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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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Fall Campouts

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

Turkey Shoot

Nov 7 10am—12 pm
Dalworthington Gardens City Park
All Nations are Welcome!
Cost: \$10 / \$3 for 2nd child
Pay at the event



Federation Community Day

Nov 14 9am—1 pm
Mission Arlington
All Nations are Welcome!
Cost: Free
Help us sort cans for Thanksgiving dinner, and support our canned food drive!

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Elder: Gene Hubble 817.457.7466

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Elder: **John Geyerman** 817.473.0218

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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

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YA TA HAY BLACKLAND PRAIRIE FEDERATION!

The **Induction Ceremony** was a great success this year! It's always a special feeling to see the looks on the faces of the new members when the charges go off, and the bonfire is lit. I saw a lot of smiling faces in the crowd, and that makes all the hard work worth every minute. We had a lot of hands helping setup, and a lot of hands helping tear everything down. Kudos to all who pitched in and helped, and 3 Kudos to Gene Hubble for carrying a lot of the weight on his shoulders again this year.

Fall Campouts are finally here, and so are the cooler temperatures. It's been 6 months since we camped as Nations, and I know everyone is itching to get out there and camp. I have a feeling most moms are also ready for a relaxing weekend at home while dad is off with the kids. The Haunted Trail returns to the Princess Nation this year. I have heard the Trail Nation is planning to have the best, and possibly scarriest, Haunted Trail to date...don't miss it! 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 **Turkey Shoot** will be right around the corner on Nov 7 so please make plans to attend this great event. The kids love shooting the bow & arrow and the BB guns. Of course no turkeys are ever harmed during the event, but your child could win a frozen turkey for your family if they are the sharpest shooter that day.

Federation Community Day is also in November on the 14th. No event makes me any prouder to be part of this program than Community Day! This event is not only a great opportunity to give back to the people in our city, but it is an even greater opportunity to instill a sense of community service in our children. Over the years I have experienced how this event has made an impact on my kids, and I know they look forward to coming back every year. Please make it a point to attend, and bring mom along so she can see how hard all of our kids work at this 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,

The Papoose Nation has been on the move this past month. We had a great turnout at the Papoose Induction Hot Dog Dinner with plenty of food for all that attended. A special thanks to our assistant Nation Chief Jay Moore for taking care of the details for the meal and cooking a bunch of hot dogs. Thank you to Fox Chief Brian Murphy for reserving the pavilion and other stuff. I would also like to thank everyone for bringing the side dishes and desserts, and making this a fun way to kick off Induction.

After most of the hot dogs were eaten, the nation headed down the hill to the Induction ceremony. This Induction ceremony was the best one I have attended in my five years in the program. I missed marching in with the tribes, but enjoyed my time with the other nation chief's on our short canoe tour of the lake. I also enjoyed seeing all the new members being presented with their first "Prized Patch", the Induction Patch. The fire dancers put on a fabulous show to finish up a GREAT evening!

Less than a week later we took the nation on the road to Cleburne State Park. The Fall Papoose Campout was full of activities and the weather was perfect. The water gun shoot out on Saturday afternoon helped everyone cool off a bit, and it was followed by a great brisket supper. Thanks to the Wolf Tribe for cooking the brisket, hosting the dinner, and to Stephen Davis for bringing the smoker. The Wolf Tribe had been busy working on deeds and received 3 Fawn patches, 4 Bear patches, and 4 Wolf patches around the nation fire Saturday night. I look forward to presenting many more patches in the future!

November and December is full of activities: the Turkey Shoot on Nov. 7th, Federation Community Day on Nov. 14th, the Papoose Train Ride and Stockyards on Nov. 21st, Arlington Parade of Lights on Dec. 5th, and the Papoose Christmas Party on Dec. 13th. I hope you can also find some time to have a tribe meeting or two over the next few months.

Be sure to check out the Induction and Fall Campout photos, and all the latest Papoose Nation information. <http://papoose.blackland-prairie.org/>



Papoose Nation Chief Crazy Horse and Little Nation Chief Mustang

Ya-ta-hey, Beautiful Princess Nation!

I started last month's article writing about what a great Carnival we had. But how can you beat this year's Induction Ceremony?! That was the best Induction I have participated in yet! The ceremony ran smoothly, not too long winded and the Fire Dancers came "on stage" promptly with a wonderful exhibition that took about the right amount of time for the varied attention spans of our young Papii, Princess and Guides. And the fact that Mighty Wolf did not make a mighty splash out of the canoe and into Lake Arlington was icing on the cake for me! Hooray! Thank you, Great Spirit. Kudos to the War Chiefs, David Poling of Crow Princess and his Guides counterparts, for a great Induction Ceremony.

Finally! Our first campout of the year, the Fall Campout at Cooper Lake State Park, is almost upon us (Oct. 23-25). This is the Princess Nation's year to enjoy the Haunted Trail put on by our Trail program. If you haven't been to a campout with a Haunted Trail, you are in for a great treat. Our Trail program does an amazing job putting on a fun Saturday night "haunted house" for the nation setup along some of the park's trails. If you haven't signed up for the campout yet, please do so ASAP! Time is running out. Get you pumpkins, carving kits and site decorations ready.

Congratulations to our September Longhouse Invitation of the Month winner: The Zabriskie clan of Alyssa (Running Bear), Alayna (Dancing Bear) and Ashlea (TBD) of the Crow Tribe along with dad Jeff (Climbing Bear). Who else thinks Ashlea's Indian name should be "Little Bear"? Just me?



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



YaTaHey Might Guides Nation!

We kicked off our year with our annual carnival, which marks the first day new members can sign up for the program. We couldn't have asked for better weather! Thanks to Rodney Austin of the Choctaw Tribe for being war chief for the Carnival. We also held our annual induction ceremony, and it was great to see the turnout and participation of all the tribes involved! If you weren't able to make it, you missed a great show by the fire dancers at the end of the ceremony. They were rock stars in the little braves and princesses eyes that evening! Thanks to Hud Haas of the Blackfoot tribe for war chiefing the event for the Guides Nation!

At our monthly Longhouse, the invitation of the month winner was Miles Millican of the Tonkawa tribe! Way to go Miles! This makes it two wins in a row for the Tonkawa tribe – they are a new tribe to Guides this year, but they're the first tribe in many moons to win back-to-back invitation-of-the-month awards. Check back next month to see if they can make it three in a row!

As we put an exciting first month behind us to start the year, we're also getting ready for our first campout! Make sure you sign up for the Fall Campout from October 16th-18th at Eisenhower State Park in Denison, TX. You can sign up online or in person at the Central YMCA location. The campout will include carving pumpkins, a fishing contest, geocache hunts and more! Watching my little brave experience these events and seeing the fun he has makes me realize how special they are. We get to enjoy our time together without all the distractions of modern life and cherish the opportunity to build more of these memories. Don't miss your opportunity!

Bob "Running Bobcat" Famigletti – Guides Nation Chief

Robby "White River" Famigletti – Guides Nation Little Chief

YaTaHey Mighty Trail Nation!

Thanks to all the Dads and kids who helped set up the Induction and to those who stayed after and helped with the clean up. This was one of the fastest clean ups I have seen in all the Inductions I have helped with, we were complete with the clean up within less than one hour. The attendance was awesome and the Fire Dancer's were better than ever before. We had several new Trail members inducted into the program this year. As of this writing our membership in the Trail Program is 140 total dads and kids, so we are 20 short of last years membership. Please invite you friends and family to join the Trail Program or if you know a member who has not sign up please encourage them to get signed up not only in Trail but Princess, Guides, and Papoose! This is probably one of the toughest years our program has faced in the history of the Father/Child Program and next year may be even tougher. The only way this program can survive is to increase the membership. Recruit and recruit often!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Although the Rafting Trip was cancelled the Rock Climb was great and all that attended had a great time. A big thanks to Tracy Storm for cooking his World Famous Fajitas three Kudos! Kudos! Kudos! Kudos!! We fed over forty Dads and kids with some of the best fajitas!! Thanks to the Great Spirit for holding off the rain until the climb was almost over. The photos from Africa that we saw from Brandon and his brother's trip were amazing. And unfortunately we had to leave early Sunday morning but my trusty Assistant told me the Mr. Barry Cole delivered a wonderful and meaningful devotional about that the rain must fall on earth and in life. Thanks Barry for always saying yes when asked to help.

I have heard from a lot of dads and kids that they are very excited about the Haunted Trail which is coming up on October 23rd at Lake Cooper for the Princess Nation. 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. Tracy is making a map so we can assign the different areas and hope we can fill the complete trail with people. I have been involved with this for three years and it gets better ever year! And I know this year will be even better than the last.

The up coming events are the Turkey Shoot on November 7th and the Community Day on November 14th. Both of these are great events one of my favorites is the Community Day because it gives us a chance to give to those who are not as bless as we are! This year the Mission Arlington needs our help more than ever. With the tough economy there are more than ever who need our help. So plan to get your extra can goods and food ready for Community Day and let's make this the biggest and the best one ever!!!! Let's see which Nation can donate the most can goods and food!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Trail I challenge all of you to be the biggest givers this year!!!!!!!!!!!!

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



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"Rushing Cat" (Jessica Hubble) – Trailmate

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Nov 14



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