

October 2011

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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 *

Fall Campouts

Princess Oct 21 - 23 Cooper Lake SP

"Haunted Trail"





Turkey Shoot

NEW DATE: November 5, 10am—12 pm

Dalworthington Gardens City Park

All Nations are Welcome!

Cost: **FREE**

Federation Community Day

Saturday Nov 12, 9am—1 pm

Mission Arlington

All Nations are Welcome!

Cost: **Free**

Sort cans for Thanksgiving dinner, and support our canned food drive!



Elder: **Brian Hill**
 Elder: John Geyerman 817.473.0218
 Elder: **Jeff Cloud** 817-360-0611

Elder: Mike Ginani 469.767.3051
 Elder: David Adams
 Elder: Jim Gammon

Bold names are new elders this year.

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Papoose Chief: Brian Bolton
Princess Chief: Rob Williams

Guides Chief: Brad Millican
Trail Chief: David Adams

Federation Meshenewa: John Geyerman

Program Calendar

YMCA Father/Child Program Events Calendar 2011-2012				
Events	Papoose 3-5 Yrs	Princess K-3rd	Guides K-3rd	Trail 4th & up
Hawaiian Falls Event	28-May	28-May	28-May	28-May
New Chief's Orientation	21-Jun	21-Jun	21-Jun	21-Jun
Dive In Movie Central Y	16-Jul	16-Jul	16-Jul	16-Jul
4th of July Parade (Arlington)	4-Jul	4-Jul	4-Jul	4-Jul
Little Chiefs Longhouse	16-Aug	16-Aug	16-Aug	16-Aug
Carnival	27-Aug	27-Aug	27-Aug	27-Aug
New Dad's Orientation	13-Sep	13-Sep	13-Sep	13-Sep
	YMCA	YMCA	YMCA	YMCA
Induction	17-Sep	17-Sep	17-Sep	17-Sep
	Lake Arlington	Lake Arlington	Lake Arlington	Lake Arlington
Fall Campout Event	Sep 23 - 25	Oct 21 - 23	Oct 7 - 9	Sept 30 - Oct 2
	Dino Valley SP	Cooper Lake SP	Lake Whitney SP	Rafting Trip -- Rockin "R"
Turkey Shoot	5-Nov	5-Nov	5-Nov	5-Nov
Federation Community Day	12-Nov	12-Nov	12-Nov	12-Nov
Papoose Train Ride Event	19-Nov			
Princess Event		T.B.D		
Arlington Parade of Lights	3-Dec	3-Dec	3-Dec	3-Dec
Papoose Christmas Party	11-Dec			
Federation Winter Campout	Jan 27 - 29	Jan 27 - 29	Jan 27 - 29	Jan 27 - 29
	Loyd Park	Loyd Park	Loyd Park	Loyd Park
Daddy Daughter Date Night		17-Feb		
Father-Son Event			T.B.D	
Federation Fund Raiser Dinner	25-Feb	25-Feb	25-Feb	25-Feb
Pinewood Derby	3-Mar	3-Mar	3-Mar	3-Mar
Papoose Fishing Event	24-Mar			
Spring Campout Event	Apr 20-22	Apr 13 - 15	Apr 27 - 29	May 4 - 6
	Purtis Creek SP	Lake Whitney SP	Lake Murray	Enchanted Rock SP
Rocket Shoot	12-May	12-May	12-May	12-May
Chief's Appreciation Dinner	15-May	15-May	15-May	15-May
Family Campout	May 18-20	May 18-20	May 18-20	May 18-20
	Cedar Hill SP	Cedar Hill SP	Cedar Hill SP	Cedar Hill SP

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More details on all the events are in this Smoke Signal and on our web site:

<http://www.Blackland-Prairie.org>

**** The latest calendar will always be online at this address: <http://www.ymca-arlington.org/fcEventCalendar.asp>**





HEY, DADS:

Would you like the opportunity to spend more time with your child?

HEY, MOMS:

Would you like to have 3 weekends to yourself during the school year?

If you answered yes, the YMCA of Arlington has a program just for you...

THE FATHER/CHILD PROGRAM

YMCA Father/Child Programs are nationally recognized for fostering life-long companionship between parents and their children using Native American themes. This program is unique because the parent and child participate in all activities **TOGETHER!**

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Campouts • Pinewood Derby
- Rocket Shoot • And Much More!

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YA TA HEY MIGHTY BLACKLAND PRAIRIE FEDERATION!

Fall is in the air with cooler temperatures here to prove it. We have also had some much needed rain, but it could have held off another day in the Lake Whitney area. My life is full of flag football with my son, and Soccer and Volleyball with my daughter. As the weather has started to cool off, I am ready to hit the road for some camping with the Princess and Trail Nations.



This year it is the Princess Nation who will head out to Cooper Lake State Park for the Father Child Program's Haunted Trail. This is an event put on by the Trail program each year. Rumor has it that a group of renegade guides are planning a weekend at Cooper State Park to come to the Haunted Trail, so be on the lookout Princess Nation and have a water balloon or two ready to "welcome" the guides to your campout. (NOTE: This activity is not condoned by program leadership. ;-) Please throw water balloons responsibly and pick up the spent water balloon casing when finished! The park rangers wear me out over this!)

Here is a list of the upcoming events, NOTE the date change of the Turkey Shoot. This is due to a City Wide event for DWG on October 29th. So we have had to move our event to the first Saturday in November.

Below is a list of the upcoming events.

October 21st – 23rd Princess Fall Campout and Trail Haunted Trail Cooper Lake SP South Sulfur Unit

November 5th – Turkey Shoot DWG Pappy Elkins Park **(NOTE NEW DATE)**

November 12th – Federation Community Day at Mission Arlington

November 19th – Papoose Train Ride

December 3rd – Princess Bike Rodeo

December 3rd 6 pm – Arlington Holiday Lights Parade

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!

Our **FALL CAMPOUT** is in the books. What an AWESOME weekend! Dinosaur Valley State Park turned out to be a wonderful destination for kids and dads alike, with plenty of activities to keep everyone busy. It seems that the watergun battle was the highlight of the weekend? I pray your weekend spent with the Papoose Nation was both enriching and rewarding for all of you whom attended. If you have any campout pictures that you might like to share, please forward them to Tim Ackermann of the Hawk Tribe (tg.ackermann@gmail.com). Big KUDOS to **BEAR TRIBE** for entertaining us on Friday and Saturday nights with a movie under the stars, and for the great devotional on Sunday morning.

I would especially like to thank all of the Tribal Chiefs who diligently coordinated with me to make this campout a big success for all of us. If any of you have any ideas that you would like to see implemented at future campouts, please feel free to contact me.

I hope all of you are working on deeds for your achievement patches. I'm looking forward to handing out many more achievement patches at our next Nation "fire" at the Winter Campout.

Upcoming weeks provide multiple opportunities for you and your child to spend some time together. On Saturday, November 5, the **FEDERATION TURKEY SHOOT** will be held at Pappy Elkins Park in Dalworthington Gardens. Look for a paper turkey target that your child can color to be sent out to you via email. Other than the frozen turkeys handed out to the winners, no actual turkeys will be endangered during the event. If your Papoose can actually hit the paper target with the BB gun, you'll be doing very well, indeed. It's a fun, come-and-go event.

FEDERATION COMMUNITY DAY will be held the following Saturday, on November 12, when we descend on Mission Arlington and sort canned goods for their impending holiday demands. I would encourage all of you whom will be attending to bring donations as well. It's a great day to spend with our kids and share with them how important it is that not everyone is as blessed with worldly necessities, and that we should share what we can with our community by reaching out to help our fellow man. It was one of Dancing Rainbow's favorite events last year – she knew exactly what we were doing at Mission Arlington and why it was important. Please don't miss November 12.

Finally, the following Saturday, on November 19, we will have the **PAPOOSE NATION TRAIN RIDE** in Fort Worth. Unlike in past years, where we jump aboard the Trinity Railway, we are, instead, headed to the Forest Park Miniature Railroad (www.fpmt.us) by the FW Zoo for a train ride along the Trinity River and through Trinity River Park. Smiling Turtle and Dancing Rainbow **both** requested that the train ride event be done at Forest Park. After the train ride, we are then headed over to spend the balance of the afternoon at the Zoo to have a *wild time*. Both events will allow for reduced rates from those which are advertised.

Put these events on your calendar! You will receive detailed information regarding each event from your Tribal Chiefs as the dates draw nearer.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next event. Enjoy the cooler weather.

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)**



Ya-ta-hey Mighty Princess Nation!

Texas Rangers, Dallas Cowboys, Dallas Stars, Texas A&M, Texas Longhorns, Arkansas Razorbacks. World Series. Bottom of the ninth, 2 outs down by 1 and Nelson Cruz is up to bat. What happens?

What comes to mind when I say these words? These teams? Is there an emotional attachment? Memories? Like you should be there at the moment?

This is what should happen with you and your daughter when you think of the Father/Child Program. The next campout. The next event on our great calendar. The excitement of teaching her new things. Being a part of their lives and seeing the many blessings we have. All these are memories you will NOT regret just like Nelson's Grand Slam.



The weather is perfect right now! So get your bags, your tent, and let's create those memories with our girls! By the time you have read this, we've probably already created those memories at the Fall Campout and the great annual Haunted Trail, which is ALWAYS a hit!

I want to thank all the Dads in the program for helping with the Induction. We have heard the feedback and please know that we're taking action to change things up, spruce it up, make it flow better, create interest! I am constantly looking for feedback, negative or positive. Nothing is overlooked because this program is about you and your daughter!

Keep the word out about recruitment and remember you can invite a friend that's not in the program to come out to a campout for free. If you missed the Fall Campout at Cooper Lake, we got the next one at Lloyd Park in Grand Prairie. Once there, it will be apparent what they are missing out on! Also, remember... a strong tribe meets on a regular basis. Please be sure to communicate amongst each other. If in doubt, please contact me with any questions. I am always willing to talk about the Father/Child Program!

See you at the next event!

For now, many blessings!

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

Arlington YMCA Fall Campout and Haunted Trail



Fire of Death!!!

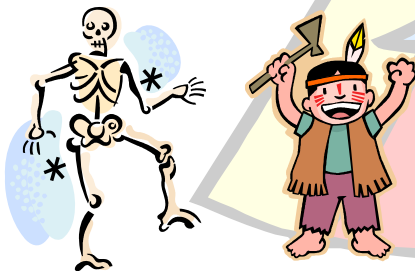


Pumpkin Carving



Spirit Guide and Song Stick

The Black Pearl pirate ship!!



YaTaHey Mighty Braves in the Guides Nation!

I hope everybody has dried out from campout. Despite the wet ending, we had a great time. Congratulations to the Kichai Tribe on winning the games. There was a lot of muscle on display at the tug of war.



I want to commend all the tribes for their great work on the pumpkin displays. We had some really creative ideas brewing there. The Blackfoot had a great Indian burial ground where they displayed all the tribes they have taken out for Tribe of the Year. The Apache Tribe had some great skeletons going that the kids made at a tribe meeting. The Tonkawa Tribe had a very ghostly display with some very cool ghost the kids made. The Mohican Tribe showed us why you don't let your pumpkins stay up past midnight.

With all those great displays, the one that stood out and earned the Spirit Award for the Guides Fall Campout was the Kichai Tribe. I never knew you could teach pumpkins to roast marshmallows. Not only did they do a great job on the carvings, but it sounds like the kids had a lot of fun stuffing the "people" for the display. Great job Kichai Tribe!!!

Next up on our agenda is the Turkey Shoot on Saturday, March 5. Dads, start getting your kids to decorate their targets. This is a great time for your Little Braves to learn about how to safely shoot a BB gun and have fun doing it. In case you forgot, the high score wins a HUGE frozen turkey you can have for Thanksgiving. This is one you don't want to miss.

After Turkey Shoot is the one event all year that I believe is the BEST event we do all year. Community Day will be on Saturday, November 12. This is a chance for us to teach our kids about the importance of giving back to those that need our help. Mission Arlington is always extremely grateful for the work we do for them. It will make a huge impact with your son for years to come.

I look forward to seeing each of you at Turkey Shoot in a couple of weeks!

As always, this is your program. To make it all it can be, we need and want your participation and feedback.

Brad "Big Bear Claw" Millican
Guides Nation Chief

Miles "Eagle Eye" Millican
Guides Nation Little Chief

YaTaHey Mighty Trail Nation!

The Trail Nation had its annual **Rafting Trip** on the Guadalupe River from September 30 to October 2, and this year we added tubing in the afternoon on the Comal River. Everyone that went had a great time, the water was just fine for rafting in the morning and our usual water cannon wars, and the tubing on the Comal was great fun on the chutes and relaxing too. Several dads and kids did the first chute at the City Park many times over and had a blast doing that and then relaxing as they toobed down the river past Schlitterbahn. Our morning group breakfasts were terrific (great job cooks), and dinner at the Grist Mill goes without saying! Also, three big kudos to Jessica and Christina for putting on the Sunday morning devotional for us, you both did a great job!!



As you all know, October is a busy time for the Trail Nation, as we're getting ready for the **Haunted Trail** campout at Cooper Lake State Park on October 21-23. This is one of the favorite events on the schedule and the Trail Nation will be hosting the Princess Nation this year. Although last year's Haunted Trail was rained out for the Guides Nation campout, some of the Guides have vowed to return this year so that they can enjoy the Haunted Trail and not have to wait another year. I still remember my first Haunted Trail campout with my daughter Dancing Sunshine nine years ago, and was amazed at how great it was then, and that it keeps getting better every year. I know lots of you are already planning your haunted houses and other scenes, so this year promises to be one of the best for our younger nations and other park visitors that will be going through our Haunted Trail.

The **Turkey Shoot** is right around the corner, and will be held in the morning on November 5, at Dalworthington Garden's City Park. The kids love shooting BB guns and testing their archery skills, so don't miss this fun event. If your child has the high score, they could win a frozen turkey for your family, so just think how happy mom will be not having to buy the bird this year! You can download a turkey target from the Blackland Prairie Federation website. <http://www.blackland-prairie.org>.

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Federation Community Day is on November 12, at Mission Arlington. This day is one that really shows how much we care about our community and our ability to help those who are not as fortunate as we are, as we give back to the people of Arlington and the surrounding areas that Mission Arlington supports. Not only does this day instill a sense of community service in all of us, but if your child has community service hours for a school organization (e.g., National Junior Honor Society), this is a great way to get those valuable credits. Please make it a point to attend, bring your canned goods donation, and bring mom along too, so she can see how hard our kids work at this event.

Remember, each event that you and your child share in builds a memory for life that they will never forget.

"Running Bear" (David Adams)

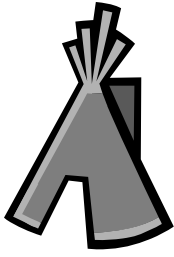
Trail Nation Chief

"Dancing Sunshine" (Allison) – Trailmate

"Big Trout" (Brian Murphy)

Assistant Trail Nation Chief

"Rainbow Trout" (Molly) – Trailmate



Princess Fall Campout
October 21-23 Cooper Lake SP



Turkey Shoot
November 5 Pappy Elkins Park
Dalworthington Gardens

Community Day
November 12 Mission Arlington

Papoose Train Ride
November 19 Forest Park Miniature Railroad
(by Ft Worth Zoo)



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