

July 2008

SMOKE SIGNAL

A Publication of the YMCA of Arlington Father / Child Program



Remember the
AUGUST 30th
CARNIVAL
9 AM-1 PM
Central YMCA
2200 South Davis

HAPPY 4th of JULY!!



HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS FOR THIS SEASON AND GET A RECRUITMENT PATCH FOR EVERY NEW PARTICIPANT!

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YA TA HAY BLACKLAND PRAIRIE FEDERATION!

Summertime heat is bearing down, so this would be the perfect opportunity for those members with swimming pools to host a summer tribal meeting. You can knock out some swimming deeds in the process. Remember, summer tribal meetings keep the tribe strong, and ready for the fall activities!

LITTLE CHIEF'S LONGHOUSE

As you may or may not know, all of the patches for each event are designed by the kids. This happens by the scientific process of submission and careful review by those closest to it all - the kids. Any child in the program can - and should, submit a patch design for any or all of the activities which will occur throughout the program year. Those submissions are delivered to the Little Chief's Longhouse on September 2, 2008, where the children of the current chiefs vote on the patch designs. The patch design with the most votes in each event category becomes the patch for that event, for that year. This is an excellent opportunity for kids to become a part of every vest.

NEW DAD'S ORIENTATION

If you are getting this, you're not a new dad in the program. However, in case you're reading it online, or are reading a friend's, and want to be in the program, the orientation for you is September 9, 2008. This night is established to orient you as to what happens & how, so you can be comfortable in the activities and events. New dads in the program are strongly encouraged to attend.

CARNIVAL

August 30th is just around the corner, believe it or not. Each tribe should plan on hosting an event/bead deed, without duplication of others. The quicker you select your activity, the more likely your tribe will get to host it. Check with you Tribal & Nation Chiefs for more specifics. We will need help setting up the caution tape and stakes. Anyone available the Friday evening is encouraged to help.

INDUCTION

This year's induction on September 20, 2008, will take place where it did last year - Lake Arlington, next to the Mushroom Castle & Yacht Club. Pray for rain so we won't have a burn ban. As we all know this event is a big one, and needs the help of many princesses and braves to pull it off. I'm not sure what Page Nix has in store for us in the entertainment category this year, but he assures us all that it will rival the fire dancers of last year. Ya ta hay!

Enjoy what's left of the summer. Ya Ta Hay!!

Federation Chief Running Buck, Swimming Butterfly, Little Buck Runamuck & Livie One-Shoe
(Wes, Zoe, Grant & Olivia Maness)



TRAIL PROGRAM

Thank you for the privilege of representing the Trail Nation as Chief for the 2008 / 2009 year! Gene Hubble has graciously accepted the role as Assistant Nation Chief, so together we will take this program forward another year.

As current Trail members already know, the types of trips the Trail undertakes are geared more towards older kids, with longer duration and more strenuous activities. Some of my favorites (as examples) were the End of Trail trip a few years ago to Carlsbad Caverns and Guadalupe Peak (the highest mountain in Texas!), the 'Live Aboard' program on the USS Lexington, rafting and canoeing on the Guadalupe and San Marcos rivers, and paddling through the cypress swamp of Caddo Lake. Since the kids are older and more self-sufficient, we can take on trips such as these. They also require more upfront planning to coordinate the itinerary, plan for transportation and lodging, etc.

Remember, as chiefs we simply represent you in the program. The accomplishments, activities, success, and enjoyment as Trail members are all dependent on you as participants. We will be what we make us. Unfortunately the opposite also could be true unless we actively contribute.

The last two End-of-Trail trips were cancelled due to lack of participation. Let's not let that happen again this year!

This will be my 10th year in the program having been Papoose and Princess tribal chiefs three times. My two daughters Kimberly (12) and Kristin (10) who have each been participating with me since they were three, join me again as part of the Trail Nation this year. With 6 and 7 year old boys now in the Guides, I also look forward to many more years in the Y program.

Don't forget the upcoming 4th of July Parade. June 28th has been set as the date to help decorate the float. Contact me or Gene Hubble for more info.

The Carnival will be here again before we know it (August 30th). We'll need help setting up and manning the rope bridge as usual.

Thanks Guys and Gals! Here's to a Great Year!

Jim Norris
Trail Nation Chief
Chief

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Gene Hubble
Trail Nation Assistant

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Papoose News

The Plains Indians once believed that Great Spirit brought water to their lands and created their rivers. So to say thank you to the Great Spirit the Plains Indians would have a ceremony each summer much like our bonfires. At these ceremonies they would give thanks to the Great Spirit for the rain and waters that ran through their lands.

At the end of the ceremony everyone in the tribe would travel to the river and bathe and swim in the river. They believed that the waters would give them strength and wash away any evil spirits that could make them sick.

So I invite you to partake in this sacred ritual and bring your tribe to the YMCA RIVER and be a part of the **DRIVE IN MOVIES** each Friday night from June 13th – August 22nd.

Dive-In Movies

Spend your Friday nights this summer at the Dive-In! Bring your family and floaties to the pool for Dive-In Movies.

Dates: Fridays, June 13 through August 22

Time: Tickets go on sale at 7:30 p.m. Movies begin at 8:30 p.m.

Cost: Free to YMCA Members

Program Members or Non-Members: \$3 per person or \$10 per family

Concessions Available – Pizza \$1

Movies:

June 13 Enchanted

June 20 Dr. Seuss- Horton Hears aWho

June 27 Bee Movie

July 11 Underdog

July 18 Golden Compass

July 25 Alvin n the Chipmunks

August 1 Surf's Up

August 8 Ratatouille

August 15 Gameplan

Remember that the tribe that has the greatest total participants (friends and family are counted) will be the recipients of the Nation Chiefs Award for the summer.

I am so proud to announce that Fox tribe member Ryan "Screaming Eagle" Keller won the Smallest Rocket at the Rocket shoot on May 31st. But don't let the "little" rocket fool you. That rocket was probably the fastest rocket there also.

I hope many of you got to participate and enjoy the rocket shoot.

It's almost time for the 4th of July Parade. Last year we had a good turn out. Don't forget that you and your papoose can march in the parade (your papoose will need a bike to ride – too much walking for the little ones) or you can sit and watch the parade go by. Either way it is a great opportunity to participate in one of our countries great celebrations.

Also, tribes need to begin planning their "activity" for the Summer Carnival on August 30th. Don't wait till the last minute to begin preparations on this important event. Let's make some great booths that will make the rest of the nation jealous!

Yatahai Mighty Princess Nation,

I know that the Nation Chief usually writes the Smoke Signal article each month, but I asked to recount a recent experience with my daughter and how it highlighted that our current activities will impact our future memories and relationships with our children. Recently my oldest daughter, Shining Cloud, and I were invited to celebrate the Arlington YMCA's 50th anniversary at a Texas Rangers ball game. We proudly represented the Father/Child Programs by wearing our Indian vests and Zuni tribe T-shirts. When we arrived at the Ballpark and gathered near the entrance with the other representatives of the Arlington YMCA, we became the center of attention due to our vests and the program that they represent. Many of those in attendance were once in the program, and they shared their fond memories of spending time with their children. They asked Shining Cloud many questions such as what was and how did she get her Indian name, her favorite activity (Daddy Daughter Date Night), and other topics.

In only a little while, we were escorted down a stairway that led beneath the ballpark, and then out onto the field for a pre-game ceremony. The announcer talked about the long, successful history of the YMCA and also who we were and why we were there. The entire group was introduced by name and shown on the big screen over right field. Shining Cloud mentioned to me that she will never be that big again!

After this brief ceremony, the group went back beneath the stadium, and then up to our seats. On the way to our seats, we walked along the concourse on the back side of the stadium. My daughter noticed that some older girls (teenagers) with their families and/or Dads were pointing at her vest and smiling. It was apparent that they recognized that the vests were associated with the YMCA program and were thinking of fond memories they experienced with their fathers. There were even some words quietly spoken to their Dads such as, "Hey Dad, look at their vests, remember when we did that?" Shining Cloud felt very proud that she was there with her Dad participating in this special activity and representing our nation and the Father/Child program. Being recognized by other girls was a demonstration that she was part of a much bigger group of people with similar positive experiences and memories, not just her mighty Zuni tribe members.

The purpose of this account is to highlight the fact that if you put in the effort to spend time with your child doing the unique activities of our program, they will remember long into the future and maintain that tight bond that was developed with you all those years ago. Decide right now what type of Dad you want to be, and stick to that ideal. Make the effort to attend as many of the Princess events as possible even if that means missing one sporting event or other activity that occur on a weekly or monthly basis. Our events are once-in-a-lifetime occurrences. I hope to see many of you this year at all of the events.

A reminder of some summer events:

The first big event to prepare for is the Summer Carnival (August 30). Every tribe will be expected to make a presence and host an activity booth as the program recruits new members. More details will be forthcoming.

Another item that helps represent the Program is the float in the Arlington 4th of July parade. In order to enter, a float must be created, decorated, and then "manned." There will be a need for plenty of volunteers to help support this year's float.

So remember as we move forward into the new program year, help your daughters ... have some fun, make some memories, and learn the occasional life lesson.

Ya Ta Hey Guides Nation,

I am happy to say that this is my very first letter in the Smoke Signal as your Guides Nation Chief. With that being said, I want to again say thank you to Paul Mayo for giving me this opportunity to help lead a program that has strengthened my relationship with my kids. Paul's contributions to the Father/Child Program thru Papoose, Guides, Princess and Trail are extensive, and I sincerely thank him.

I have been involved with the Guides for 2 years and the Princess for over 4. My daughter Kendall (Singing Butterfly - yes I know another butterfly) and I have been part of the Karankawa Tribe and have enjoyed every bit of it. She tells all of her friends the best part of the program is the campouts and the Daddy/Daughter Dance. My son Kaden (Roaring Rapid) is excited that I am Nation Chief and keeps telling me that he is the "Little Nation Chief" and wants a big head dress like his Father... We have been apart of the Mighty Apache Tribe for 2 years, and he has made some great friends and talks about them always and cannot wait for campouts either.

I am giving you this background because I care a lot about this program. I want to help it continue to grow and build the relationships between a father and a child similar to what I have been able to have. The only way to do so is to expand and get more members in the Guides Nation. I have chosen Bob Famigletti of the Choctaw Tribe to be my Assistant Nation Chief. Those who know Bob have seen that he enjoys this program and is organized in a way I can only dream to be.

My goal for this year to have a focus on bringing others to this program. We need to do what we can to remove whatever hurdles there are stopping others from joining our program. Thus, I feel events that allow for us to bring a guest is important. If we can combine the events in the past that have kept this program strong with new events that encourage others to come, we can grow this program.

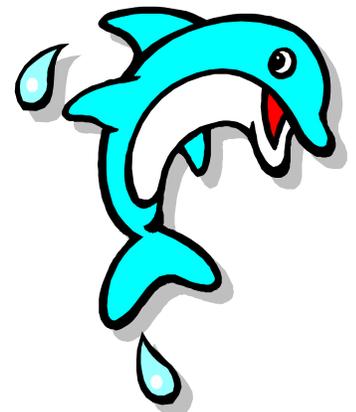
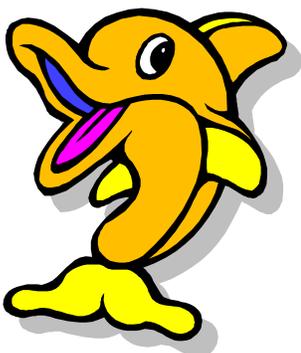
I also want to remind everyone that we have the Chief's Training on June 24th and the Carnival is on August 30th.

Thank you again for letting me serve as your Nation Chief, and I look forward to a GREAT year.

Swim Lesson Registration

YMCA of Arlington Swim Lesson registration is in progress. We offer classes for all ages 6 month to adult classes. We also offer private classes for children with special needs. It is time to get ready for the summer. The YMCA swimming programs are designed to teach personal water safety and swimming skills to children. These programs lay a foundation for a lifetime of safe and enjoyable participation in an aquatic environment. The YMCA of Arlington has offered quality Aquatics programs for over 30 years. We offer Open Swim, Water Aerobics, Pool Parties, Dive-In Movies, Swim Team, Life-guard, CPR/First Aid Training and much more.

COME CHECK US OUT THIS SUMMER!



CALENDAR

Papoose

Little Chiefs Longhouse- August 19th at 7pm, Central YMCA

Carnival- August 30th, 9am- 1pm, Central Branch YMCA

New Dad's Orientation- Sept. 9th 7pm, Central YMCA

Induction- Sept. 20th

Princess

Little Chiefs Longhouse- August 19th at 7pm, Central YMCA

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Induction- Sept. 20th

Trail

Little Chiefs Longhouse- August 19th at 7pm, Central YMCA

Carnival- August 30th, 9am- 1pm, Central Branch YMCA

Trail Rafting Trip- Sept. 5th- 7th, Rockin "R" Rafting

New Dad's Orientation- Sept. 9th 7pm, Central YMCA

Induction- Sept. 20th

Please Check for Event Registration Deadlines!

YMCA Phone Number: 817.274.9622

**Federation Longhouse:
July 15 6:30p.m.
Arlington YMCA- Central Branch**

**Tribal Chief Longhouse:
July 15, 7:30p.m.
Arlington YMCA-Central Branch**

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