



Smoke Signal

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

July 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



Upcoming Events...

* See complete calendar on page 2 *



Little Chiefs Longhouse

August 16 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

Saturday, August 27
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!

Please bring potential recruits, friends, and family.



New Dads Orientation

September 13, 7-9pm @ Central YMCA Community Room

ALL NEW DADS IN THE PROGRAM MUST ATTEND

Elder: Jim Norris 817.419.9053

Elder: Mike Ginani 469.767.3051

Elder: John Geyerman 817.473.0218

Elder: David Adams

Elder: Jim Gammon

Elder: **Jeff Cloud** 817-360-0611

Bold names are new elders this year.

Federation Chief: Bill Darroch 214.274.8253

Asst. Federation Chief: Chris Elkins 817.999.3311

Program Manager: Rodney Smith 817.274-9622 rodneys@ymca-arlington.org

Papoose Chief: Brian Bolton

Guides Chief: Brad Millican

Princess Chief: Rob Williams

Trail Chief: Rodney Austin

Federation Meshenewa: John Geyerman

Program Calendar

YMCA Father/Child Program Events Calendar 2011-2012				
Events	Papoose 3-5 Yrs	Princess K-3rd	Guides K-3rd	Trail 4th & up
Hawaiian Falls Event	28-May	28-May	28-May	28-May
New Chief's Orientation	21-Jun	21-Jun	21-Jun	21-Jun
Dive In Movie Central Y	16-Jul	16-Jul	16-Jul	16-Jul
4th of July Parade (Arlington)	4-Jul	4-Jul	4-Jul	4-Jul
Little Chiefs Longhouse	16-Aug	16-Aug	16-Aug	16-Aug
Carnival	27-Aug	27-Aug	27-Aug	27-Aug
New Dad's Orientation	13-Sep	13-Sep	13-Sep	13-Sep
	YMCA	YMCA	YMCA	YMCA
Induction	17-Sep	17-Sep	17-Sep	17-Sep
	Lake Arlington	Lake Arlington	Lake Arlington	Lake Arlington
Fall Campout Event	Sep 23 - 25	Oct 21 - 23	Oct 7 - 9	Sept 30 - Oct 2
	Dino Valley SP	Cooper Lake SP	Lake Whitney SP	Rafting Trip -- Rockin "R"
Turkey Shoot	29-Oct	29-Oct	29-Oct	29-Oct
Federation Community Day	12-Nov	12-Nov	12-Nov	12-Nov
Papoose Train Ride Event	19-Nov			
Princess Event		T.B.D		
Arlington Parade of Lights	3-Dec	3-Dec	3-Dec	3-Dec
Papoose Christmas Party	11-Dec			
Federation Winter Campout	Jan 27 - 29	Jan 27 - 29	Jan 27 - 29	Jan 27 - 29
	Loyd Park	Loyd Park	Loyd Park	Loyd Park
Daddy Daughter Date Night		17-Feb		
Father-Son Event			T.B.D	
Federation Fund Raiser Dinner	25-Feb	25-Feb	25-Feb	25-Feb
Pinewood Derby	3-Mar	3-Mar	3-Mar	3-Mar
Papoose Fishing Event	24-Mar			
Spring Campout Event	Apr 20-22	Apr 13 - 15	Apr 27 - 29	May 4 - 6
	Purtis Creek SP	Lake Whitney SP	Lake Murray	Turner Falls
Rocket Shoot	12-May	12-May	12-May	12-May
Chief's Appreciation Dinner	15-May	15-May	15-May	15-May
Family Campout	May 18-20	May 18-20	May 18-20	May 18-20
	Cedar Hill SP	Cedar Hill SP	Cedar Hill SP	Cedar Hill SP
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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>**





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YA TA HEY BLACKLAND PRAIRIE FEDERATION!

I hope everyone is having a fantastic summer full of vacations, camps, swimming and spending quality family time together!

Saturday night July 16th from 7:00 to 10:00 PM we will come together as a federation for the Father / Child Dive-In Movie at the Central YMCA pool. Bring your family and friends from a fun night of swimming, a movie, and some good fellowship. There will be a great night and it is FREE!



August will start the new program year; your leadership team has been meeting and planning all summer. We have some great leadership and we are looking forward to an awesome year ahead!

The August Longhouse will be our traditional Little Chief's Longhouse. This is where all the little chiefs vote on the patch designs for the upcoming year. Check out <http://blackland-prairie.org/events.html> for all the details. Please start your children drawing patches for the upcoming year's events. Deliver them to your tribal chiefs or Rodney Smith at the Central YMCA before August 16th. Please put your name, tribe, nation, and event on the back of the drawing.

As school starts and August ends we will have our Carnival to officially kick off the 2011-2012 Program Year. The Carnival will be August 27th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. This is a great time to invite friends to a free fun event.

I hope you will get your tribes together for a cookout, pool part, Ranger game, or some other event to get together and have some fun.



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

Ya Ta Hey Mighty Papoose Nation!

I hope all of you are having a FANTASTIC summer! If you're like me, ya'll constantly catch yourself coming and going with all of your child's activities over the summer break. The summertime has been designated as "down-time" for the Father Child Program, but I encourage you to keep your tribes together through monthly meetings in July and August.

I understand that the 4th of July Parade float came together well. **Mike Ginani** of the Moose Tribe gets 3 BIG "kudos" for ensuring that the Program had a float in the parade. Thanks to all whom helped decorate, and to those whom marched in the parade with your children.



Your tribal chiefs and I have been hashing out the upcoming year's schedule since the New Chief's Longhouse last month – we are hoping that you find the upcoming year to be a rewarding, enriching calendar of events for you and your children to enjoy. I have several points of business to bring to your attention.

Additionally, the **LITTLE CHIEF'S LONGHOUSE** is on Tuesday, August 16th. At that meeting, the Federation, Nation, and Tribal Chiefs', and their Assistant Chiefs' children will vote on the winning patch designs for the upcoming Program year. Guidelines and templates for patch designs can be found at the Federation website, <http://blackland-prairie.org/events.html>. You must turn in all patch designs before that meeting for them to be considered. Your child can draw patch designs for any Federation and Papoose event; however, only the Papoose kids can vote on the Papoose-specific events. Last year, Dancing Rainbow designed the winning Christmas Party patch, and still gives a big, prideful smile when she sees it on her vest. Get those winning designs turned in to your Chiefs!

Did you know that the **CARNIVAL** is just a few weeks away? Please get together as a tribe and determine what games or activities you plan on hosting. Each tribe is responsible for an activity or game for both new and current members to participate in. They can be things you've done in the past as a tribe, or something new. I would encourage you to think outside the box, and have something captivating.

Lastly, I want to encourage all of you to keep spreading the word (if you have, in fact, been doing so) with other dads about the virtues of what we do. We all know, as active Program members, how much we appreciate the time we spend with our little ones; why not tell another dad on how much he's missing out on – last year, with my daughter, I went on 4 campouts, built and raced a pinewood derby car, built and launched a model rocket, went on a train ride, marched in 2 parades, made Christmas crafts, went fishing, and sorted cans at Mission Arlington to show her what it means to help others less fortunate than we. WOW! ***Find the courage to invite others to share the passion, the involvement, and the dedication that you all enjoy by your participation.*** What dad wouldn't be interested in spending more time with their kids? Reach out and tell someone what they are missing!

May the Great Spirit walk with you and work through you...



-PAPOOSE NATION CHIEF BLACK OWL (Brian Bolton)

-LITTLE NATION CHIEF SMILING TURTLE (Madeleine Bolton)

-LITTLE NATION CHIEF DANCING RAINBOW (Grace Bolton)

Ya-ta-hey Mighty Princess Nation!

I hope everyone is having a fantastic summer thus far and spending quality family time with your princesses! If you missed the July 4th Parade, a big KUDOS goes out to Mike Ginani and Thomas Harlan from the Caddo Tribe and all the volunteers that helped with the float by pulling this together at the last minute. **KUDOS, KUDOS, KUDOS!!!** At the last minute, they put together another memorable float for the parade and refused to have a tradition pass us by! Thanks for all the efforts!



Fast approaching we have some must see and attend events.

In July, we got the Dive-In Movie at the YMCA on July 16th from 7-10PM. Bring your family and princesses to this FATHER/CHILD Event. Invite a person or two or three and let them know how valuable this program is to the relationship that you have with your child. Also, before you know it we'll be having our scheduled August events that include our Little Chiefs Longhouse (August 16th). **THIS LONGHOUSE IS THE ONE WHERE PATCH DESIGNS ARE JUDGED FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR**, so be sure to get with your Tribal Chief to learn more about the details of this Longhouse and how the patch designs are judged for the upcoming year. ***Chiefs please come to this longhouse with your patches to be judged.*** And let's not forget our Annual Carnival at the YMCA (August 27th). ***Very important, be sure to have that IMPERATIVE TRIBE MEETING before these events occur to discuss recruiting, tribe contributions, and more. Your Tribal Chief will discuss all the details during this meeting. Don't forget about gaining those points for the Tally Sheet and Tribe of the Year!***

August is approaching fast. If you haven't invited someone to the program, please consider this a great time to discuss the Father/Child Program with family, friends, co-workers and strangers! This program has deepened the valuable relationship between me and my girls and I look forward to what it will bring to yours and others. So keep it alive by spreading the word! See you soon at the next event!

Blessings,

Chief Big Kahuna (Rob Williams)

Glowing Butterfly (Lauren)

Brown Bear (Brenna)

YaTaHey Mighty Braves in the Guides Nation!

Eagle Eye and Big Bear Claw hope you have had a great summer so far. Despite it being a “down time” for the program, we have lots of things coming up very soon!



Our next event coming up is the Dive-In-Movie at the Central Y on July 16. This will be a great time to socialize among other Dads and kids in the program. It will also be an incredible time to invite guests you are recruiting to our program to a fun, FREE event to understand what a benefit the Y Father/Child program can be for them.

I know it seems it a long way off, but Carnival will be here before long on August 27. This is a great time to kick off our year with fun games (including dunking many of your favorite members in the dunking booth). This has traditionally been the time when sign-ups for the year begin. However, if you are a returning member, you can contact the Y now (in person, by phone or online) to sign up for next year.

In August, we also have our Little Chief Longhouse. This is where all of the patch designs for the year are selected. Remember, every child in the program can participate by designing patches. Check out <http://blackland-prairie.org/events.html> for all the details. Don't wait for the last minute and start working on them now.

Is your tribe having meetings, outings, tribe campouts, pool parties, or other events during this summer? If not, why not? Earlier, I used quotes when I stated down time for the program. I did that because even though there are not as many nation events planned, this is a great time to bond as a tribe, keep your momentum going and bring in potential new members for your tribe. Let's not lose our momentum from a great year we just finished up and start the year strong.

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions regarding the program. This is your program and it takes all of us together to make it strong.

I look forward to seeing each of you soon!!

Brad “Big Bear Claw” Millican
Guides Nation Chief

Miles “Eagle Eye” Millican
Guides Nation Little Chief

YaTaHey Mighty Trail Nation!

I hope all of you are getting some much needed rest and re-energizing your batteries for the upcoming year!

The Trail nation is glad to welcome all the new additions we will be getting from the Guides and Princess nation graduates and showing them all the things we have enjoyed for so long with the older kids. This year is going to take a little turn in the way we have done things in the past. I have been approached by a few tribes that would like to move into Trail as a tribe. I think this is a great idea and would encourage anyone that is not already in a group or tribe to be looking at starting one or joining the many groups that are already together in Trail. Tribes are certainly nothing new for many of us but some may not wish to join or create a tribe and that is perfectly acceptable, as this has been our tradition in Trail for a while.

The number of campouts for Trail is changing this year. We will always start the year off with some type of water activity to say good bye to summer. Our participation level for both a fall campout and the Haunted Trail has been slipping so we will only have one fall campout this year and this will be our annual Haunted Trail that we put on for the Guides and Princesses nations. Nothing has changed for our winter campout. My thoughts on the spring campout and the end of year trip are to combine the two and make the spring campout a longer weekend. I have chosen Cinco de Mayo weekend for our last campout of the year, as many of us will have Friday off for a school holiday, we could start the campout on Thursday – just an idea and I am open for suggestions and thoughts.

Our first big gig of the year will be the Carnival and we will be responsible for the rope bridge. I hope to see all of you in attendance!!!

Firestarter (Rodney Austin)

Trail Nation Chief

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Dancing Butterfly – (Savannah)

Snake Eyes – (Gage)

Fierce Coyote – (Slade)



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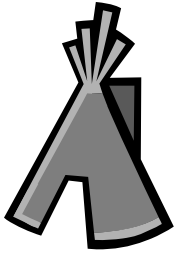
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