



Smoke Signal

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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...

July 4th Parade

Please join us on the Federation float hosted by Program Elder & Trail Nation Chief Gene Hubble.

Contact your chief for details.

Saturday, July 4th at 9:00 a.m.

Information on the parade can be found here: arlington4th.com



Little Chiefs Longhouse

August 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Children of current chiefs & assistants only should attend this Longhouse with their Fathers to vote on the patches we will use next year for all events.

All children in the program are encouraged to submit an entry for the patch design competition. Get your entries to your chief...

Annual Carnival & Pool Party

Saturday, August 29
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Central Branch

Join us for a great day of fun including swimming, carnival games, waterslide, bounce house, and discounted SCUBA lessons for the kids!

Please bring potential recruits, friends, and family.



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Elder: Gene Hubble 817.457.7466

Elder: Mike Ginani 469.767.3051

Elder: **John Geyerman** 817.473.0218

Elder: Jerry Davis 817.451.4994

Elder: Steve Dellesaga 817.795.8370

Elder: **Wes Maness** 817.645.0313

Bold names are new elders this year.

Federation Chief: Charles Richards 817.522.3810 **Asst. Federation Chief:** Jeff Cloud 817.453.4641

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Papoose Chief: Bill Darroch

Guides Chief: Bob Familgletti

Princess Chief: Brian Hill

Trail Chief: Gene Hubble

Federation Meshenewa: Mike McArthur 817.492.0749

YMCA Father/Child Program Events Calendar 2009-2010

Events	Papoose	Princess	Guides	Trail
	3-5 Yrs	K-3rd	K-3rd	4th & up
<i>New Chief's Orientation</i>	16-Jun	16-Jun	16-Jun	16-Jun
	YMCA	YMCA	YMCA	YMCA
<i>4th of July Parade (Arlington)</i>	4-Jul	4-Jul	4-Jul	4-Jul
<i>Little Chiefs Longhouse</i>	18-Aug	18-Aug	18-Aug	18-Aug
<i>Carnival</i>	29-Aug	29-Aug	29-Aug	29-Aug
<i>Trail Event</i>				Sep 11 - Sep 13
				Rafting Trip
<i>New Dad's Orientation</i>	8-Sep	8-Sep	8-Sep	8-Sep
	YMCA	YMCA	YMCA	YMCA
<i>Induction</i>	19-Sep	19-Sep	19-Sep	19-Sep
	Lake Arlington	Lake Arlington	Lake Arlington	Lake Arlington
<i>Fall Campout Event</i>	Sep 25 - 27	Oct 23 - 25	Oct 16 - 18	Oct 2 - 4
	Cleburne SP	Cooper Lake	Eisenhower SP	Rock climbing
<i>Turkey Shoot</i>	7-Nov	7-Nov	7-Nov	7-Nov
<i>Federation Community Day</i>	14-Nov	14-Nov	14-Nov	14-Nov
<i>Papoose Event</i>	21-Nov			
<i>Princess Dance</i>		4-Dec		
<i>Arlington Parade of Lights</i>	5-Dec	5-Dec	5-Dec	5-Dec
<i>Papoose Christmas Party</i>	13-Dec			
<i>Federation Winter Campout</i>	Jan 29 - 31	Jan 29 - 31	Jan 29 - 31	Jan 29 - 31
	Loyd Park	Loyd Park	Loyd Park	Loyd Park
<i>Daddy Daughter Date Night</i>		7-Feb		
<i>Father-Son Event</i>			TBD	
<i>Federation Fund Raiser Dinner</i>	27-Feb	27-Feb	27-Feb	27-Feb
<i>Pinewood Derby</i>	6-Mar	6-Mar	6-Mar	6-Mar
<i>Papoose Event</i>	13-Mar			
<i>Family Campout</i>	Mar 26 - 28	Mar 26 - 28	Mar 26 - 28	Mar 26 - 28
	Ray Roberts	Ray Roberts	Ray Roberts	Ray Roberts
<i>Spring Campout Event</i>	Apr 23 - 25	Apr 16 - 18	Apr 9 - 11	Apr 30 - May 2
	Dinosaur Valley SP	Lake Whitney	Lake Murray	TBD
<i>Rocket Shoot</i>	15-May	15-May	15-May	15-May
<i>Chief's Appreciation Dinner</i>	18-May	18-May	18-May	18-May
<i>Trail End Trip</i>		June 4 - 6	June 4 - 6	June 4 - 6
		TBD	TBD	TBD

Updated: 5/20/2009

YA TA HAY BLACKLAND PRAIRIE FEDERATION!

Summer is finally here! This is a great time to continue with monthly tribe meetings and outings since the number of official program events are much fewer. Year-round monthly tribe meetings keeps a tribe strong and ready to start the next year with a lot of steam. Many tribes hold pool parties at members homes or at the YMCA pools. Think outside the box this summer and do something extra special with your tribe.

Please join us on the Federation Float at the 44th annual Arlington USA Independence Day Parade. We have participated in this event every year for the past 5 years, and I have to say that it gets better every year. Plan to get there early so you can walk around the staging area before the parade starts and see all the different floats up close.

Please encourage your child to submit their drawings for the patch design competition for next years events. The designs will be voted on at the August Longhouse by the children of the current chiefs and their assistants. It always amazes me when I look at the past 6 years of patches on my vest that every one of them was designed by a child in our program. We have a lot of talent in our Federation!

I recently went on my first Trail's End Trip with my daughter Sarah. Our outgoing Nation Chief Jim Norris put together an action packed 4 day weekend traveling in a motor coach. We hiked to the highest point in Texas—Guadalupe Peak, toured Carlsbad Caverns, visited McDonald Observatory, and swam in the crystal clear water at Balmorhea Springs. What a great experience that everyone in the Papoose, Princess, and Guides Nations have to look forward to when your child reaches Trail age in 4th grade.

Please take time to reflect on all the great times you were able to have with your child this year by participating in this program. Every event you attend shows your child how important they are to you. We are all building memories that our children will NEVER forget, and we should all take pride in that. Ya Ta Hey!

More details on all the events are in the Smoke Signal and on our web site:
<http://www.Blackland-Prairie.org>

Federation Chief "Big Fireball"
Trailmate "Little Fireball" & Choctaw Guide "Fireball"
(Charles, Sarah, Brandon)



Ya Ta Hey Mighty Papoose Nation,

It is summertime on the Blackland Prairie and as the mercury is heading to triple digits there is plenty of activity in the Papoose Nation. We have completed our "new" chiefs' orientation and continue to plan events for next year's program. We have a great group of tribal chiefs leading and I look forward to a great year full of activities.

With July one a week or so away it is time to get ready for the Arlington 4th of July Parade. The Parade will be on July 4th throughout Downtown Arlington. Gene Hubble the Trail Nation Chief is sponsoring the official Father Child Program Float this year. The float is open to all the Nations and is always fun for the kids to be a part of the World's Largest 4th of July Parade. We will be building the Float This Saturday, June 27th at Gene's warehouse starting at 9:00 AM. The address is 3009 Sandy Lane, Ft Worth, Texas 76112. Please come out and help build the float if you can.

Watch your email for instructions on the time and location for the parade. EVERYONE is welcome to come out and ride the float in the 4th of July Parade.

We need your help designing the patches for next year's events. Templates for the different patch shapes are located on at <http://blackland-prairie.org/YMCA-Patch-Templates.pdf>

Papoose Events are Fall Campout, Community Day, Winter Campout, Pinewood Derby, Spring Campout, Rocket Shoot, Family Campout, Train Ride, Christmas Party, and the Fishing Event. Please have your designs to your tribe chief before the August 18th Longhouse. Colored pencils and markers work best.

How can you insure your tribe's success and future? Recruitment! NOW is the time to start recruiting for next year's program. It is just 9 weeks until the 2009 Father Child Carnival! Start inviting your friends to this event. The Carnival will be on August 29th 9:00 AM behind the Central YMCA.

All of next year's event dates and locations can be found of the YMCA Web site. Start marking your family calendars. <http://www.ymca-arlington.org/fcEventCalendar.asp>

I hope each of you has a safe and enjoyable summer!

Papoose Nation Chief Crazy Horse and Little Nation Chief Mustang.

Ya-ta-hey Beautiful & Mighty Princess Nation!

Summer is in full swing, but the Father/Child Program is still very busy with activity and planning for the upcoming activities to start the new season.

First, thanks to all the Tribe Chiefs that made the New Chiefs Orientation. I hope you found it informative and will help your tribes in the upcoming year. If you have questions please contact either me or our Federation Meshenewa, Mike McArthur (contact info on the cover of the Smoke Signal).

The 4th of July Parade is coming up soon. You should have received an email from your chief with details regarding participation in float decoration and the parade. As always, Gene Hubble will be sponsoring a float with the opportunity for anyone interested to assist with the decoration and can ride the float in the parade.

Little Chiefs Longhouse is August 18. This is the Longhouse where our patch designs for the upcoming year are determined. Princess, Guides and all children in the program can create drawings of patch designs that the Little Chiefs (children of tribe/nation/federation chiefs and officers) will vote on at the Longhouse. More details to come soon. The Princess annually dominate this, so get your Princess involved!

Carnival is scheduled for August 29th at the Central Y on Davis. This is a great opportunity to recruit new members into the program before the year starts. Tribes need to be thinking of their activity they will provide at their booths for Carnival!

I hope everyone enjoys their summer break. If you're going on vacation, having a "staycation" or just hanging around town (like my family) over the summer, don't forget your Princess can still be working on those deeds and achievement patches!



Chief Mighty Wolf (Brian Hill)

Little Chief Dancing Otter (Audrey)

Little Chief Running Deer (Olivia, a recent Papoose graduate)

Ya Ta Hey Might Guides Nation!

Summertime is well upon us and I hope everyone is enjoying the warm weather. I'm always amazed at how quickly a year can pass, and this one is no different. Where did this school year go? Make it a mission to take advantage of the longer days. Now is the perfect time to use this extra sunlight to complete deeds. Make it your personal mission to perform at least 10 deeds or earn at least one patch before the fall campout!

How many of you made it out to the Rocket Shoot in May? If you were there, you know that neither rain nor earthquake could keep us from sending our rockets into the sky! Great thanks go out to the Choctaw and Creek tribes for making the event a memorable one!

There were many great entries in the decorating contest, but five were chosen as the best in the following categories:

Most Indian Like:	Ethan Hoffman – Guides Choctaw Tribe
Smallest:	Miles Millican – Papoose Hawk Tribe
Largest:	Grant Maness – Guides Comanche Tribe
Best Use of Color:	Andie Cloud – Princess Zuni Tribe
Chief's Award:	Madison Ginani – Princess Caddo Tribe

Kudos to all the winners!

Are you looking for a chance to perform a one-a-year deed? Now is the time! The Arlington 4th of July parade is coming up and help is needed to decorate the Federation's parade float. Join Gene Hubble, Trail Nation Chief, and many others on Saturday, June 27th at 9:00am. You'll complete a deed (B5 – participate in a Federation activity not covered by another deed in the book) and help the Federation at the same time! Even if you can't help with the float, join us in the largest 4th of July parade in the country! Contact your tribal chief for directions and more information. You can also go to www.arlington4th.com for more information.

Did you know that the wonderful patches we get at our events are made by local artists? More specifically, they're designed by our own little braves and princesses. We need help designing these patches for next years events! You can go to <http://blackland-prairie.org/YMCA-Patch-Templates.pdf> to get the templates for the different shapes. Break out your colored pencils and markers and put your great memories into a patch design!

I wish everyone an enjoyable summer and a wonderful 4th of July holiday! I look forward to seeing everyone at the parade!

Guides Nation Chief - Bob "Running Bobcat" Famigletti

Guides Little Nation Chief - Robby "White River" Famigletti

YaTaHey Mighty Trail Nation!

For those of you who were not able to make the Trails End Trip, you missed what I think was the best, most fun filled and rewarding Trails End Trip ever!!! Three Kudos for Jim Norris for all his hard work, planning and organizing the trip. Kudos! Kudos! Kudos!



Trails End Group at Carlsbad Caverns



Trails End Group who climbed the Peak



Trail Kids at McDonald Observatory



Our Girls at Balmorhea Springs

Our next event is the 4th of July Parade in Arlington. All Nations are invited to ride on the float, decorated bicycles or decorated wagons. You will need to at the Parade Site at 7:15 AM for the Judging & no later than 8:30 AM to be in the parade. For map of the parade, drop off locations, parking and more information go to www.arlington4th.com.

We will decorate the float on June 27th at 9:00 AM at our warehouse located at 3009 Sandy Lane, Ft. Worth, Texas 76112. We have all the decorations so come in your work clothes. I will send out an email with more information as the parade gets closer. So put this date on your calendar and plan to help decorate, but if can't help decorate please come and join us on the 4th at the Parade. This is a great event to recruit friends and neighbors to see what our Father/Child Program is about, please invite them to join us!

I need all the Trail Members help in making this a great year for the Trail Nation. See You At The Parade!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

“Bobcat” (Gene Hubble) – Trail Nation Chief 817-999-9154 gubble@innoser.com

“Rushing Cat” (Jessica Hubble) – Trailmate

Rocket Shoot Pictures...



Trail's End Trip Pictures...



More Pictures Online:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/blacklandprairie>



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