my tribe... All have been there. I lost my mother suddenly (59) over the holidays and it's just a constant reminder that I want to share, hold your loved ones tight! Don't forget to tell them you love them, take the time to tell your tribe members how much you appreciate what they do and especially enjoy the time you have with your children. The time is now. See you at Longhouse!

For now, many blessings!

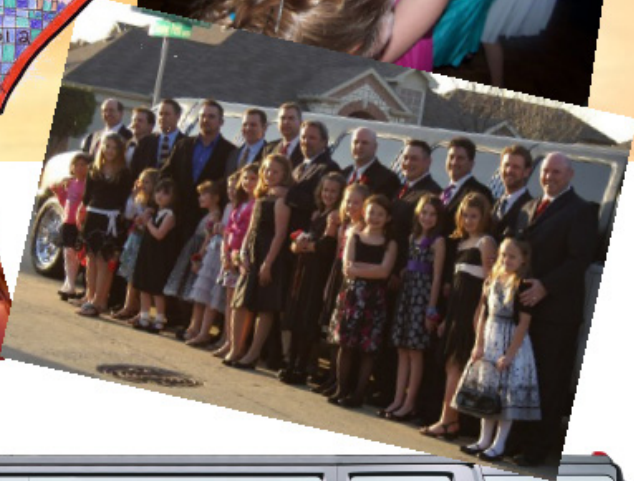
Nation Chief Big Kahuna (Rob Williams)
Glowing Butterfly - Lauren Williams
Brown Bear - Brenna Williams

**Don't Miss The Much Anticipated
“DDDN”**

**Daddy Daughter Date Night
Father/Child Program with the “Y”**

February 10th, Friday 6:00-9:00PM

**Location: Hilton Arlington
Lamar & HWY360**



Contact Tim Cameron for Details
timc@ymca-arlington.org (817) 275-8418

YaTaHey Mighty Braves in the Guides Nation!

Here we go. 2012 has arrived and what a busy start to the year we are going to have. There are many great opportunities you will not want to miss out on to create memories. Registration is underway for all of these events now.



Winter Campout is quickly coming upon us. Last year, we may have had the best weather of any campout at this event with temps in the 70s on Saturday. Whether it is cold or warm, I know this has always been a great event and will continue to be so. It is close to home, so the travel is easy. It is a great park where we get to celebrate as an entire nation. Come join us to see what is in store for this year.

The next Friday, February 3, is the Guides great Night at the Museum. We will be spending the night at the Dallas Museum of Nature & Science. We will have a private preview of the Great Shark Exhibit, an IMAX movie and more. If you've ever wondered if the exhibits do come alive at night, this is the time to find out. After some long discussions with the museum, we will be able to extend the sign-up period until January 26. The cost will increase \$5 per person due to this change. Don't wait!!! Get signed up today so you don't miss out. You can sign up online or at the Central Y. Your chiefs will be sending out medical release forms that the museum requires to be filled out by all participants.

More information will be coming regarding our Federation Fundraiser on February 25. Also, it is never too early to get started on your pinewood derby car on March 3.

Like I said, it is a busy time of year. You don't want to miss out.

Like always, this is your program! It only gets better with your participation and input. Let me, or any other leadership person, know your thoughts.

Brad "Big Bear Claw" Millican
Guides Nation Chief

Miles "Eagle Eye" Millican
Guides Nation Little Chief

Guides Night at the Museum!

Are you looking for the adventure of a lifetime? Are you curious to see all the exhibits come to life in a real life museum? Come find out to see what happens when we stay over at the Dallas Museum of Natural History.

The theme will be Deep Sea and we will get to see the Electric Theater stage show, explore the Museum on a scavenger hunt, participate in a shark workshop and craft, and get a sneak preview at our traveling exhibit Planet Shark. In the morning we will wake up and view one of the current IMAX films.

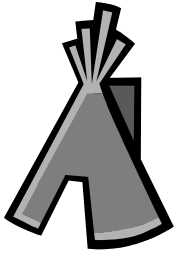


Check-in is Friday February 3 at 7:00 at the Nature Building, Activities start at 7:30, and the Sleepover ends at 9:30 AM on Saturday. They feed us breakfast on Saturday but not dinner on Friday. You cannot bring your own food (unless you have a medical reason) or purchase food there. A Friday night snack will be provided.



Tickets are only \$74 per pair, and \$25 for each additional child and registration is now available through the Central YMCA, either in person or online. Registration needs to be made by January 26. Please sign up as soon as possible. This is open to Trail-age boys too.

*Do you have a Dad that is interested in the program?
This is a great first adventure to invite them on!*



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Boles Junior High



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