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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 *

Turkey Shoot

Nov 7 10am—12 pm

Dalworthington Gardens City Park

All Nations are Welcome!

Cost: \$10 / \$3 for 2nd child
Pay at the event



Federation Community Day

Nov 14 9am—1 pm

Mission Arlington
All Nations are Welcome!

Cost: Free

Help us sort cans for Thanksgiving dinner, and support our canned food drive!

Papoose Train Ride

Nov 21

Cost: \$5 Father/Child, \$2 for 2nd child
Ride the TRE, and explore the Stockyard Station



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Bold names are new elders this year.

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Trail Chief: Gene Hubble

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YMCA Father/Child Program Events Calendar 2009-2010

Events	Papoose	Princess	Guides	Trail
	3-5 Yrs	K-3rd	K-3rd	4th & up
New Chief's Orientation	16-Jun YMCA	16-Jun YMCA	16-Jun YMCA	16-Jun YMCA
4th of July Parade (Arlington)	4-Jul	4-Jul	4-Jul	4-Jul
Little Chiefs Longhouse	18-Aug	18-Aug	18-Aug	18-Aug
Carnival	29-Aug	29-Aug	29-Aug	29-Aug
Trail Event				Sep 11 - Sep 13 Rafting Trip
New Dad's Orientation	8-Sep YMCA	8-Sep YMCA	8-Sep YMCA	8-Sep YMCA
Induction	19-Sep Lake Arlington	19-Sep Lake Arlington	19-Sep Lake Arlington	19-Sep Lake Arlington
Fall Campout Event	Sep 25 - 27 Cleburne SP	Oct 23 - 25 Cooper Lake	Oct 16 - 18 Eisenhower SP	Oct 2 - 4 Rock climbing - Pedernales Falls SP
Turkey Shoot	7-Nov	7-Nov	7-Nov	7-Nov
Federation Community Day	14-Nov	14-Nov	14-Nov	14-Nov
Papoose Event	21-Nov			
Princess Dance		4-Dec		
Arlington Parade of Lights	12-Dec	12-Dec	12-Dec	12-Dec
Papoose Christmas Party	13-Dec			
Federation Winter Campout	Jan 29 - 31 Loyd Park			
Daddy Daughter Date Night		21-Feb		
Father-Son Event			19-Feb	
Federation Fund Raiser Dinner	27-Feb	27-Feb	27-Feb	27-Feb
Pinewood Derby	6-Mar	6-Mar	6-Mar	6-Mar
Papoose Event	13-Mar			
Family Campout	Mar 26 - 28 Ray Roberts - IDB			
Spring Campout Event	Apr 23 - 25 Ray Roberts - JB	Apr 16 - 18 Lake Whitney	Apr 9 - 11 Lake Murray	Apr 30 - May 2 TBD
Rocket Shoot	15-May	15-May	15-May	15-May
Chief's Appreciation Dinner	18-May	18-May	18-May	18-May
Trail End Trip		June 11 - 13 NASA / Galveston	June 11 - 13 NASA / Galveston	June 11 - 13 NASA / Galveston

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



YA TA HAY BLACKLAND PRAIRIE FEDERATION!

Fall Campouts in all Nations were a great success. The Haunted Trail at the Princess Nation campout was taken to a new level this year, and the Guides are in for a great time next year when the event returns to their Nation. Running Bobcat took a gamble leading the Guides Nation to Eisenhower SP, and we were all rewarded with a great time at a great new venue. This park will definitely be put in the rotation for future campouts.

The **Turkey Shoot** is right around the corner on Nov 7 so please make plans to attend this great event. The kids love shooting the bow & arrow and the BB guns. Of course no turkeys are ever harmed during the event, but your child could win a frozen turkey for your family if they are the sharpest shooter that day.

Federation Community Day is also in November on the 14th. No event makes me any prouder to be part of this program than Community Day! This event is not only a great opportunity to give back to the people in our city, but it is an even greater opportunity to instill a sense of community service in our children. Over the years I have experienced how this event has made an impact on my kids, and I know they look forward to coming back every year. Please make it a point to attend, and bring mom along so she can see how hard all of our kids work at this event.

The **Papoose Train Ride** is scheduled for Nov 21. Please make a point to attend this event. Seeing the TRE packed with Papoose Fathers and Children is a site you will not forget. I commute on the train daily, and I still think about the times I took my Papoose to this event every time I see a child on the train. There is just something magical you see in their eyes when they are riding on the train!

Please take time to reflect on all the great times you were able to have with your child by participating in this program. Every event you attend shows your child how important they are to you. We are building memories that our children will NEVER forget, and we should all take pride in that. Ya Ta Hey!

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

Federation Chief "Big Fireball"
Trailmate "Little Fireball" & Choctaw Guide "Fireball"
(Charles, Sarah, Brandon)



Ya Ta Hey Mighty Papoose Nation,

The Papoose Nation is rested up this month after a GREAT start to the program year. I hope your tribe had a meeting or two since the campout.

November and December is full of activities: the Turkey Shoot on Nov. 7th, Federation Community Day on Nov. 14th, the Papoose Train Ride and Stockyards on Nov. 21st, Arlington Parade of Lights on Dec. 6th, and the Papoose Christmas Party on Dec. 13th. I hope you can also find some time to have a tribe meeting or two over the next few months as well. Tribal meetings can be combined with one of the events, like going out to lunch after Community Day together as a Tribe. Please come be a part of all the events you can. Each event is fun and allows planned time for dads and children to spend time together.

The Turkey Shoot is right around the corner. It is time to start coloring you targets and get ready to hunt down and shoot your turkey. Targets can be downloaded from the resource page of the Papoose Nation Web Site, the URL is listed below. The Turkey Shoot is held each year In Gardens Park located just south of the Dalworthington Gardens Police Department, 2600 Roosevelt Dr., DWG, TX 76016. We are grateful to the Police Department of DWG for allowing us to hold this event in their city.

One of the events that have the greatest impact on the community is the Federation Community Day which is on November 14th. This event will take place at Mission Arlington. The entire Federation will come together and help sort can goods for use in Thanksgiving Day meals that Mission Arlington distributes on Thanksgiving Morning. Last year Mission Arlington provided over 6000 families in need a Thanksgiving Day meal. The total number of people served last Thanksgiving was over 22,000. So Tribes start collecting cans to bring and get ready to help Mission Arlington provide Thanksgiving to over 6000 families! Each year Mission Arlington tell us they could not get all the cans sorted with our help!

You can also help deliver a meal or meals on Thanksgiving Day. Starting at 8 AM on Thanksgiving Day, just drive up to Mission Arlington and tell them how many meals you would like to deliver. Each meal is boxed up and a map is provided with directions. All you have to do is deliver the meal and wish the family a Happy Thanksgiving.

Be sure to check out the Induction and Fall Campout photos, and all the latest Papoose Nation information. <http://papoose.blackland-prairie.org/>

As Thanksgiving approaches, reflect on the many things each of us have to be thankful for.



Papoose Nation Chief Crazy Horse and Little Nation Chief Mustang

Ya-ta-hey, Beautiful Princess Nation!

How can it be?! Our Fall Campout took so long to get here. And now it's over! What great weather the Great Spirit provided for us. And what a turnout! We had over **350** dads and kiddos at the campout this year when you combine the Princess and the Trail attendees. As a result, our camping quarters were tight and we had to spread the tribes out a bit. But in the end, where we camped didn't have anything to do with how much quality time Big Braves spent with their Princesses. Whether you were fishing, geocaching, riding bikes, having water balloon fights, carving/painting your pumpkins or screaming as you went down the Haunted Trail (and there were a few Princesses screaming too) those that came surely made their Father/Child bond that much stronger. I know Running Deer and I had a great time. Her favorite parts of the weekend were geocaching and the Haunted Trail. (Can you believe it?)

From the "there's a first time for everything" department, this is the first campout I've attended where I saw a tribe (the creative Zuni) in full water balloon riot gear. Plexiglass shields and all. I wonder if they would be willing to build a few of those shields in exchange for their very own water balloon launcher at the Spring Campout?

Three mighty KUDOS! to the Trail program for the great Haunted Trail. They put in a lot of hard work to put it together and it showed in the final product. Thank you Nation Chief Gene Hubble and all the Trail kids and dads! Your efforts are very much appreciated.

Congratulations to the Winnebago for being our Spirit Tribe and to the Karankawa for winning the Tribal Song contest at bonfire. And congratulations to all our site decoration contest winners and fishing contest winners. (If I would have been clever enough to keep the list of winners your names would be here... Sorry!)

Don't forget our upcoming events as November is a busy month for the program. Turkey Shoot is Nov 7th and Community Day is Nov 24th. (Look for more info elsewhere in the Smoke Signal) Community Day is where we award the Kichai tribe the Princess Spirit Award (highest % tribe participation) and the Princess Generosity Award (most cans donated per child). At least we've awarded them both to the Kichai tribe for the last 3 years in a row... I don't think any of the tribes this year have what it takes to beat us! I challenge every tribe to try! It's a great cause and is a valuable life lesson to our young Princesses.

Last, but most certainly not least, congratulations to our October Longhouse Invitation of the Month winner: Pretty Kitty (Paige Patrick) and big brave Buffalo Stampede (Kyle Patrick) of the Zuni.



Chief Mighty Wolf (Brian Hill)
Little Chief Dancing Otter (Audrey)
Little Chief Running Deer (Olivia)



YaTaHey Might Guides Nation!

The Guides had their first campout of the year at Eisenhower State Park and we couldn't have asked for better weather! Fish were caught, pumpkins were carved, trails were explored, and absolute fun was had by all! We handed out several patches for Woodsman, Tracker and Hunter. We were also honored to present a Thunderbird Patch to Asher Stuart of the Apache Tribe. I had the opportunity to talk with him before our bonfire and see some fantastic hand-made fishing lures! Congratulations Asher! The Spirit Award, held with great pride by the Comanche since our Spring Campout, was passed over to the tribe with the most impressive Halloween display. The Choctaw and the Tonkawa had great displays, but it was the Blackfoot who reigned for a second year in a row! The pumpkins and displays presented by all were fantastic! I was amazed by the creativity and detail put into each site. Overall it was a great weekend of camping!

At our monthly Longhouse meeting, the invitation of the month was won by Matthew Rosenberger of the Tonkawa Tribe! Congratulations Matthew! This is the third month in a row that the Tonkawa have won with their invitation. The Tonkawa are reminding me of the great patch run that the Apaches put together a few years ago!

November starts off quick with our Turkey Shoot on November 7th at Roosevelt Park in Dalworthington Gardens. Come color a turkey drawing and try and win a real frozen turkey! Contact your tribal chief for more information.

Also in November is our Community Day on November 14th at Mission Arlington. We'll be bringing food to stock their shelves and sort them to help them prepare for the winter holidays. Last year members brought in over 2,700 cans! That is an awesome number, but so is 3,000... or dare I say 4,000? There will be tribal winners for most cans per member and percentage of participating members, but the real winner will be Mission Arlington with every extra canned good brought to the center. Let's destroy last year's numbers!

Are you ready to start celebrating the holiday season? The Arlington Parade of Lights is usually packed with members from the Father-Child program. Note that the date has been moved to Sunday, December 6th at 6:00pm. Come join the YMCA in this annual celebration!

The Father-Son event has been chosen, and we're going to be going back to the Brahmas hockey game next year! Details haven't been finalized, but we're planning on including the game, a sleepover lock-in, broom ball after the game, usage of the sports courts, pizza and drinks, patches or pins for the boys, and possibly pictures with the Championship Cup and meeting the players in the locker room if the team wins that night. Details will be provided next month!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Turkey Shoot and Community Day! Have a great November!

Bob "Running Bobcat" Famigletti – Guides Nation Chief

Robby "White River" Famigletti – Guides Nation Little Chief

YaTaHey Mighty Trail Nation!

How about that Haunted Trail this year guys! This was the third Haunted Trail that Jessie and I have participated in. And I know that our dads and kids have created memories that will never be forgotten. Dads cherish the time you have with you children as they grow up so fast and they are go out of the house before you know what happen!

Every year I heard from someone that this year's Haunted Trail was the best ever!!! **But this year was the best ever!!!** I can't wait until next year to see what it will bring. Thanks to everyone who helped put the Trail together. It always amazes me how in eight to nine hours we put the whole Haunted Trail together even though I hear during the day where is so in so or so in so is not here yet. But amazingly they show up and get it together. We had over seventy-six Dad's and Children help put the Trail together this year and more than three hundred go threw the Haunt Trail this year. And we scared some Boy Scouts to death! Also want to thank my assistant chief Tracy Storm for all his help in planning and the layout of the Haunted Trail I could not have done it without his help and to Steve Kunkel for the very inspiring devotional he led on Sunday morning and to Jeff Williams for leading us in some songs.

I was one of the last to leave the Park on Sunday morning after the Haunted Trail, so even though I had been told that the trail was clean I had to see for my self. As I walked the trail it was very hard to tell that just hours before the trail was full of ghost, goblins, and all kinds of scary creatures. The trail look like we had never been there and for that three Kudos to all who help with the trail clean up or back at camp! Kudos! Kudos! Kudos!

The up coming events are the Turkey Shoot on November 7th and the Community Day on November 14th. Both of these are great events one of my favorites is the Community Day because it gives us a chance to give to those who are not as bless as we are! This year the Mission Arlington needs our help more than ever. With the tough economy there are more than ever who need our help. So plan to get your extra can goods and food ready for Community Day and let's make this the biggest and the best one ever!!!! Let's see which Nation can donate the most can goods and food!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Trail I challenge all of you to be the biggest givers this year!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We will have a float in the Arlington Parade of Lights this year. They have changed the Parade from December 5th to Sunday December 6th be sure to put this date on your calendar. I will be sending out an email on the dates on which we will be decorating the float later in the month. I am thinking of decorating the float in the theme of Santa's Work Shop and have all the dad's and kid's as Santa's Elves or wearing Elf hats. Everyone who walks in the parade must be eight year old or older and must be wearing lights. This is a great way to recruit new members by inviting them to join us at the parade, Turkey Shot, or Community Day! We are almost up to the membership number we had last year but we always need to keep recruiting!

I also want to recognize someone I think we sometimes take for granted, I know it is his job but I also know personally how many hours and weekends he spends on this program. I believe this is not a job to him but a passion for this program! Our Indian Agent and my friend Rodney Smith thanks for all you do!!!! **I need all the Trail Members help in making this a great year for the Trail Nation !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**



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Assistant Trail Nation Chief
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"Rushing Cat" (Jessica Hubble) – Trailmate

Turkey Shoot
Nov 7

Federation Community Day
Nov 14

Papoose Train Ride
Nov 21



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