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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...

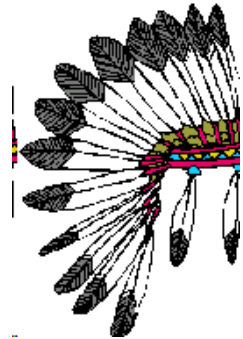
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Little Chiefs Longhouse

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

Please bring potential recruits, friends, and family.

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!

Induction Ceremony

Papoose, Princess, Guides, Trail
Family & Friends

Saturday, September 19

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.



Elder: **Jim Norris** 817.419.9053

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

Program Manager: Rodney Smith 817.505.3383 rodneys@ymca-arlington.org

Papoose Chief: Bill Darroch
Princess Chief: Brian Hill

Guides Chief: Bob Familgletti
Trail Chief: Gene Hubble

Federation Meshenewa: Mike McArthur 817.492.0749

YMCA Father/Child Program Events Calendar 2009-2010

Events	Papoose 3-5 Yrs	Princess K-3rd	Guides K-3rd	Trail 4th & up
<i>New Chief's Orientation</i>	16-Jun YMCA	16-Jun YMCA	16-Jun YMCA	16-Jun 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 YMCA	8-Sep YMCA	8-Sep YMCA	8-Sep YMCA
<i>Induction</i>	19-Sep Lake Arlington	19-Sep Lake Arlington	19-Sep Lake Arlington	19-Sep Lake Arlington
<i>Fall Campout Event</i>	Sep 25 - 27 Cleburne SP	Oct 23 - 25 Cooper Lake	Oct 16 - 18 Eisenhower SP	Oct 2 - 4 Rock climbing - Pedernales Falls SP
<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 Loyd Park	Jan 29 - 31 Loyd Park	Jan 29 - 31 Loyd Park	Jan 29 - 31 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 Ray Roberts - IDB	Mar 26 - 28 Ray Roberts - IDB	Mar 26 - 28 Ray Roberts - IDB	Mar 26 - 28 Ray Roberts - IDB
<i>Spring Campout Event</i>	Apr 23 - 25 Ray Roberts - JB	Apr 16 - 18 Lake Whitney	Apr 9 - 11 Lake Murray	Apr 30 - May 2 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 11 - 13 NASA / Galveston	June 11 - 13 NASA / Galveston	June 11 - 13 NASA / Galveston
		Updated: 7/22/2009		

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



YA TA HAY BLACKLAND PRAIRIE FEDERATION!

I am excited that our **Annual Carnival & Swim Party** at the Central YMCA is right around the corner because that means our new program year is about to begin! Clear your calendar for August 29, and bring your friends, family, and everyone you know who is interested in learning more about what our program has to offer. This event displays to the public the enthusiasm we have for our kids and this program along with the great fellowship we all enjoy like no other event. Let's make this Carnival the best one yet!

Please encourage your child to submit drawings to their tribal chiefs 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!

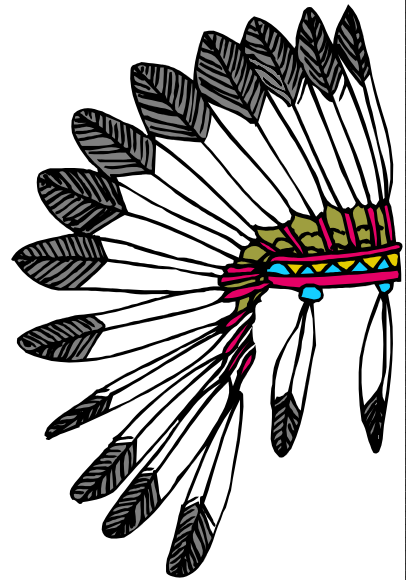
Induction for new members will be at Lake Arlington on September 19 at 7:00 pm. I remember my first Induction, and the amazing impression it made on me to see all the members with their families having such a great time. A successful Induction Ceremony requires effort from every tribe, and participation from all returning members so please plan to attend. You also do not want to miss the outstanding performance of the Fire Dancers! Make sure you look around at the faces of the children during the performance...they are always captivated.

Satisfaction Surveys. We will email a survey to you after every event, and a final one at the end of the program year. You should have already seen several of these this year. Please complete the surveys because we cannot make this program better without feedback from the participants. We have already had some great suggestions from the surveys, and many program changes have been made as a direct result of members voicing their concerns. Contact your chief if you do not receive an email survey after each event.

Please take time to reflect on all the great times you were able to have with your child by participating in this program. Every event you attend shows your child how important they are to you. We are 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,

I hope the Papoose Nation is having a great summer full of tribal outings and pool parties. August starts our new program year and there are several events for you to participate.

Have you been working on your patch designs for the upcoming year? Time is running out! Please use the templates for the different patch shapes are located at <http://blackland-prairie.org/YMCA-Patch-Templates.pdf> Markers and colored pencils work best and no computer generated art work will be accepted. You must have your art work to your tribal chief before August 18th. Events to draw patches for include Fall Campout, Community Day, Winter Campout, Pinewood Derby, Spring Campout, Rocket Shoot, Family Campout, Train Ride, Christmas Party, and the Papoose Fishing Event.

The Little Chief's Longhouse will be August 18th at 7:00 PM; this longhouse is for the current 2009-2010 Little Chiefs and Little Assistant Chiefs of all nations and federation to vote on the patch design art work that will be the event patches for the 2009 – 2010 program year. If you are a tribal chief or assistant tribal chief remember to bring your children to this longhouse.

How can you insure your tribe's success and future? Recruitment! It is just a few weeks until the 2009 Father Child Carnival! This is the biggest and best Program recruitment tool of the year. It is a great time to have some fun and introduce your friends and family to the program. Each tribe will host a booth at the carnival, so look for information from your tribal chief on how you can help. Start inviting your friends and family to this event today. The Carnival will be on August 29th 9:00 AM to 1 PM on the soccer field behind the Central YMCA. The best part is it is FREE!

The calendar for 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>

We have had to change the venue for the Spring 2010 Papoose campout, the location will be Lake Ray Roberts Johnson Branch Unit on the north side of the lake.

I hope each of you is having a safe and fun summer!

Papoose Nation Chief Crazy Horse and Little Nation Chief Mustang

Ya-ta-hey Mighty Princess Nation!

I recently ran into a dad at a birthday party who was interested in our program and had looked at the program information on the Y website. I gave him my “elevator speech” on the program, invited him to the carnival and offered to assist him in any way I could. When I asked where his thoughts were about joining, he said that his calendar was very busy and wasn’t sure it was going to work for him. How many times have you heard that from a dad? Unfortunately, I hear that more often than I would hope. I was fortunate to spend two months working from home every day early in the summer before hitting the road again for my consulting work out of town. Traveling during the week is painful for me and my family, but makes this program that much more important. Yes, our weekends are packed with birthday parties, dance classes, family obligations and all those errands that if we must take care of. But having an outlet where I can spend one-on-one time with each of my daughters is truly priceless. I am able to know them (and understand them) in a way that I could never have in our typical family setting. (Have you noticed your children act differently when with mom and the rest of the family compared to when it’s just the two of you?) It is bitter-sweet for me this year that I have Running Deer (Olivia) moving up into Princess with her big sister, Dancing Otter (Audrey). While I know they will have a lot of fun being together, it means I have to work that much harder to get that quality 1-on-1 time like I have enjoyed the last few years.

If you know of dads that have shown interest in our program but think they are “too busy” or that it’s too big of a commitment, make sure to share your personal stories of your relationship with your daughters (or sons) with them. There is truly no other program like ours, and I hate to think of all the dads out there that don’t know what they’re missing. You don’t fully appreciate what this program offers until you’ve experienced it. Sometimes it takes someone giving a personal account of the benefits they’ve experienced to get them over the hump deciding to join.

For many Native American Indian tribes the July moon represents the “Ripening Moon”; a time when they begin to see the fruits of their hard labor from earlier plantings as corn and other foods begin to mature. And as the ripening moon begins to fade, we too may begin to see the fruits of our labors from planning for the upcoming year. In just a few short weeks our year will be in full swing! And the Federation leadership and War Chiefs have been hard at work getting prepared. (Don’t forget, the full calendar for the upcoming year has been posted online. **GET A COPY TO ALL THOSE MOMS AND GET OUR ACTIVITIES ON YOUR FAMILY CALENDARS NOW!!!**)

August 18th is the “Little Chiefs Longhouse”. Get those patch designs submitted to your tribe chief prior to Longhouse. The Princess Nation OWNS this contest annually, so get your daughter to draw up a patch design for one (or more) of our events!

August 29th is Carnival. Has your tribe chosen their tribe activity for the Carnival? You don’t know? Ask your tribe chief! Activities are first-come, first-served. So pick your activity now!

September 8th is New Dads Orientation. Make sure all the new dads know this is their opportunity to hear about our program and ask any questions.



Chief Mighty Wolf (Brian Hill)
Little Chief Dancing Otter (Audrey)
Little Chief Running Deer (Olivia)



Ya Ta Hey Mighty Guides Nation!

Summer is well underway and I hope you're having a good one. I have to admit that mine has personally been too much work and not enough play, but we're squeezing in fun every chance we get!

The Arlington 4th of July parade was a fantastic event for those who were able to attend! A huge KUDOS to Gene Hubble for providing our float in the parade. It is because of him that we were able to walk in the parade. Our Federation float won 2nd place in our category, and it was a great morning to walk in the parade. Attendance this year was enormous! The number of dads and kids who walked in the parade rivaled all-time attendance. Thanks to all who were a part of the float decorating and walking in the parade! A huge KUDOS to Gene Hubble for providing our parade float and leading this effort for the past four years.

What great memories does your child have from the past year in the program? Did you know that all of the patches for each event are designed by the kids? Any child in the program can - and should, submit a patch design for any or all of the activities which will occur throughout the program year. Those submissions are delivered to the Little Chief's Longhouse on August 18th, where the children of the current chiefs vote on the patch designs. The patch design with the most votes in each event category becomes the patch for that event, for that year. This is an excellent opportunity for kids to become a part of every vest. Get more information from your tribal chief, and get those patch designs in before August 18th!

It will be here before you know it – our Carnival on Saturday, August 29th. Mark that date and join us from 9am to 1pm at the Central YMCA for games and fun from all the tribes! This is also a great recruiting opportunity. If you know someone who is interested in the program, encourage them to come out and learn more about the awesome things we do with our kids!

Finally, I want to welcome a new tribe into the Guides program. The Tonkawa tribe will be our newest member. I have had the pleasure of speaking with their Chief – Brad Millican, and I'm excited to have them join our Nation! Welcome Tonkawas!!

Have a wonderful time enjoying the rest of your summer and do some insanely fun things with your little brave! Ya Ta Hay!!

Bob "Running Bobcat" Famigletti – Nation Chief

Robby "White River" Famigletti – Little Nation Chief

YaTaHey Mighty Trail Nation!

The 4th of July Parade this year was the largest attended by members and Chief both Tribal and Nation. I want thank all the Dads and Kids who helped decorate and who participated in this years Parade. And a special thanks to Paul Fulks for the use of the Liberty Bell and to Brian Grady for laminating the pictures. And to all three Kudos! Kudos! Kudos! Kudos!



Our Second Place Trophy!!!



The Decorating Crew!!



The largest group in five years!!!!



The most Headdresses ever!!!!!!

Our next event is the Carnival on August 29th, same place as before (behind the Central YMCA). We are in charge of the Rope Bridge. We will start the set up on Friday evening the 28th at 5:00 PM. Please let me know if you can help with set up or manning the bridge during the Carnival.

This is our big event to recruit new members, so please invite your friends and neighbors to come and join in on the fun!! I need all the Trail Members help in making this a great year for the Trail Nation. See You At The Carnival!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



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Trail Nation Chief
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ghubble@innoser.com

"Walking Crow" (Tracy Storm)
Assistant Trail Nation Chief
682-465-3155



"Rushing Cat" (Jessica Hubble) – Trailmate

Little Chiefs Longhouse
August 18th - 7:00 PM
Arlington YMCA Central Branch

Carnival & Swim Party
August 29 9:00 am—1 pm

New Dad's Orientation
September 8

Trail Rafting Trip
September 11—13

Induction Ceremony
September 19 7:00 pm



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strong families, strong communities.



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