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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](http://ymca-arlington.org)



## Upcoming Events...

\* See complete calendar on page 2 \*

### Induction Ceremony

Saturday, September 19, 7:00pm  
Lake Arlington - Richard Simpson Park

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: Sept 25 - 27 Cleburne SP  
Princess: Oct 23 - 25 Cooper Lake SP  
Haunted Trail!  
Guides: Oct 16 - 18 Eisenhower SP

### Trail Nation Fall Event

Oct 2 - 4

Camping at Pedernales SP  
Rock climbing at Reimers Ranch  
Mountain biking at Reimers Ranch  
Swimming at Hamilton Pool Preserve

**Trail members...you do not want to miss this great event!**



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Elder: Mike Ginani 469.767.3051

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Elder: Jerry Davis 817.451.4994

Elder: Steve Dellesaga 817.795.8370

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**Bold names are new elders this year.**

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**Guides Chief:** Bob Famigletti

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

**Our program year has officially started**, and the excitement is already building in the dads and the children! We kicked things off with one of the most organized and best run Carnivals I have attended. Three kudos to our war chiefs **Rob Williams** from the Karankawa Princess Tribe, and **Rodney Austin** from the Choctaw Guides Tribe. Every tribe in the Federation did a great job running their booths. A big thanks to all.

On a personal note I finally took the SCUBA lesson at the Carnival with my Trailmate Sarah. I was so proud of her, and will never forget watching her master the skills needed to stay underwater for 20 minutes at a depth of almost 20 feet. Another memory this program has given us that will stay with us forever. Please make a point to take advantage of this unique opportunity with your child next year.

We also had a very successful **New Dad's Orientation**. Over 50 of our new members attended this event. We had about 10 people attend as guests, and they all signed up immediately after the program. Three kudos to all of our speakers. You clearly got the message across about what a great program we have!

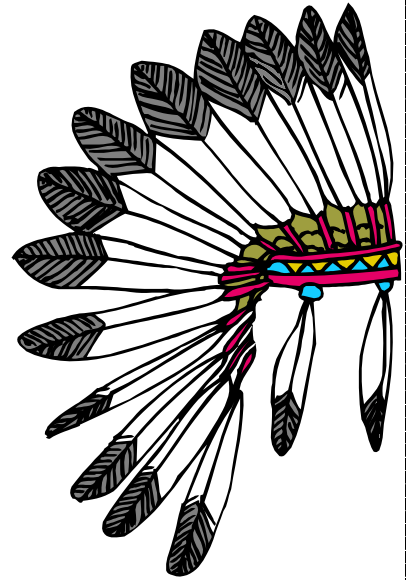
**Induction** for new members will be at Lake Arlington on September 19 at 7:00 pm. I remember my first Induction, and the amazing impression it made on me to see all the members with their families having such great fellowship. A successful Induction Ceremony requires effort from every tribe, and participation 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.

**Fall Campouts** will be here before you know it so get those tents aired out and ready to go. The Haunted Trail returns to the Princess Nation this year. It has been many moons since we have been to Eisenhower SP, and the Guides Nation is really looking forward to this new venue. The Trail Nation will be repeating last year's rock climbing trip camping at Pedernales Falls, climbing the rocks at Reimers Ranch, and enjoying the cool waters at spectacular Hamilton Pool Preserve.

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,

Three Kudos for the patch design winners; Grayson Murphy, of the Fox Tribe, for the Christmas patch design and Tui Moore, of the Hawk Tribe, for the winning Fishing Event patch design.

September is upon us, school is back in full swing, and the Father Child Carnival was fun for everyone from papoose to trail. New dad's orientation is behind us and Induction is almost here. A special thanks to all the Papoose Tribal Chiefs for their help in making the Carnival a HUGE success.

It is now time to hold your tribal meetings and dad's meetings. Induction and the fall campout are coming fast. Planning is the key to success!

The 2009-2010 Induction Ceremony will be held on Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup> at Lake Arlington's Richard Simpson Park, 6300 W. Arkansas Lane. The Papoose Nation will gather at 5:30 PM for a Hot Dog Dinner before the start of Induction. Please look for additional information from your tribal chiefs.

... Six short days after Induction we take the Papoose Nation on the road to Cleburne State Park. The Fall 2009 Campout will be held September 25-27, 2009. It will be full of activities, including our yearly Pumpkin Carving. Don't forget your pumpkin and carving tools. We all enjoyed the Papoose hot dog supper at the last spring campout so much that the Wolf tribe is kicking it up a notch with a smoker for brisket, smoked sausage, and hot dogs. We will be asking each tribe to contribute toward cost of the meat and bring a side item. We are looking forward to a weekend full of memories!

Be sure to check out the Carnival photos and latest Papoose Nation information.

**<http://papoose.blackland-prairie.org/>**

So pack your bags, gather your gear, and grab your tent ... It's time for a little camping!



**Papoose Nation Chief Crazy Horse and Little Nation Chief Mustang**

## Ya-ta-hey Mighty Princess Nation!

What a great carnival we had this past weekend! I enjoyed meeting numerous new members that were signing up as well as visiting with all the tribes. I saw lots of smiling faces on young Pappi, Princesses, Guides and Trail Mates. I know we had a great turnout because the Kichai Princess and Guides tribes went through well over 2,000 water balloons! (I think the balloon "tying post" and the "unmanned balloon launcher" saved some fingers and arms this weekend.) We even had some of the moms getting in on the balloon assembly line. Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's Carnival a success. Special thanks to Rob Williams of the Karankawa who did an outstanding job as War Chief working with the Guides co-War Chief.

I want to congratulate all of the Princesses who DOMINATED (as usual) the Patch Design Contest to determine our 2009-2010 event patch designs, winning all 9 of the event categories Princess was eligible for. The patches are all designed by the children and are all voted on by the children. There are NO dads involved in the process. Unfortunately there were also many good designs that were not able to be made into patches. KUDOS! KUDOS! KUDOS! to all Princesses who submitted a design for the contest, whether they won or not. This year's Princess winners:

Olivia Dague	Seminole	Princess Luau Dance
Anna George	Kichai	Fall Campout
Audrey Hill	Kichai	Spring Campout (That's my girl!!!)
Lily Poling	Crow	Turkey Shoot
Emily Roytek	Winnebago	Community Day AND Pinewood Derby
Mandy Schneider	Sioux	Winter Campout
Lauren Williams	Karankawa	Rocket Shoot
Alayna Zabriskie	Crow	Daddy-Daughter Date Night

Winning designs can be viewed at:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/blacklandprairie/2009PatchDesignWinners#>

Please check the Smoke Signal for our upcoming activities: New Dad's Orientation on September 8 and Induction on September 19.

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







Ya Ta Hey Mighty Guides Nation!

We kicked off our year with our annual Carnival on August 29<sup>th</sup>! Thanks and big KUDOS to Rodney Austin of the Choctaw Tribe for war-chieving the event for the Guides Nation! Thanks also to all that participated and enjoyed the festivities! We couldn't have asked for much better weather! Did you miss the event? It's still not too late to sign up! If you're a new member, get down to the Central YMCA as soon as possible to join in the fun! If you're a returning member, you can go online at [www.ymca-arlington.org](http://www.ymca-arlington.org) to get back in your tribe!

Our August Longhouse was a special one. The little chiefs from nation and tribe leadership had the opportunity to view and select all the patch designs for the upcoming year. Jeffrey Meller of the Tonkawa tribe had his design selected for the Guides Father/Son Night patch! Jeffrey's name came up again later in the evening as we selected our winning Invitation of the Month for August! The invitation was designed to be worn as a necklace with the little brave's name on the leather arrow. The Tonkawa is a new tribe this year and it was a great way for everyone to learn the names of their tribe mates! Congratulations to Jeffrey for two great awards in one night!

September is a great month for the fact that we have our annual Induction Ceremony at Lake Arlington on the evening of Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup>. Our tribes will get together and celebrate our new year, and welcome our new members. Mom is even invited to this wonderful event that will include a great bonfire and fire dancers. It is truly an event you don't want to miss!

I hope you're looking forward to these fall months as much as I am. Our fall campout in October will be here before you know it. Have a great September and I hope to see everyone out at the Induction Ceremony!

Bob "Running Bobcat" Famigletti – Nation Chief

Robby "White River" Famigletti – Little Nation Chief

## YaTaHey Mighty Trail Nation!

The Carnival was a great success and I want to thank all that helped assemble the rope bridge and man the bridge during the Carnival. And for all that helped three Kudos! Kudos! Kudos! Kudos! Although the Carnival has come and gone please remember to recruit and recruit often!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Invite your friends and neighbors to the campouts and other events throughout the year. It is never too late to join the Father/Child Program. Jessica and I joined when she was in the second grade, after being in the program for five years I wish we had known about the program when she was three. This has been the best thing she and I could have ever joined. A huge thanks to my wife Lynda for finding this program. The program has brought us much closer as a father and daughter. It has helped us to learn how to work, plan and enjoy each other and build a life long relationship not to mention the great friendships that both of us have made with the Fathers, Daughters, and Sons since we joined the program. I will get off my soap box and tell you what is coming up soon!

As you may know the rafting trip is coming up on September the 11<sup>th</sup> thru the 13<sup>th</sup> at the "Rocking R" in New Braunfels. The Great Spirit has not blessed the hill country with rain over the last few months. The Guadalupe river has been closed to rafting and recreational activities. But we have plan "B" which is to camp at the "Rocking R" and they will shuttle us to the Comal river to tube the river. I understand there are chutes like on the San Marcos canoe trip. We should have this up for registration real soon. But if we all do a long rain dance maybe the Great Spirit will bless the hill country with rain and the rafting trip will be back on! We will have a Dads Only Meeting at J. Gilligans on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of September is our annual Induction Ceremony to welcome all the new members to the Program. The event will be held at the same place as last year (Lake Arlington). This is a great event to invite family, friends and neighbors to attend and recruit them to the program. I hear we may have the Fire Dancers back this year! We will need help setting up the Induction so put it on your calendar!

Another date to put on your calendar is October 3<sup>rd</sup> this is our Rock Climb at Pedemales Falls with the same outfitters we had last year. When I talked to Brian he was leaving on a Safari in Africa, I can only imagine the video we will see from there trip this year. You can sign up on line or at the Central YMCA. And again remember to invite friends and neighbors to this event, we will have a great time.

I know this is a lot of information to process, but on October 24<sup>th</sup> the Trial Program will host the Haunted Trail at Lake Cooper. This year we will assign areas for the groups or individuals on the trail. So start thinking of what you or your group wants to do for the Haunted Trail and let me know!!



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"Walking Crow" (Tracy Storm)  
Assistant Trail Nation Chief  
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"Rushing Cat" (Jessica Hubble) – Trailmate

Induction Ceremony  
September 19 7:00 pm  
Lake Arlington - Richard Simpson Park

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Princess: Oct 23 - 25 Cooper Lake SP  
Haunted Trail!



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