



Smoke Signal

A Publication of the YMCA of Arlington, TX Father/Child Program

January 2011

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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

Available for 2010/2011 Starting August 28, 2010

Upcoming Events...

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Federation Winter Campout

January 28 - 30

Loyd Park Grand Prairie

Cost: \$35/pair, \$3 each additional child
\$10 additional for trailer

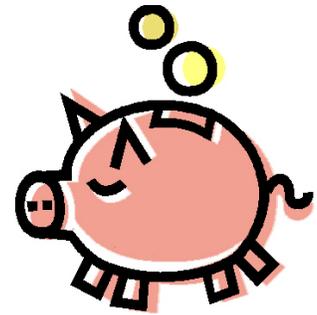
All Nations camp together... Don't miss it!

Federation Fundraiser

February 19, 6:30-8:30 pm

Location TBD

Cost: \$8 Adults, \$4 kids, or \$24 for a Family of any size



Daddy Daughter Date Night

February 25 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Cacharel Restaurant

Cost: \$55 pair, \$22 each additional child

This is THE premier event for the Princess!
Also open to Papoose and Trail girls.



Elder: Jim Norris 817.419.9053

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Elder: **David Adams**

Elder: **Jim Gammon**

Elder: Wes Maness 817.312.5694

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Program Calendar

YMCA Father/Child Program				
Events Calendar 2010-2011				
Events	Papoose	Princess	Guides	Trail
	3-5 Yrs	K-3rd	K-3rd	4th & up
<i>New Chief's Orientation</i>	15-Jun YMCA	15-Jun YMCA	15-Jun YMCA	15-Jun YMCA
<i>4th of July Parade (Arlington)</i>	3-Jul	3-Jul	3-Jul	3-Jul
<i>Little Chiefs Longhouse</i>	17-Aug	17-Aug	17-Aug	17-Aug
<i>Carnival</i>	28-Aug	28-Aug	28-Aug	28-Aug
<i>Trail Event</i>				Sep 10 - Sep 12 Rafting Trip
<i>New Dad's Orientation</i>	7-Sep YMCA	7-Sep YMCA	7-Sep YMCA	7-Sep YMCA
<i>Induction</i>	18-Sep Lake Arlington	18-Sep Lake Arlington	18-Sep Lake Arlington	18-Sep Lake Arlington
<i>Fall Campout Event</i>	Sep 24 - 26 Cleburne SP	Oct 15 - 17 Eisenhower SP	Oct 22 - 24 Cooper Lake	Oct 1 - 3 Inks Lake SP
<i>Turkey Shoot</i>	30-Oct	30-Oct	30-Oct	30-Oct
<i>Federation Community Day</i>	13-Nov	13-Nov	13-Nov	13-Nov
<i>Papoose Event</i>	20-Nov			
<i>Bike Rodeo</i>		4-Dec		
<i>Arlington Parade of Lights</i>	11-Dec	11-Dec	11-Dec	11-Dec
<i>Papoose Christmas Party</i>	12-Dec			
<i>Federation Winter Campout</i>	Jan 28 - 30 Loyd Park	Jan 28 - 30 Loyd Park	Jan 28 - 30 Loyd Park	Jan 28 - 30 Loyd Park
<i>Daddy Daughter Date Night</i>		25-Feb		
<i>Father-Son Event (Zoo)</i>			8-Jan	
<i>Federation Fund Raiser Dinner</i>	19-Feb	19-Feb	19-Feb	19-Feb
<i>Pinewood Derby</i>	5-Mar	5-Mar	5-Mar	5-Mar
<i>Papoose Event</i>	12-Mar			
<i>Family Campout</i>	Mar 25 - 27 Cedar Hill SP	Mar 25 - 27 Cedar Hill SP	Mar 25 - 27 Cedar Hill SP	Mar 25 - 27 Cedar Hill SP
<i>Spring Campout Event</i>	Apr 15 - 17 Ray Roberts SP-	Apr 8 - 9 Lake Murray SP	Apr 1 - 3 Purtis Creek SP	May 13-15 Camp Grady Spruce
<i>Rocket Shoot</i>	14-May	14-May	14-May	14-May
<i>Chief's Appreciation Dinner</i>	17-May	17-May	17-May	17-May
<i>Trail End Trip</i>		June 9 - 12	June 9 - 12	June 9 - 12
		TBD	TBD	TBD
		Updated: 12/04/2010		

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

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



Yatahey (Hello) Blackland Prairie Federation!!

Welcome to the January edition of our Smoke Signal newsletter. This newsletter contains all of the information about upcoming events, stories from past events, a calendar, and other information about our program.

This will be my last Smoke Signal as your Federation Chief, because the Federation Chiefs switch their headdresses at the Winter Campout. I would like to thank all the chiefs and braves who have made this past year a great one for my children and me! We will never forget our experiences, and have been honored to be able to hold this position. I have had a busy four years in this program on my way to being your Federation Chief and am looking forward to slowing down a little. My assistant **Bill "Crazy Horse" Darroch** will be taking over for me, and I assure you the Federation will be in good hands!



The **Federation Winter Campout** is next up at the end of this month, **January 28-30**. Please sign-up NOW. I know that the weather may be a little chilly for some of you, so that is why it is very close to home at Loyd Park on Joe Pool Lake. You can go home at night if it is too cold. We will have a Desert Contest on Saturday night again this year, so start preparing your sweet confections for competition. Don't forget that the RV Camper raffle is still going on; we will draw the winner at the January Longhouse on the 18th. You can contact Rodney Smith at the Central YMCA and buy your raffle tickets, or speak to your tribal chief for tickets. How nice it would be to sleep in a warm RV!

As mentioned last month, please be aware that we've changed the date of the **Daddy Daughter Date Night** to **Friday, February 25**; therefore, we are changing the date of the **Fundraiser** to **February 19** to avoid back-to-back events.

The **Federation Fundraiser Dinner** is so important for the financial health of our great program, and we encourage every member to help support the event. How can you help? Donate items for the silent auction, cakewalk, and raffle drawings. Bring your friends and family to the dinner. Bid on items at the auction, and pickup some great deals. Watch your children go around in circles at the cakewalk all night long...literally! Our program cannot succeed without a successful Fundraiser. Every penny earned at this event stays in our program, and you are guaranteed to have a great night out with friends and family. Please plan to attend, and help us make this the best event ever.

I hope that all of you new and returning members are enjoying your time in our program this year. Help us keep the spirit of the program going, and maintain the quality time this program provides.

Washte,
Federation Chief "Lightning Cloud"
Trailmate "Shining Cloud"
Zuni Princess "Thundercloud"
(Jeff, Andie, Keira)

Ya Ta Hey Mighty Papoose Nation!

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year and is settling back into work and the School year.

Thanks to all of our members who attended our Papoose Nation Christmas Party on December 12th. We had a great time with our crafts, movies, and a special visit from Santa. Kudos to all of the Chiefs and their volunteers for helping make the party a success. Special thanks to **Richard Shoults** and the **Moose Tribe** for providing yummy Burgers and Hot Dogs for our enjoyment and also to **Fox Tribe** member **Brian Murphy** for his "Santa Connection".



As we start 2010 we have plenty of events and tribe meetings planned.

January 28th – 30th, 2011 is our **Federation Winter Campout** at Loyd Park in Grand Prairie. There are only a few weeks to gather firewood and supplies for what could be a rather cold camping experience.

There will be plenty of activities, hiking opportunities, and a Geo Scavenger Hunt designed for the Papoose Nation ... I also hear talk of another campfire Dessert contest so take some time to perfect those recipes. Look for word from your Chiefs on a pre-campout Dad's meeting.

February will also be a busy month with **Daddy Daughter Date Night**, and the **Federation Fund Raiser Dinner**. Watch for more information on these upcoming events.

As we start the New Year I challenge each of us to look for ways we can make the program better and stronger. Let your chief or federation leadership know of any suggestions you might have. The more you put into the program the more you will get out of it.

Also-Please remember that even though we're halfway through our program year, it's never too late to bring new members into the program. Guests may attend a campout for free and I encourage you to invite those interested to our Winter or Spring campouts to see what the program is all about. If you have any questions, please contact me or your Tribal Chiefs and we'll do all we can to assist you.

Until next we meet-Try to stay warm and as always remember that they're only young once!

May peace and good fortune favor you,

Papoose Nation Chief Jay Moore (Standing Stone)

Little Chiefs Alluwee (Dancing Dragonfly) and Ayvelen (Racing Rabbit)

Ya-ta-hey Mighty Princess Nation!

Happy New Year! To start 2011 off, I and many other YMCA members participated in the "Polar Plunge". I believe I set a world record in speed on getting out of the pool. My wife did not even have time to take a picture. Nonetheless, I was a glad I did it. Symbolically, it reminded me that it was time to "shock the system" and get rid of bad habits and commit to better ones. I, like many others, have committed to being healthier, sticking to a budget, etc. I've also made the commitment to get back systematically spending quality time with my kids. I am thankful for the Father/Child Program! Why not join me and make the commitment to attend all the remaining events with your child this year? Let's go ahead and sign-up now for the following events:



Our next event is the **Federation Winter Campout at Loyd Park Jan 28-30th**. The campout pretty much takes place regardless of the weather. It is guaranteed to be a good time.

Next comes our **Federation Fund Raiser – February 19th**. Start thinking about what you can donate to the live auction. This is where the program gets the bulk of the funds to operation throughout the year. Very important!

The following week is our **Daddy Daughter Date Night on February 25th**. The location has changed this year. The new location is at The Chateau on Lamar in North Arlington. It is VERY IMPORTANT, that you sign up in the next week or so. This is so we can make the appropriate accommodations.

Be thinking about your car designs for the **Pinewood Derby on March 5th**. You can purchase your car kit at the Central YMCA.

The **Family Campout** is **March 25-27th** at **Cedar Hill State Park**. The **Spring Campout** is **April 8-9th** at **Lake Murray State Park**.

The **Rocket Shoot** will be on **May 14th** at **River Legacy Park**.

Again, make that New Year's resolution now to attend all the events. Get online, make the phone call, or stop by the Y and sign up for all the events!

Chief Teaching Bear (Mike Ginani)

Princess Dancing Daisy (Madison Ginani)

YaTaHey Mighty Guides Nations and Happy New Year!

I hope this finds you and your families well as we kick off 2011. There are many exciting and fun activities planned for this Winter and Spring. First up is the **Winter Campout at Lloyd Park January 28, 29 and 30th**. Not only is this a test of your endurance, but for some, a way to outsmart the cold. Ask some other dads how they do it (or don't do it) and for some inside secrets on winter camping. Promising unlimited hot chocolate is always a plus! Don't miss this Federation event that involves ALL nations, so the more the merrier. We will also be recognizing all of those who have received achievement patches since we got rained out at our Fall Campout. If you have not turned in your patch requests, please send those in ASAP! We do not normally recognize achievement awards at our winter campouts, so this is a rare opportunity to be recognized in the sacred circle before the Spring Campout.

The **Fundraiser Dinner and Auction** is just around the corner! This important event is scheduled for **Saturday February 19th**. There are LOTS of items that will need to be collected, created and dropped off to Rodney prior to the big day, so be diligent and creative as you do your part to support the Y and the Father/Child program. Each tribe is asked to contribute items to be auctioned off and to purchase tickets to the event. The Cake Walk is always a kid favorite and wives really enjoy "shopping" at the auction tables. Great food, great fellowship, great deals and a fun night out for the whole family! Consider bringing possible recruits. Who can say no to a free dinner?

We are racing toward **March 5th**! Yep. The **Pinewood Derby** is just around the corner. Gentlemen, start your engines! The cars are on sale now at the Central YMCA, and you'll be able to purchase them at the Winter Campout! Get the jump on the competition and bring your money to the Winter Campout at the end of this month.

Special thanks and three big Kudos to Steve of the Tonkawa tribe for war-chiefting the Father/Son event at the zoo! I've heard rave reviews and nothing but positive comments for the event. Read the article by Bill Darroch for more details. Thanks Steve for doing such a great job and for paving the way for special memories with our sons. You rock!

Next Longhouse is Tuesday, January 18th at 7pm! Bring invitations!

I look forward to a great year as we continue to strengthen our relationships with our sons, daughters and each other. May God Bless each and every one of us as we seek His will in our lives as husbands, fathers and friends.

Peace, Scott and Aidan (Moon and Galaxy)

YaTaHey Mighty Trail Nation!

Happy New Year!! I hope you had a great holiday, and are ready to make 2011 an even better year than the last. A new year is a time to make resolutions. Your resolution should be to attend all the remaining events with your Trailblazer/Trailmate this year!!!! Get signed up now! There are plenty of fun events coming up.

The Parade of Lights was another success this year. Gene Hubble did an outstanding job, as always, coordinating the float for the Federation. We had three floats from our program in the parade. Thanks to all the help decorating and participating in the parade.

As we start 2011 we have plenty of events planned. **January 28-30** is our Federation **Winter Campout at Loyd Park in Grand Prairie**. There are only a few weeks left to gather firewood and supplies for what could be a "cool" camping experience. And don't forget to come with your best camp dessert for the contest.

Our Annual **Fundraising Dinner** is on **February 19** with the Silent Auction, Dinner, Cake Walk, and Raffle. Start gathering your donations for the Silent Auction now from the business and restaurants you frequent. This year more than ever our program needs your help and participation with this event. Invite your family, friends, neighbors, and potential new members to this event. All the proceeds from this event go to our program to help maintain our trailer, equipment and to replenish our campout materials.

The **Daddy Daughter Date Night** is our next event on **February 25**. I hear it will be at Cacharel restaurant this year (ooh la la)!! Even our older girls enjoy this event, so Dads, dust off the suit and dancing shoes and come join the fun!!!

March 26, we have the **Family Campout at Lake Ray Roberts** and Moms are invited to campout and enjoy the outdoors with the family. Please plan to attend. You can also invite guests who might be interested in the program.

The **Spring Campout, May 13-15**, will be at a Trail favorite of **Camp Grady Spruce**.

Firestarter and I are working on the plan for the Trails End Trip and will have more details in the next Smoke Signal.

Walking Crow" (Tracy Storm)
Trail Nation Chief
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"Racing Fox" (Rachel) – Trailmate

"Slithering Snake" (Ethan) – Trailmate

"Firestarter" (Rodney Austin)
Asst Trail Nation Chief

"Dancing Butterfly" (Savannah) Trail-

Ya Ta Hey Guides Nation ...

What a great time we had as 107 of the Mighty Guide's Nation took over the Fort Worth Zoo Friday night and Saturday morning. Upon arrival, we had a great pizza supper and then divided up into groups to discover the zoo after dark.



It was fun exploring in the dark and looking for items on our scavenger hunt list. After we finished exploring the zoo at night, we returned to the education building for snacks and a leather craft. Then when the lights went out, the snoring and roaring of the animals began. Daddy snores and



roars of all sizes were well represented throughout the building Friday night.

As a new day dawned, we packed up our sleeping bags and were able to see three of the zoo's animals up close. We saw an Opossum, Alligator, and a Penguin. We then took to the zoo to explore all the animals



that were very active during the morning hours. We also witnessed one of our dads and a gorilla beating their chests at each other. The dad was sure glad there was a wall of glass between them when the huge gorilla charged the dad and went splat up against the glass!



What a great time we had making memories with our boys at the Fort Worth Zoo...



2011 Father/Child Fundraiser

Our primary fundraising event, the Fundraiser Dinner, will be held on **February 19, 2011** from **6:30-8:30pm** at a school TBD in Arlington. The proceeds of this fund raiser go EXCLUSIVELY to the Father-Child program to buy things like the new BB guns for the Turkey shoot, consumables like caution tape and pyro for the bonfires, and also insurance, mailings, copies, and numerous other mundane expenses that go along with keeping our program running without raising program or event fees. There will be a Silent Auction, Raffle, and also a Cake Walk for the kids. David's BBQ, Sweet Tomato (Pasta, Salad, Dessert), and Cici's Pizza are providing the meal.

Please come out and bring your family, grandparents, neighbors, and friends to keep our meaningful program funded. Remember, every penny we raise stays within our program. Bring Mom with you to get some great bargains at the Silent Auction. Tickets are available from your Tribal Chiefs or Rodney Smith at the YMCA (Cell (817) 505-3383 / Work (817) 274-9622 / rodneys@ymca-arlington.org).

The prices are as follows: \$8 Adults, \$4 kids, or \$24 for a Family of any size.

Daddy Daughter Date Night

Break out your tuxedo or best suit in order to be ready for one of the best events of the year; it's time for the Daddy Daughter Date Night dance. This is a favorite event for many of the girls because they wear makeup, get their hair done, and put on stylish gowns. And we, as debonair Dads, take them out for dinner, dancing, and a show. I am always amazed by how my "little girl" looks so "grown-up" on this evening. Don't miss this opportunity!

You should have received your invitation to the dance in the mail before Christmas (guys, ask your wife about it). The dance is **Friday, February 25, 2011** from **5:30 – 8:30pm** at the **Cacharel Restaurant** in Arlington (2221 E. Lamar Blvd, WBAP Tower, 9th floor, Arlington TX 76006). **Couples are \$55.00 + \$22.00 each for any additional child.** Also, a professional photographer will be outside the ballroom offering formal portraits of you and your daughter.

As always, guests of Program members and the girls from the Trail and Papoose programs are welcome. So if you know a Dad that is interested in spending an evening dancing with his daughter, please get them to sign up and let us know what tribe you are in so they can sit with you. Sign-up for this event by visit-ing or calling the Arlington YMCA Central Branch (817) 274-9622, or online at <http://www.ymca-arlington.org/onlineRegistration.asp>. Please RSVP by February 18.



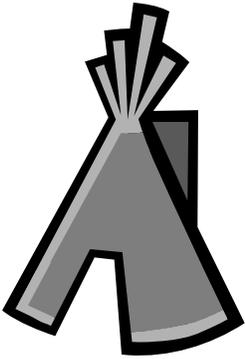
Winter Campout Jan 28-30

Federation Fundraiser Feb 19

Daddy Daughter Date Night Feb 25

Pinewood Derby Mar 5

Papoose Fishing Event Mar 12



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