

September 2011

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Recruitment...

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

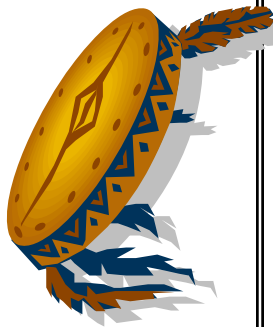
Online Registration

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



Upcoming Events...

* See complete calendar on page 2 *



Induction Ceremony

Papoose, Princess, Guides, Trail
Family & Friends

Saturday, September 17, 7:00pm

Please join us and help welcome the new members into our great program. Bring mom and the grandparents to see our bonfire ceremony complete with Fire Dancers.

Fall Campouts

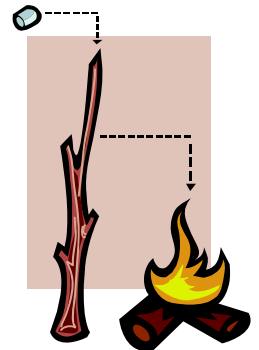
Papoose Sep 23 - 25 Dino Valley SP

Trails Sep 30 - Oct 2 Rafting Trip

Guides Oct 7 - 9 Lake Whitney SP

Princess Oct 21 - 23 Cooper Lake SP

"Haunted Trail"



Elder: Jim Norris 817.419.9053

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.

Federation Chief: Bill Darroch 214.274.8253

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Papoose Chief: Brian Bolton

Guides Chief: Brad Millican

Princess Chief: Rob Williams

Trail Chief: David Adams

Federation Meshenewa: John Geyerman

Program Calendar

YMCA Father/Child Program Events Calendar 2011-2012				
Events	Papoose	Princess	Guides	Trail
	3-5 Yrs	K-3rd	K-3rd	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!

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

The YMCA of Arlington will be holding an informational meeting at:

Program Induction Ceremony
September 17 from 7pm to 9pm
Richard Sampson Park, Arkansas Ln. 76013
Call: 817.274.9622

Bring the whole family for a fun and informative evening.



www.ymca-arlington.org

YA TA HEY MIGHTY BLACKLAND PRAIRIE FEDERATION!

I hope everyone is having a fantastic start to the school year. 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 Guides and Princess Nations.

Just want to thank each of you for all your efforts in making the Carnival a great success. This year during the carnival I talked with more new dads and help more new dads sign up than in years past. "We had 34 new kids added on Saturday and we are at 247 total children in the program. We had 442 last year so we need 195 more to sign up. Please get registered as soon as you can if you have not done so already."



I hope everyone is ready and planning on attending Induction this year. This is the official start to the Father Child Program year. The event will be held on September 17th at Richard Simpson Park @ Lake Arlington. We will gather at 7 PM and march in as tribes around 7:30 PM to the ceremony area.

The next two months are the busiest of the entire program year. So get READY!

Here is a list of the upcoming events, NOTE the date change of the Turkey Shot. 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. PLEASE start signing up for the Fall campouts NOW!

September 13th – Dads Orientation (I need All Nations and Tribes represented) Central YMCA Community Room 7:00 PM, if you have not attended orientation before, or would like a review, please come to the meeting. This is also a good time to bring prospective members.

September 17th – Induction @ Lake Arlington Richard Simpson Park 6300 West Arkansas Lane, Arlington, TX 76016

September 20th – Chief's Longhouse Meeting

September 23rd – 25th Papoose Fall Campout Dino Valley SP

September 30th – October 2nd – Trail Trip Rockin R

October 7th – 9th Guides Fall Campout Lake Whitney SP

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 DUE**)

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!

I first want to welcome all of the new Big Braves and their little Papoose. We are a proud Nation and we extend our warmest greetings to you as we begin our new Program year.

We had a great Carnival again this year. The Papoose booths were fun for the kids and our Tribes were very well-represented. Thanks for all of your efforts in making the Carnival a success!

WE ARE IN FULL SWING WITH A VERY BUSY MONTH!!! Our first big event is the **INDUCTION CEREMONY** set on September 17, 2011, at Richard Simpson Park on Lake Arlington, 6300 W. Arkansas Lane. Assembly for the induction will begin at approximately 7:00 p.m., with Tribal march-ins at approximately 7:30. If the Great Spirit is pleased with our gathering, the Bonfire will be lit shortly thereafter. Fire dancing is scheduled, along with important pledges made to each other by the father his child. As in years past, the Papoose Nation will have a hot dog supper prior to the Induction. The supper will start at 6:00, and is open to the Papoose Tribes and their families. 3 big "kudos" go to Tim Ackermann and **HAWK TRIBE** for organizing the supper. Please look for additional information from your Tribal Chiefs, as they will be asking for assistance with sides, drinks, and desserts. Bring out the entire family for this official start to the Program year.

GET READY TO GO CAMPING! On September 23-25, the weekend after Induction, we will take the Papoose Nation to **DINOSAUR VALLEY STATE PARK** for our Fall Campout. We will have a weekend of activities planned, including a watergun battle (you can't shoot the Nation Chief...), feather trails, glow-stick trails, and a morning trip over to Dinosaur World. We can purchase reduced tickets for \$6.00 each as a group, check out the dinosaurs, and dig for fossils. Your Tribal Chiefs are working on a special get-together after the Bonfire, so make sure to follow up with them about the details as to what needs to be done. We should have a terrific weekend!



The key to a great campout is organization! Make sure you attend your Tribe meetings to ensure that all the loose ends for the campout have been addressed.

Although the Carnival is the biggest recruiting event of the year, there are many opportunities to still recruit new members. Bring a guest to the Induction, or bring them to the Fall Campout. Continued recruiting ensures a successful Program and guarantees your Tribe's longevity.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me. I'm looking forward to meeting all of the new dads at the Orientation, and I'll see everyone else at the Induction. I look forward to a great year with every one of you. The dads in this Program lead exemplary lives and serve as wonderful examples to their children. You should all be proud of the commitment you have made to your daughters and sons.

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



-PAPOOSE NATION CHIEF BLACK OWL (Brian Bolton)

-LITTLE NATION CHIEFS SMILING TURTLE (Madeleine) & DANCING RAINBOW (Grace)

Ya-ta-hey Mighty Princess Nation!

As I type this, the weather is just right! Beautiful morning with temperatures in the 60's and the sun is rising. I'm reflecting on the days of 9/11/2001 and praying for those that suffered and perished on that day. In addition to the many that have served our Country to allow for my family to have the freedom we have and to be in such a wonderful program like ours.

Sixties? Who would have thought we'd get there with the hottest years on record! I am ready for the Fall Campout and events we have in store. With only a month away for our first Campout, we're definitely heading in the right direction with our weather. **I promise:** The special moments you will share with your Princess will be worth every second when you put together the tent, cooking with them, hiking, fishing, playing games, take the tent down and head home. Seems like a lot of work in a couple of days, but it's about the bond you create – the special moments you'll share that will last a lifetime. As a matter of fact, my oldest daughter Lauren told me just last night that she's "stoked" about the campout coming up. How cool is that? And where did she learn that word "stoked"?

I want to personally thank ALL the Dads for their help during the Carnival. I personally spoke with more NEW Dads than I have had in years. It was hot, but we got the job done! I look ahead at the week and I'm praying for cooler temperatures for our Induction and with possible burn bans with the lack of water, we'll make the best of what's to come!

I recently had the honor to have my daughters help with Don Proctor and his daughter Elizabeth's canoe Thunderbird project (Karankawa Tribe). If a canoe is not something in your horizons, consider something on a smaller scale. ***It's the relationship building that is important.***



ALERT: I need your help! Please sign up for your campouts EARLY. We need all the help possible by getting people signed up far in advance.



A lot of ideas are in store for our year and I am glad to be part of a great group of enthusiastic Dads in our program! I see Dads stepping up and doing more for our program to make it a huge success. I am constantly looking for feedback, suggestions and/or recommendations so please don't hesitate to call or email me personally! This is our program - your voice and volunteerism is **never** overlooked. This program would not be what it is without YOU!

For now, many blessings!

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

YaTaHey Mighty Braves in the Guides Nation!

I come to you excited about our new year kicking off!!! It all started at Carnival where a great time was had by all. Though it was a little warm, we had many new Dads in attendance that have joined us for the new year. Welcome to all of you. It will be a very rewarding experience for you and your sons!!!



For all of those returning Dads, if you have not renewed your program membership yet, please do so ASAP! While you are signing up for the program, go ahead and get signed up for the Fall Campout. Actually, while you are there, go ahead and sign up for them all and put them on your calendar. Make the commitment now to be at all of them with your sons before you schedule anything else.

We are now in full swing for the year and have many great events coming up!! Induction is coming up this week on Saturday. What a really cool event it always is. If you have never been to an induction, you need to attend. It truly sets our path for the year to come. If you have been, you know what I am talking about. Let's get everybody there, welcome in our new members, and have a great time celebrating our new year.

As I mentioned earlier, the Fall Campout will be upon us quickly. Although we probably will not have any fires, we are going to have an exciting time. Many changes are planned for the bonfire ceremony. This is a great park (the only one with an airport in the middle of it) that has just redone many of the amenities that are there. It should be a great time for all. Sign up now so you don't miss out on this great time with your kids.

Two other items to be looking forward to are the Turkey Shoot on October 29 and Community Service Day on November 12. Mark your calendars and be looking for more information to come from your chiefs.

One item I would like to add to these reports are happenings within your tribe. It can focus on either something your entire tribe did or an individual within your tribe that did something really cool over the past month. Please feel free to submit them through your chief and they can forward them to me. I will begin this portion next month.

As always, this is your program. To make it all it can be, we need and want your feedback and suggestions. You don't have to be a chief to do this. All members' opinions are critical and important to us. Let us know what you think.

We'll see you at Induction!!!

Brad "Big Bear Claw" Millican
Guides Nation Chief

Miles "Eagle Eye" Millican
Guides Nation Little Chief

YaTaHey Mighty Trail Nation!

First of all, three big Kudos to all of you for your participation in a well attended and fun-filled Carnival. I want to especially thank all of you that helped put up the Rope Bridge ("Bobcat") and those that assisted the kids on Saturday. The weather was great and all who attended the Carnival looked like they were having a great time. Although the Carnival is our biggest recruiting event of the year, many opportunities continue to exist to recruit new members. For all you that have not had a chance to sign up, please take a few minutes and either sign up online or go by the Central Y branch. You don't want to miss out on this year's events. Now with the Carnival behind us, it is really time to start planning and signing up for our Fall events.

I want to also give three big Kudos to Andie Cloud, who drew the winning patch design for the Rocket Shoot, it is quite an impressive design. So when you see Andie, congratulate her.

We have several important and fun events coming up for the Trail Nation over the upcoming several weeks, so mark your calendars and get ready to have a great time at these events with your trailmates.

September 13 is New Dads Orientation, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Central YMCA. This is a mandatory meeting for all new dads in the program, so if you have a new dad joining our Trail Nation, remind him of this important meeting and encourage them to ask any questions they may have. I will be at the meeting to meet all new dads and welcome them to the Trail Nation. We're all here to help.

September 17 is Induction, 7:00 p.m. at Lake Arlington's Richard Simpson Park, 6300 W. Arkansas Lane. This is for both new and returning members. Come out and make this a special evening with your child. Moms and grandparents are invited and the leadership is planning a fun evening for everyone. Assembly for the Induction begins at 7:00 p.m.

RAFTING TRIP is September 30-October 2. This is the first Trail Nation event for the year, and one of everyone's favorite, I know it's one of my daughter's because she get to shoot water cannons at everyone, so watch out! We will be camping at Camp Hueco Springs at the Rockin 'R, and will have a catered lunch at the sand volleyball area. Watch your email for updates on the trip.



Oct. 21-23: Haunted Trail – Princess Campout, at Cooper Lake State Park, our annual Haunted Trail that we will be putting on for the Princess Nation this year. We will have a planning meeting shortly after the Rafting Trip to set out where everyone will be putting up there part of the Haunted Trail.

"Running Bear" (David Adams)

Trail Nation Chief

"Dancing Sunshine" (Allison) – Trailmate

"Big Trout" (Brian Murphy)

Assistant Trail Nation Chief

"Rainbow Trout" (Molly) – Trailmate

Winning Patch Designs!!!



Fall Campout



Turkey Shoot



Community Day



Winter Campout



Pappoose Xmas



Princess Bike Rodeo



DDD



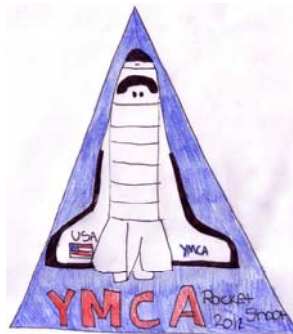
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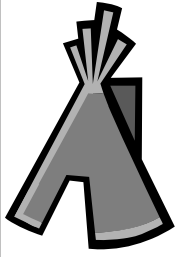
Pinewood Derby



Rocket Shoot



Spring Campout



Induction

**Saturday, September 17, 7:00 pm
Lake Arlington**

**Papoose Fall Campout
September 23-25 Dinosaur Valley SP**



Trails Rafting Trip

**September 30 - October 2
"Rockin R" New Braunfels**

**Guides Fall Campout
October 7-9 Lake Whitney SP**

**Papoose Fall Campout
October 21-23 Cooper Lake SP**



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