



# Smoke Signal

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

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



## Upcoming Events...

\* See complete calendar on page 2 \*



### Papoose Fishing

March 12  
8:00 am - 11:00 am  
Randol Mill Park Lake  
Arlington, TX  
\$2 per person

### Family Campout

March 25—27  
Papoose, Princess, Guides, Trail  
& the entire Family  
Cedar Hill State Park  
Cost: \$35/family to camp  
\$10 extra for a trailer



### Spring Campouts

Guides	April 1-3	Purtis Creek SP
Princess	April 8-9	Lake Murray, OK
Papoose	April 15-17	Ray Roberts SP
Trail	May 13-15	Camp Grady Spruce

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: **David Adams**

Elder: **Jim Gammon**

Elder: Wes Maness 817.645.0313

Elder: **Charles Richards 817.522.3810 Bold names are new elders this year.**

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# Program Calendar

<b>YMCA Father/Child Program</b>				
<b>Events Calendar 2010-2011</b>				
<b>Events</b>	<b>Papoose</b>	<b>Princess</b>	<b>Guides</b>	<b>Trail</b>
	<b>3-5 Yrs</b>	<b>K-3rd</b>	<b>K-3rd</b>	<b>4th &amp; up</b>
<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 TBD	June 9 - 12 TBD	June 9 - 12 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://www.ymca-arlington.org/fcEventCalendar.asp>**



## YA TA HEY BLACKLAND PRAIRIE FEDERATION!

February has been a busy month with the Federation Fundraiser and Daddy Daughter Date Night. We are not slowing down in March, April, or May so get ready for some incredible events for you and your children.

I would like to first thank each and every one who contributed to or attended the Federation Fund Raiser. We raised around **\$12,800** which will help



provide supplies, equipment and patches for the program for the coming year. This was one

of the smoothest Fundraisers in the seven years I have been in this program, and everyone worked together to make this a great event. The cake walk was a favorite of the kids and the Silent Auction had some great items to bid on for the adults. As this fundraiser

came to a close, the Silent Auction Coordinator torch passed officially from Diane Norris to Karen Tecklenburg. For as long as I can remember, Diane Norris has requested, gathered, stored, transported, created bid sheets, and made sure all things Silent Auction were in place. Our program has benefited greatly from Diane's years of hard work and dedication, so please thank her when you see her. This year Karen Tecklenburg took the lead from Diane and did a great job organizing the silent auction. Thanks Karen for all your hard work this year, as well as in the years to come.

The Princess Nation Daddy Daughter Date Night was held on February 25. The Princess, Papoose, and Trail nations were well represented and everyone had a great time. This year's event was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Cacharel Restaurant. It was a great evening for all as we enjoyed this new venue and an awesome DJ, Magician, good food and great friends.

March kicks off with the Pinewood Derby on March 5<sup>th</sup>, the Papoose Fishing Event on March 12<sup>th</sup>, the Family Campout March 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>, Guides Campout April 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>, Princess Campout April 8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> and Papoose Campout April 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>. Get ready! There are plenty of activities for the next 8 weeks.

Chief Crazy Horse, Little Chief Singing Pony and Little Chief Mustang.  
(Bill, Hannah and Samuel)



## Ya Ta Hey Mighty Papoose Nation!

The Daddy Daughter Date Night at Cacharel on the 25th and the Federation Fund Raiser Dinner were both great evenings of fun for all. The Cakewalk continues to be a favorite of the younger members of the program and there were plenty of raffle and auction items to go around.

March is filled with more fun events for the Papoose Nation: The Papoose Fishing event will be held on Saturday March 12th from 8 AM to 11 AM @ Randol Mill Park, 1901 W. Randol Mill Road, Arlington, TX 76012. Breakfast will be provided courtesy of the **Fox Tribe**, but bring your own beverages. The event is free, but patches will cost \$2 each. There will be prizes awarded for the most fish caught and the largest fish caught. So grab your fishing gear and come on out for a great day of fishing and fun.

The Family campout will finish out the month of March. This event will be on March 25th through March 27th at Cedar Hill State Park. We're close to home this year and look forward to a good turnout. If you haven't registered for this campout yet, please do so ASAP!

I hope the entire Papoose Nation is working on deeds to earn their patches. I look forward to presenting many achievement patches as we gather around the Nation bonfire in April.

The Papoose Spring Campout will be April 15th-17th at the Johnson Branch unit of Ray Roberts State Park. This is a hidden gem of the parks system and a great place to camp. Don't forget your swimsuits-we'll be having our traditional watergun battle on Saturday the 16th.

The bonfire at the Spring Campout is the time for the current chiefs to pass their headdresses to the new tribal chiefs. Each tribe should have an assistant chief who will receive the headdress and assume the leadership of your tribe. The Papoose tribal chiefs have been working hard this year and I have enjoyed working to grow the Papoose Nation with them. I will also be passing my Headdress to your new Nation Chief- **Nathan Brown** of the **Bear Tribe**.

As has become tradition, we will have a Nation meal Saturday evening following the bonfire ceremony to welcome our new Chiefs and give thanks to those passing their headdresses. Please submit any menu suggestions to your tribal chiefs and we will discuss and finalize the menu during the March longhouse meeting. I look forward to a great time and some good eating!!!

It is still not too late to invite friends to join the Father Child Program. First time visitors can come to a campout for free. What better time to come visit than the Spring Campout. You can sign up now online!

Until next we meet-Enjoy the spring weather and take some time to spend with your children doing things they enjoy.

And as always-Remember, 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!

I hope you all enjoyed Daddy Daughter Date Night. Three hearty **KUDOS** to the Sioux (Doug Gregory) and everyone else who helped for their efforts in putting together a great event for all of us. I saw many smiling princesses and big braves and the dance floor was as packed as I've ever seen it. A great time was had by all. I think Cacheral turned out to be a great location – Kudos to Rob Williams for getting it nailed down. The magician was great as well.



Also, I want to thank everyone for a great turnout at the Federation Fundraiser Dinner. The cafeteria was packed and there were long lines of eager children waiting to win a cake. The YMCA took in over \$12,800 all of which goes towards our program. Three more hearty KUDOS go to everyone who helped at the event. I also want to point out what a great job a very good friend of our program did – Karen Tecklenberg. Let's hope she continues to give her time to the program.

I want to reiterate again that we have a major, major event coming up on May 28<sup>th</sup>. It's Family Day with the Father/Child Program at Hawaiian Falls in Mansfield. As a reminder, we are offering tickets for \$15 – this is a discount of \$10 per adult and over \$3 per child. In addition, if you renew your membership on that day, you will have your program membership fee waived (a savings of \$30 for an individual and \$45 for a family). New members also will have their program membership waived. Please spread the word. We want this to be a huge event.

### Here are our upcoming events:

Family Campout, March 25-27<sup>th</sup> Cedar Hill State Park

Spring Campout, April 8-9<sup>th</sup> Lake Murray State Park

Rocket Shoot, May 14<sup>th</sup> River Legacy Park

Family Night with the Father/Child Program at Hawaiian Falls – May 28th

Sincerely,

**Teaching Bear and Dancing Daisy  
Mike and Madison Ginani**

## YaTaHey Mighty Braves in the Guides Nation!

Big Kudos go out to all of those dads who stepped up to organize, execute and facilitate a VERY successful dinner and auction last month as together **we raised almost \$13K** for our Father/Child program! Thanks to the tribes who donated lots of cool stuff for us to raffle off and auction off as well. It seems as if everyone went home with something, if nothing else, a full stomach! Great food, fellowship and fun was had by all. Thanks for your support in so many ways. Let's keep the momentum going this Spring.



Momentum reminds me of the Pinewood **Derby on Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup>**. Cars will be registered the day before starting at 5:30 and ending at 9pm. Hopefully, you've all gotten your cars made by now and are faithfully following the y rules. Not sure about the dad's category. Rules? What rules? See you at the races!

The Spring Campout at Purtils Creek is just around the corner. Check out this bit of information regarding this beautiful part of Texas:

Purtils Creek State Park is located in an area where the Wichita and Caddo Indians once roamed. Just east of the park, on private property, is a cliff over hang that was used by unknown Indians as a temporary shelter. Petroglyphs are carved into the rock walls that indicate this area was a good hunting area. This area being well populated with game caused an influx of Anglos in the early to mid-1800s. Many small towns and communities were established during this time. The road that lies on the south border of the park at the entrance was known as the Tyler to Porter's Bluff Road, a well known stage route from East Texas to the Trinity River. Along this route, just north-east of Edom near the Neches River, is the site where the famed Cherokee Indian Chief Boles was slain in the Battle of the Neches in 1839.

No fooling! **The campout is April 1<sup>st</sup>!** Don't miss it and be prepared for friendly April fool's jokes, pranks and other natural disasters. Oh, and don't forget your water balloons! This is gonna be one great campout!

**Rocket Shoot is Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>** just in case you didn't have it in your calendar already. This is a great, fun-filled day for the whole family to come out and enjoy some really cool and creative rockets. Get yours at just about any craft store. You can put together a premade one, or, get crazy and make your own. It's amazing to see what the dads and sons come up with. I'll never forget the Styrofoam rocket! What a hoot. And it flew!

**Chief's Appreciation dinner is Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>!** Great food and fun at J. Gilligan's. We appreciate our chiefs and assistant chiefs VERY much. Don't miss this dinner in honor of YOU!

**Peace, Scott and Aidan Ferrell (Big Moon and Little Galaxy)**

## YaTaHey Mighty Trail Nation!

This spring, as is every spring, is our busiest time of the year. We have two fun events planned that are coming up quickly and will be here before you know it. First we have a trip to **Grady Spruce YMCA camp May 13-15** and the **Trails End Trip June 9-12**.

Daddy/Daughter Date Night was held 25th of February. Thanks to all of the Trail Nation who attended!!!! We had an attendance of 250+ dads and daughters. Kudos to the Sioux and Zuni War Chiefs for a great event.

**March 25-27** is the **Family Campout** at Cedar Hill State Park. Moms are invited to come, 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 **Trails End Trip** details are firming up. This year, we have a great trip scheduled. It is a Washington-on-the-Brazos/Blue Bell Creamery/Schlitterbahn Weekend. We will be travelling by bus to Washington-on-the-Brazos on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, and returning Sunday, the 12<sup>th</sup> (Three days this year, by request). The first day we'll tour the birthplace of Texas, and from there on to Brenham, where we will go to the Blue Bell Creamery. We will spend all day Saturday at Schlitterbahn. The third day, on the way home, we will stop in Waco for a tour of the Dr. Pepper museum. Still getting quotes and finalizing prices. I'll send an announcement soon.

The fundraiser was a great success. Thanks to everyone that helped in every way. We raised approximately \$12.8k at the federation fundraiser this year. This is a great start in funding our program.

**Walking Crow" (Tracy Storm)**  
Trail Nation Chief  
682-472-8478  
oreopup@tx.rr.com

**"Firestarter" (Rodney Austin)**  
Asst Trail Nation Chief  
**"Dancing Butterfly" (Savannah) Trailmate**

**"Racing Fox" (Rachel) – Trailmate**  
**"Slithering Snake" (Ethan) – Trailmate**





**Saturday March 12, 2010**

**8:00am – 11:00am**

**Randol Mill Park Lake**

**1901 W. Randol Mill Rd, Arlington 76012**

**Join us for a day of fishing!**  
**Fishing class for all the kids!**

**Hotdog lunch**

**Fishing Prizes**

**Bring Guests!**

**\$2 for each patch**

Lake is stocked with catfish.

Bring chairs and your own tackle.

Adults fishing **will** need a fishing license.





# ROCKET SHOOT



Date: Saturday May 14

Location:

River Legacy Park ([www.riverlegacy.org](http://www.riverlegacy.org))

701 NW Green Oaks Boulevard, 76006

Enter the park, take the first left, and look for the pavilion on the right.

Time:

8:00 am Pavilions reserved (bring your bikes and enjoy the park)

11:15 Rockets due for judging (optional)

12:00 Awards

12:00 – 2:00 Rocket Launching



Cost: Free!!! Patches are \$3 each. Bring the whole family.

**...3,2,1, Liftoff!!!** Nothing gets your blood pumping like the anticipation of a model rocket launch. When that countdown begins, you can feel the intensity in your own body, and see it in the eyes of your child. This event is designed to be fun and to provide a way for you and your child to spend quality time together by assembling and launching a model rocket. It has many benefits, such as getting them a bit of exercise when they chase the rocket across a field on its descent.



Plus, you just can't beat the educational aspects! What better way to introduce your children to the study of aerospace and STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) than by launching a rocket into the stratosphere!

Trophies will also be awarded for *Most Indian-Like, Biggest/Tallest, Smallest/Shortest, Most Colorful, Judges Favorite.*



**Papoose Fishing Event  
Mar 12 Randol Mill Park**



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