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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...

Federation Winter Campout

Papoose, Princess, Guides, Trail

Jan 30 - Feb. 1

Loyd Park, Grand Prairie

Cost: \$25/pair, \$5 each additional child
\$10 for trailer



Daddy/Daughter Date Night

Feb. 8, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Sheraton Arlington Hotel

Cost: \$48/pair; \$18 each additional child

Papoose, Princess, Trail

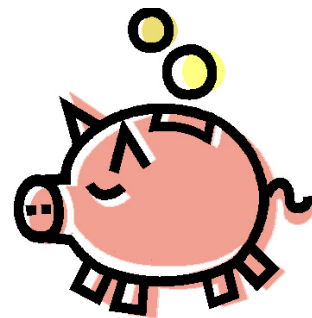
Federation Fund Raiser

Papoose, Princess, Guides, Trail
Family & Friends

Feb. 21, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Boles Jr High

Cost: \$8/adult, \$4/child, or \$24/family



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January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Winter Campout	31 Winter Campout

February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Winter Campout	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Daddy/Daughter Date Night	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Federation Fund Raiser
22	23	24	25	26	27 * <i>Date Change</i> * Father/Son Event	28 Papoose Fishing Event

YMCA Father/Child Program Events Calendar 2008-2009

Events	Papoose 3-5 Yrs	Princess K-3rd	Guides K-3rd	Trail 4th & up
<i>New Chief's Orientation</i>	24-Jun YMCA	24-Jun YMCA	24-Jun YMCA	24-Jun YMCA
<i>4th of July Parade (Arlington)</i>	4-Jul	4-Jul	4-Jul	4-Jul
<i>Carnival</i>	30-Aug	30-Aug	30-Aug	30-Aug
<i>Little Chiefs Longhouse</i>	19-Aug	19-Aug	19-Aug	19-Aug
<i>Trail Event</i>				Sep 5 - Sep 7 Rafting Trip
<i>New Dad's Orientation</i>	9-Sep YMCA	9-Sep YMCA	9-Sep YMCA	9-Sep YMCA
<i>Induction</i>	20-Sep Lake Arlington	20-Sep Lake Arlington	20-Sep Lake Arlington	20-Sep Lake Arlington
<i>Fall Campout Event</i>	Sep 26 - Sep 28 Dinosaur Valley	Oct 10-12 Fairfield	Oct 24-26 Cooper Lake	Oct 3-5 Trail Rock Climb Pedemales Falls
<i>Papoose Event</i>	1-Nov Train Ride			
<i>Princess Dance</i>		7-Nov		
<i>Turkey Shoot</i>	8-Nov	8-Nov	8-Nov	8-Nov
<i>Federation Community Day</i>	15-Nov	15-Nov	15-Nov	15-Nov
<i>Arlington Parade of Lights</i>	6-Dec	6-Dec	6-Dec	6-Dec
<i>Papoose Christmas Party</i>	14-Dec			
<i>Federation Winter Campout</i>	Jan 30 - Feb 1 Loyd Park	Jan 30 - Feb 1 Loyd Park	Jan 30 - Feb 1 Loyd Park	Jan 30 - Feb 1 Loyd Park
<i>Father-Son Event</i>			7-Feb	
<i>Daddy Daughter Date Night</i>		8-Feb		8-Feb
<i>Federation Fund Raiser Dinner</i>	21-Feb	21-Feb	21-Feb	21-Feb
<i>Papoose Event</i>	2/28/2009 Fishing Event			
<i>Pinewood Derby</i>	7-Mar	7-Mar	7-Mar	7-Mar
<i>Family Campout</i>	Mar 27-29 Ray Roberts	Mar 27-29 Ray Roberts	Mar 27-29 Ray Roberts	Mar 27-29 Ray Roberts
<i>Spring Campout Event</i>	Apr 24-26 Mineral Wells State Park	Apr 17-19 Lake Murray	Apr 3-5 Purtis Creek	May 1-3 Canoe Trip/San Marcos
<i>Chief's Appreciation Dinner</i>	19-May	19-May	19-May	19-May
<i>Rocket Shoot</i>	16-May	16-May	16-May	16-May
<i>Trail End Trip</i>		June 5-7 Carlsbad Caverns	June 5-7 Carlsbad Caverns	June 5-7 Carlsbad Caverns

YA TA HAY BLACKLAND PRAIRIE FEDERATION!

I hope everyone had a great Christmas Holiday. It is times like these make us appreciate what we have in all aspects of our lives. The sponsored family program always opens my eyes to how good life is for us and how we can help those less fortunate. That's the real spirit of the season. Now – on to the New Year!

WINTER CAMPOUT

It's only a few weeks away. Sign up NOW. All who signed up to help out will be reminded as the date of the event (January 30 – February 1 at Joe Pool Lake) approaches. We will have the annual changing of the headdress for the Federation leadership at the bonfire, as well as pictures, and the usual activities. As a special benefit, Papoose Chief Turner has arranged for a special safety clinic on Saturday. This is something we all want our kids to attend. Stay tuned.

Winter Campout Camper Drawing

The drawing for the Winter Campout Camper will be held at the January Longhouse. Ticket donations have been low, so your chances are high of winning the trailer. The winner gets use of a camper from United RV, which will be set up for you. Just show up & camp – what a deal!

PINEWOOD DERBY

The event will be March 7, 2009, at the Central YMCA on Davis. Cars are now available when you sign up at the Davis/Central Y only for this event. Those wishing to compete in the appearance contest MUST check their cars in on Friday March 6th before 8:30pm. Good luck – anyone knowing what the Lanter family's speed secret is – feel free to share.

FUNDRAISER DINNER

Our main fundraiser event, the silent auction/cakewalk/fundraiser dinner, will be held on February 21, 2009. All tribes are asked to bring 2 - 3 items each for the raffle, a packaged silent auction item, a dessert for the meal, and a cake for each member for the most popular event - the cake walk. Boles will be the location like last year. Letters for matching and charity status are available.

Let's keep the spirit of the program going, and maintain the quality time this program provides. Remember: up to date information and changes can be found at the official Blackland Prairie website:

<http://www.Blackland-Prairie.org>

See you at the events.

Federation Chief "Running Buck"

***Swimming Butterfly * Little Buck Runamuck * Livie One-Shoe ***

(Wes, Zoe, Grant & Olivia Maness)



Yatahey Mighty Papoose Nation,

I hope that every one had a great Christmas and hope that Santa came to visit each one of you.

Our Native American ancestors celebrated Christmas as we do. But they had different customs. For example, the Laguna Indians have a custom of a dance each Christmas where gifts are offered at the manger. And some tribes celebrate the same Christmas story we do, except the Wise Men are replaced with Indian Chiefs and the shepherds are replaced with Indian Braves. And some Native Americans call Jesus the "Star Person" because the Wise Men found him by following a bright star.

And just like the Native Americans celebrate Christmas they also celebrate New Year's like us. And like us they normally celebrate New Year's by meeting with each other and sharing a fine meal and having games. And that's exactly what we will be doing at the Federation Winter Camp Out.

So we are going to start this year off with a bang at our Winter Federation Camp Out at Joe Pool Lake.

So if you have not signed up for the camp out you better hurry up. This camp out is for the whole federation - that's all the kids from 3 years old to the teenagers. So the space will be limited. And besides there is no better fun than warming up next to the fire at night and cooking smores.

But that is not all. In February we have the Daddy Daughter Date Night on Feb. 8th (this is now open to the Papoose Nation) the Annual Federation Fund Raising dinner (Feb. 21st) followed by the Fishing event (Feb. 28th).

Now that's how you start the year off right!

Dad's we need to buy our tickets for the Fund Raising dinner SOON. We need an accurate head count to know how much food to order. We also need each tribe to work on their raffle items (see your tribe chief for details). This event helps fund some of the benefits we enjoy through the program. This past year the money raised through this event helped pay for all of the new BB guns we used at the Turkey Shoot and has help purchase new poles for our Tepee's. So please plan to participate.

So pack your thermal underwear and get ready for our Winter Camp Out.

Kelly Sleeping Bear Turner & Reid Screaming Eagle Turner

Yatahey Mighty Princess Nation!

I hope you all had a wonderful Merry Christmas and Happy New Year with your families. There was much sleeping in and no going to work at the Cloud teepee; just time to play with my Princesses and do some activities we never seem to find time for the rest of the year. But all of that is over and just like in the Fall, we have a couple of busy months ahead of us this New Year.

First, is the Winter Campout on January 30 – February 1st at Loyd Park in Grand Prairie on the shores of Joe Pool Lake. Read more about this campout elsewhere in this newsletter.

Next is the big one...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 magic show. This should be a magical evening that is an example to them of how a "nice boy" should treat them at Prom someday. 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 Sunday, February 8, 2009 from 5:30 – 8:30pm at the same hotel as previous years, but it is now named the Sheraton Arlington Hotel. It is next to the Ballpark and the Arlington Convention Center (1500 Convention Center Drive Arlington, TX 76011). Couples are \$48.00 + \$18.00 each for any additional child. These prices haven't changed in four years, amazing! Also, a professional photographer will be outside the ballroom offering formal portraits of you and your daughter. You look mahvelous, darling!—Billy Crystal

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 visiting or calling the Arlington YMCA Central Branch (817) 274-9622, or online at <http://www.ymca-arlington.org/onlineRegistration.asp>. Please RSVP by February 5.

Finally, one of the most important events for our program is the Federation Fund Raiser Dinner and Auction on February 21 at Boles Junior High in Arlington. We will have the silent auction, raffle, David's BBQ for dinner, and Cake Walk for the kids. Don't forget to contribute items from your tribes to the auction, raffle, and cake walk. All of the money raised this night stays within our Program. It is 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. Come out and bring your family, grandparents, neighbors, and friends to help our cause. Tickets are available from your Tribal Chiefs or Rodney Smith at the YMCA.



I only have one last item before finishing this month. Vigil Hawk (Billy McCarty) of the Mohawk Princesses sent me this photo of the Mohawk Guides and Princesses at their joint December tribe meeting. As you can see, these kids and their dads gathered as a counsel outdoors along with a couple of beautiful steeds instead of having the traditional gathering at a member's teepee. Try and think of a unique meeting venue for your next tribal gathering while incorporating the strong qualities of Native American culture (dignity, patience, endurance, spirituality, feeling for the earth, and

concern for your family) into your activities.

Until the next counsel fire...

Princess Nation Chief Lightning Cloud
Little Princess Nation Chief Shining Cloud
(Jeff and Andie)



Ya Ta Hey Mighty Guides Nation,

It really has been many moons since we have gathered as a group, and I hope you and your family had a GREAT Christmas and a better New Year's. This is the start of an exciting 2nd half of the year for the Guides. Not only will we have a the Winter Campout with the other Nations, and the Federation Fundraiser, but we will also be having a "Guides Night Out". Yes, you heard me.....something for the Guides.

First, for those who have not attended the Winter Campout, you are in for a fantastic time. All the Nations will be there. You will see Dad's from other tribes and say "hey, I did not know you were in the program". It is a time when we get to show our strength, and appreciate our program. The Campout will be at Lloyd Park near Joe Pool Lake on January 30th thru February 1st, and I want to thank the tribes who have stepped up and volunteered to help. Do not forget....Trailer Raffle. Tickets are still available for you to win a free camper for the campout. Contact your Chiefs for information.

Secondly, on February 21st is the Federation Fundraising Dinner. It is a great time, and all the money goes to supporting our program. Please, look to donate items for the silent auction and get those companies you work with to throw in items too. Lets make this one bigger than last year.

Lastly, but not least, is the "Guides Night Out". We need to say thank you to Scott Ferrell from the Blackfoot for setting up an opportunity that is truly special. Here are the particulars.....Friday February 27th we meet at 5:30 at North Richland Hills Hockey Rink to watch the Fort Worth Brahmas Hockey game. But there is more. They'll set up an interview with one of the players one hour before the game. We'll get history, and have him sign our poster/puck. They'll put us all together and give us the group rate of \$9 bucks per person. Good seats too! If we have 100+ attend the game, they'll let us do a tug of war on the ice during "halftime". Tribes against tribe? Here's a cool thing. If we have 30 dads/sons that want to, we can do a lock-in at the arena! For \$25 each we get a ticket to the game, one hour of broom ball, volley ball, pizza and the whole place to ourselves for the night! Talk about a memory!

Guides Nation, as you can see, it will be an incredible next few months, and I personally cannot wait.

See you all at the Campout.

Kevin "Night Owl" Hadawi, Nation Chief

Kaden "Roaring Rapid" Hadawi, Little Nation Chief

YaTaHey Mighty Trail Nation!

Wow! What a great year! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas holidays and are ready for this upcoming year. The Trail Nation has a lot to look forward to in the coming months leading up to the Trails End Trip to Carlsbad Caverns in June.

Federation Winter Campout (January 30th) - See the front cover and the Federation Chiefs article on page 3 for more information. As most of you already know and have probably experienced through the years, this campout can run the extremes of weather, so come prepared!

Guides Father / Son Event – While typically this is just for the Guides, I heard this will also be open to Trail members as well this year to fill out the numbers. Check out the details in the Guide Nation Chief article on page 6. I'll send additional information on this as I get it.

Federation Fundraiser Dinner (February 21st) – More to come on this. I have tickets to sell for this event \$4 per child, \$8 per adult, \$24 per family. Be thinking of how we should contribute as the oldest, wisest, most experienced nation!

Pinewood Derby (March 7th) – Cars are available now at the Y, and will be sold at the Winter Campout as well.

Family Campout (March 27th)

Trail Spring Event (May 1st) – Canoeing on the San Marcos River. This has really been a great trip in the past. One of my daughters favorites! We'll stay again at the camp on the river (used to be called Pecan Park, now is call San Marcos River Retreat.

Rocket Shoot (May 16th)

Trails End Trip (June 5th) – Carlsbad Caverns! More to come on this as well.

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Longhouse
January 20th - 7:30 PM
Arlington YMCA Central Branch

Federation Winter Campout
January 30th - February 1st

Daddy/Daughter Date Night
February 8th - 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Federation Fund Raiser
February 21st—6:30 PM - 8:30 PM



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