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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 This Month...

Princess Dance 50's Sock Hop

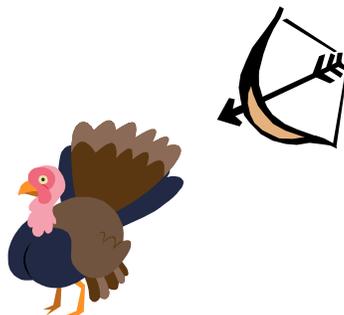
Nov, 7 7:00-9:00 P.M.

Central YMCA Gymnasium

Register online, by phone, or in person

Cost: \$10.00 per couple, \$4 for 2nd child

Papoose, Princess, Trail are all invited!



Turkey Shoot

Nov. 8th 10:00 - noon

Dalworthington Gardens City Park

Pay at the event

Cost: \$10; \$3 for 2nd child

Papoose, Princess, Guides, Trail

Federation Community Day

Papoose, Princess, Guides, Trail

Saturday, Nov. 15 8:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Mission Arlington 210 W. South Street

Cost: Free!



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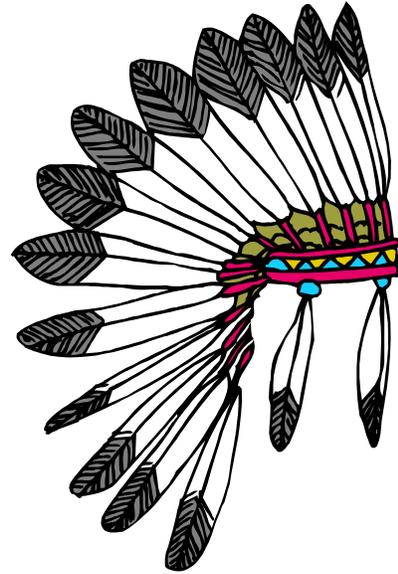
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <u>Papoose Train Ride</u>
2 Daylight Savings Time	3	4 Election Day	5	6	7 <u>Princess Sock Hop</u>	8 <u>Turkey Shoot</u>
9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15 <u>Community Day</u>
16	17	18 <u>Chief Longhouse</u> 7:30 P.M. Central YMCA	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29
30						

YMCA Father/Child Program Events Calendar 2008-2009				
Events	Papoose 3-5 Yrs	Princess K-3rd	Guides K-3rd	Trail 4th & up
New Chief's Orientation	24-Jun YMCA	24-Jun YMCA	24-Jun YMCA	24-Jun YMCA
4th of July Parade (Arlington) Carnival	4-Jul	4-Jul	4-Jul	4-Jul
Little Chiefs Longhouse	30-Aug	30-Aug	30-Aug	30-Aug
Trail Event	19-Aug	19-Aug	19-Aug	19-Aug
New Dad's Orientation				Sep 5 - Sep 7 Rafting Trip
Induction	9-Sep YMCA	9-Sep YMCA	9-Sep YMCA	9-Sep YMCA
Fall Campout Event	20-Sep Lake Arlington	20-Sep Lake Arlington	20-Sep Lake Arlington	20-Sep Lake Arlington
Papoose Event	Sep 26 - Sep 28 Dinosaur Valley	Oct 10-12 Fairfield	Oct 24-26 Cooper Lake	Oct 3-5 Trail Rock Climb Pedemales Falls
Princess Dance	1-Nov Train Ride			
Turkey Shoot		7-Nov		
Federation Community Day	8-Nov	8-Nov	8-Nov	8-Nov
Arlington Parade of Lights	15-Nov	15-Nov	15-Nov	15-Nov
Papoose Christmas Party	6-Dec	6-Dec	6-Dec	6-Dec
Federation Winter Campout	14-Dec			
Father-Son Event	Jan 30 - Feb 1 Loyd Park	Jan 30 - Feb 1 Loyd Park	Jan 30 - Feb 1 Loyd Park	Jan 30 - Feb 1 Loyd Park
Daddy Daughter Date Night			7-Feb	
Federation Fund Raiser Dinner		8-Feb		8-Feb
Papoose Event	21-Feb	21-Feb	21-Feb	21-Feb
Pinewood Derby	2/28/2009 Fishing Event			
Family Campout	7-Mar	7-Mar	7-Mar	7-Mar
Spring Campout Event	Mar 27-29 Ray Roberts	Mar 27-29 Ray Roberts	Mar 27-29 Ray Roberts	Mar 27-29 Ray Roberts
Chief's Appreciation Dinner	Apr 24-26 Mineral Wells State Park	Apr 17-19 Lake Murray	Apr 3-5 Purtis Creek	May 1-3 Canoe Trip/San Marcos
Rocket Shoot	19-May	19-May	19-May	19-May
Trail End Trip	16-May	16-May	16-May	16-May
		June 5-7 Carlsbad Caverns	June 5-7 Carlsbad Caverns	June 5-7 Carlsbad Caverns

YA TA HAY BLACKLAND PRAIRIE FEDERATION!

We have been blessed with wonderful weather for our Fall Campouts. No burn bans, and no foul weather so far - the Guides have yet to have their campout with the Haunted Trail as I write this article - but the forecast is the same.

Apart from the Papoose Event, Princess Dance, and the Turkey Shoot (each of which will be addressed in the specific Nation articles which follow), we can look forward to the upcoming Federation Community Day at Mission Arlington on November 15. This event is open to ALL Nations and their families, and participation by all is highly encouraged. You will recall that this is where we all bring as much non-perishable food as we can to Mission Metroplex (formerly known as Mission Arlington) and then help categorize and separate the food donated for use by the Mission. As always, there are multiple "traveling" awards for those tribes achieving high levels of donation, participation, etc. This will be the first event for the holiday season to help our community, and those families less fortunate. After Community Day, all tribes are encouraged to adopt a family for the Christmas season. More information on that will follow in the next Longhouse and Smoke Signal.



And Speaking of the Christmas Season, the Parade of Lights will be just around the corner after Federation Community Day on December 6. We will have another float, and I expect, plenty of Braves, Papooses, Princesses and Trail-mates lit up with portable/personal lights for the evening. We will get all the details next month.

Let's keep the spirit of the program going, and maintain the quality time this program provides. Remember: up to date information and changes can be found at the official Blackland Prairie website:

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

See you at the events.

Federation Chief "Running Buck"

***Swimming Butterfly * Little Buck Runamuck * Livie One-Shoe ***

(Wes, Zoe, Grant & Olivia Maness)

Yatahey Papoose Nation,

The first campout and train ride of the year have come and gone and I personally enjoyed all of the home made ice cream at the campout. I hope you did too.

I want to tell you a story of the Laurel, Rock, and Dogwood People who live in the mountains. Some Indians call them the Little People.

The Little People live in rock caves on the mountain side. They are little boys and girls reaching almost to your knees. They are well shaped and handsome, and their hair is so long it almost touches the ground. They are very helpful, kind-hearted, and great wonder workers. They love music and spend most of their time drumming, singing, and dancing. They have a very gentle nature, but do not like to be disturbed.

Sometimes their drums are heard in lonely places in the mountains, but it is not safe to follow it, for they do not like to be disturbed at home, and they will throw a spell over the stranger so that he is bewildered and loses his way, and even if he does at last get back to the settlement he is like one dazed ever after.

When a Indian Brave or Princess finds anything in the woods, such as a knife or a trinket, they must say, 'Little People, I would like to take this' because it may belong to the Little People, and if he does not ask their permission they will throw stones at him as he goes home.

Some Little People are black, some are white and some are golden like the Cherokee. Sometimes they speak in Cherokee, but at other times they speak their own 'Indian' language. Some call them "Brownies".

Little people are here to teach lessons about living in harmony with nature and with others. There are three kinds of Little People, the Laurel People, the Rock People, and the Dogwood People.

The lessons taught by the Little People are clear. The Rock People teach us that if you do things to other people out of meanness or intentionally, it will come back on you. We must always respect other people's limits and boundaries. The Laurel People teach us that we shouldn't take the world too seriously, and we must always have joy and share that joy with others. The lessons of the Dogwood People are simple - if you do something for someone, do it out of goodness of your heart. Don't do it to have people obligated to you or for personal gain.

With the holidays nearing we need to be aware of other people in our community that need our help. As the Dogwood People would say "we should help others out of the Goodness in our hearts." That is why I want to encourage each of you to participate in the Federation day on November 15th. This is an opportunity for us to learn from the Dogwood People and do good to others.

I look forward to seeing you at the Turkey shoot and federation day.

Kelly Sleeping Bear Turner & Reid Screaming Eagle Turner

Yatahey Mighty Princess Nation!

It feels like I just returned from Fairfield SP after the outstanding Fall Campout. *Actually, I was the last to leave the park at 5pm, because I lost car my keys. My wife and two other daughters drove from Mansfield to bring my spare set. What a wonderful Zuni maiden. Elah Kwah, Amber.*



Did you see that pumpkin go up in a ball of fire and smoke at the Nation bonfire? Father Time, Rodney Smith, said that he hasn't seen such a spectacular exploding pumpkin in his entire 12 years in the program! 3 overpowering Kudos to the Karankawa tribe for bringing the Great Spirit to light our bonfire. **KUDOS, KUDOS, KUDOS!!!** I also want to congratulate Mighty Wolf (Brian Hill) of the Kichai tribe for his efforts as the War Chief that made my job as Nation Chief much easier. Many thanks to Spotted Eagle (Steve Gervais) also of the Kichai; he resurrected the lost tradition of singing competing tribal songs at the Bonfire. The first recipient of the Song Coup Stick, crafted by a real Mohican Indian, for the best song is the Comanche tribe.



This Fall Campout was busy many other activities at this, such as the Geocache, the Site Decoration Contest won by the Sioux tribe with their unique Jack-O-Lantern hanging mobile, and the Fishing Contest. The fish just weren't biting this year, but we did have 3 winners (all from the might Winnebago tribe) in the following categories:

Anna Davis	Winnebago	5yrs/K	Tilapia 4" (Biggest for Age group)
Jordan Davis (Dessert Rose)	Winnebago	5yrs/K	Bass 3" (Smallest for Age group)
Emily Harding (Star Bright)	Winnebago	8yrs/2nd	Perch 6.5" (Biggest for Age group)

Keep fishing with your Big Braves, Princesses and maybe you'll catch "The Big One" at the next campout.

We have a BUSY MONTH in November with our 1) Sock Hop Dance, 2) Turkey Shoot and 3) Federation Community Day.

1) Are you ready to do the Twist? The Mohawk are War Chiefing the Sock Hop Dance at the Central Y. They have promised a great time with 50's music, and a special appearance by "the King" ELVIS PRESLEY. Read about it elsewhere in this issue.

2) What's that, you boys in the Guides say girls can't shoot guns? Well, I'll have you know that the highest score at last year's Turkey Shoot was achieved by one of our beautiful, straight-shootin' Princesses! You can download the target here, color it, and bring it to the event: http://www.princessnation.org/Documents/turkey_target.pdf

Come on out; the highest score in each of the four nations wins a free turkey for Thanksgiving.

3) Come out for Community Day to sort cans of food, and help those less fortunate than us have a true Thanksgiving in these hard times of layoffs. Read Grey Wolf's (Mike McArthur) write-up elsewhere in this issue too.

Remember that our Program is all about spending time with your kids. Tell somebody you know about the great times they are missing by not joining us. Or better yet, invite them to any of our activities. I'll bet they will join and have a better relationship with their kids because of it.

Elah Kwah (Zuni for Thank You),

Princess Nation Chief Lightning Cloud and Shining Cloud

(Jeff and Andie)

Ya Ta Hey Mighty Guides Nation,

Well, we had a our first Might Guides Nation Campout, and I believe it was a success. I know spirits were high, the weather was great and the pumpkins were amazing. Hats off again to the Trail. The amount of work they put into it every year is monumental, and it never fails to surprise and scare us. Congratulations to the Blackfoot Tribe. They won the Spirit award for the Fall Campout. I will add that the Kichai and the Apache were very close on their heels. In all honesty, this years pumpkins and displays were unbelievable. Thank you to all who spent so much time organizing their displays. In addition, I would like to recognize all of those who received their patches at the campout. We had 3 that got their Woodsman, Tracker and Hunter patch and also awarded a Silver Star. It shows how great this program is, and I like many others, are proud to be apart of it. I would like to add, that I appreciate all of those who allowed me as the "Great Storyteller", a pass on the use of the word "Mosaicans".



Next up on the calendar is the Turkey Shoot. We are asking that you contact the Apache Tribe to assist in duties for this event. They are war chiefting it and it takes a lot to put this event on. As always, if you have photos or stories from the campout or your meetings, please pass them along to me so I can include them and give them recognition.

Kevin "Night Owl" Hadawi, Nation Chief

Kaden "Roaring Rapid" Hadawi, Little Nation Chief

YaTaHey Mighty Trail Nation!

We had a great turn-out for the Trail Fall Campout at Pedernales Falls State Park / Reimers Ranch for Rock Climbing October 3-5th. We ended up with about 80 participants. After spending the morning climbing and exploring the unique area around Reimers Ranch, many enjoyed the river at the state park, while others made a side trip to Hamilton Pool on Saturday afternoon. Brannndon, his brother Greg, and Lisa were awesome guides and shared their lessons on climbing techniques and their various adventures. Let us know if you liked this trip enough to plan again for another year.



From the comments I've received so far, the Haunted Trail was a great success! Thanks to everyone who participated for their hard work getting the trail planned, set up and run. I personally owe a huge thanks to many of for making it run so smoothly and allowing us Dads with Guides to enjoy the weekend with our kids. Many of you worked all day Saturday to get things organized and set up. Not to mention the preparation before the trip to put as much together as possible. From the entrance tunnel, through the haunted graveyard, past the 4-wheeler crash (complete with severed body), through the maze with plenty of scary twists and turns, into the Black Pearl with live organ music, past the Ring of Fire, and sneaking past the chainsaws. I think it was a night the Guides will remember for many years. I'm sure they're already looking forward to their time in the Trail. Great example for them and their dads!

Check the calendar in this publication and the Y website. Upcoming events remaining this year are the Princess Sock Hop on the 7th of November, the Guides Turkey Shoot on the 8th of November, the Federation Community Day on the 15th of November, and the Arlington Parade of Lights on December 6th. The Trail is invited to the Sock Hop and Turkey Shoot, and integral to the Community Day and Parade of Lights.

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Message from your Princess Sock Hop War Chief...

Yatahey Blackland Prairie Federation,



The mighty Mohawk tribe will be hosting a great gathering of all Tribes of the Trail, Princess, and Papoose Nations. All Braves and their Daughters are invited! The gathering will be on November 7th, from 7 to 9 pm. It will be held at our tribal gathering grounds (aka. Central Arlington YMCA) on Davis Blvd, between Pioneer Parkway and Arkansas Ln. The Mohawk Princess tribe will gather sufficient sustenance for all Federation members and guests, whether your travels to this gathering are great or small.

This very exciting gathering of Father's and Daughters will include the following tribal activities:

Father and Daughter bonding through ritual dancing to '50's music

Princess Hunting skills development via a "hula hoop" competition

Appearance by the incarnation of the great Elvis

Hand/Eye coordination test (Piñata) for all Princesses

This gathering is open to all Fathers and Daughters of the Federation including guests that are not currently members. Please invite at least one new Father/Daughter couple to this gathering, so that they can witness the great benefits of being a part of our organization.

Wishing you and your's the best,

Vigil Hawk, Chief, Princess Mohawk

Billy McCarty



Message from your Community Day War Chief...

Hey Dads! Want to show your kids a bit of Community Service?

Hey Kids! Think you can sort more canned food than you dad?

The Annual **Federation Community Day** is just a couple of weeks away on **November 15th**. Join us from 8:30 am to 1 pm at Mission Arlington to help us sort food for families within our own community. Last year, Mission Arlington provided Thanksgiving meals to **16,908** people. Jim Burgin (son of Mission Arlington founder Tillie Burgin) says, "[This day] truly has become one of my favorite days of the year."



I personally am going to donate at least \$50 in nonperishable food items to the cause and challenge each of you to participate as well. Join me in making our donations a significant part of the meals that Mission Arlington hands out.

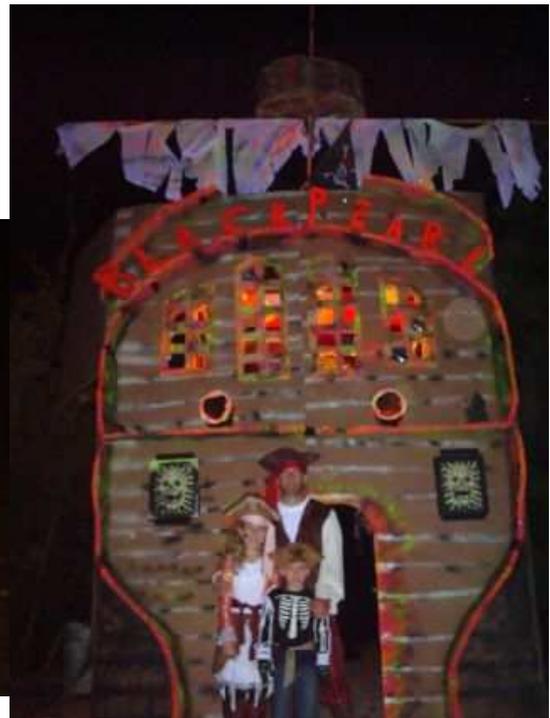
Mission Arlington is located at **210 W South St** in downtown Arlington. We will be setting up our sorting area in one of the parking lots to the west of the main building. If you can't make it the whole time, come and spend a couple of hours. This is an event well worth your energy.

We will see you there!

Grey Wolf and Zebra Girl
(Mike & Kayden McArthur)



Some Pictures from the Trail Nation Events in October!



Behind the scenes...the making of a Haunted Pirate Ship.





 **Father/Child**

 **PAPOOSE**

 **PRINCESS**

 **GUIDES**

 **TRAIL**



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