

YMCA OF ARLINGTON **Smoke Signal**

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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 *

Federation Winter Campout

January 29 - 31
Loyd Park Grand Prairie

Cost: \$35/pair, \$5 each additional child
\$10 for trailer

All Nations camp together... Don't miss it!



Daddy Daughter Date Night

February 21
5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Sheraton Arlington Hotel

Cost: \$55/pair, \$22 each additional child

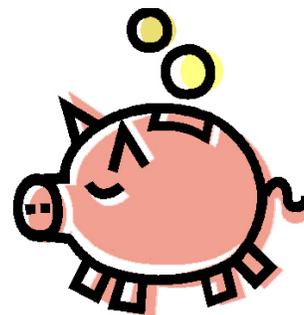
This is THE premier event for the Princess! Also open to Papoose and Trail girls.

Federation Fundraiser Dinner

February 27
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Boles Junior High

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

Please come support the program, and get some great deals at the silent auction.!



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: Jerry Davis 817.451.4994

Elder: Steve Dellesaga 817.795.8370

Elder: **Wes Maness** 817.645.0313

Bold names are new elders this year.

Federation Chief: Charles Richards 817.522.3810 **Asst. Federation Chief:** Jeff Cloud 817.453.4641

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Papoose Chief: Bill Darroch

Guides Chief: Bob Famigletti

Princess Chief: Brian Hill

Trail Chief: Gene Hubble

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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	8-Sep	8-Sep	8-Sep
	YMCA	YMCA	YMCA	YMCA
Induction	19-Sep	19-Sep	19-Sep	19-Sep
	Lake Arlington	Lake Arlington	Lake Arlington	Lake Arlington
Fall Campout Event	Sep 25 - 27	Oct 23 - 25	Oct 16 - 18	Oct 2 - 4
	Cleburne SP	Cooper Lake	Eisenhower SP	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	Jan 29 - 31	Jan 29 - 31	Jan 29 - 31
	Loyd Park	Loyd Park	Loyd Park	Loyd Park
Daddy Daughter Date Night		21-Feb		
Father-Son Event			8-Jan	
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	Mar 26 - 28	Mar 26 - 28	Mar 26 - 28
	Ray Roberts - IDB	Ray Roberts - IDB	Ray Roberts - IDB	Ray Roberts - IDB
Spring Campout Event	Apr 23 - 25	Apr 16 - 18	Apr 9 - 11	May 7 - 9
	Ray Roberts - JB	Lake Whitney	Lake Murray	Rafting Trip
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 10 - 13	June 10 - 13	June 10 - 13
		San Ant / Lexington	San Ant / Lexington	San Ant / Lexington
		Updated: 1/12/2010		

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



YA TA HAY BLACKLAND PRAIRIE FEDERATION!

Happy New Year! I hope you had a great holiday, and are ready to make 2010 an even better year than the last.

The **Federation Winter Campout** is next on the agenda. Please sign up NOW. The weather might be a little chilly this time of year, but the kids love this campout! I know my kids love to brag about tent camping in the Winter, and how they have braved the elements over the years.

Nation and tribal chiefs exchange their headdresses at the Spring campout, but the Federation Chief exchanges headdresses at the Winter campout. I would like to thank all the chiefs and braves who have made this past year a great one for me and my children! We will never forget our experiences, and have been honored to be able to hold this position. My assistant **Jeff "Lightning" Cloud** will be taking over for me, and I assure you the Federation will be in good hands! Thanks Jeff for all you have done this year, and will continue to do in the future.



Please note the new date for the **Daddy Daughter Date Night—February 21**. This is THE premier event for the Princess nation. Older Papoose and Trail girls are also invited and encouraged to participate. This event is a great milestone each year. It is so cool to look at our annual tribal pictures from each of the past 6 years and see how our daughters have grown. I can't wait to see how they look this year.

The **Federation Fundraiser Dinner** is on February 27th this year. This event is so important for the financial health of our great program, and we encourage every member to help support the event. How can you help? Donate items for the silent auction, cakewalk, and raffle drawings. Bring your friends and family to the dinner. Bid on items at the auction, and pickup some great deals. Watch your children go around in circles at the cakewalk all night long...literally! Our program cannot succeed without a successful Fundraiser. Every penny earned at this event stays in our program, and you are guaranteed to have a great night out with friends and family. Please plan to attend, and help us make this the best event ever.

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,

I hope everyone had a great time at the Parade of Lights. Gene Hubble did an outstanding job as always coordinating the float for the Federation. The Winnebago Princess and Wolf Papoose also entered a float in the parade, as did the Choctaw Guides. The YMCA Father Child Program was well represented in the Arlington Holiday Parade of Lights.

The Papoose Christmas party was extra tasty this year with the addition of brisket and hot dogs to the menu. We also had plenty of holiday cookies and snacks as well. Thanks to everyone who made this event such a success, Moose Tribe for War Chiefing the event, Fox Chief Brian Murphy for his "Santa Connection" and all the tribes that helped.

As we start 2010 we have plenty of events and tribe meetings planned. January 29 – 31, 2010 is our Federation Campout at Loyd Park in Grand Prairie. There are only a few weeks to gather firewood and supplies for what could be a rather cool camping experience. There will be plenty of activities, hiking opportunities, and Geo Scavenger Hunt designed for the Papoose Nation ... brush up on your program knowledge as you will have to answer questions to find the next set of coordinates.

February will also be a busy month with Daddy Daughter Date Night, and the Federation Fund Raiser Dinner. Watch for more information on these upcoming events.

As we start the New Year I challenge each of us to look for ways we can make the program better and stronger. Let your chief or federation leadership know of any suggestions you might have. The more you put into the program the more you will get out of it.



Papoose Nation Chief Crazy Horse and Little Nation Chief Mustang

Ya-ta-hey, Beautiful Princess Nation!

Happy New Year! The Father Child program had a great finish to the year. This holiday season our girls were shown the value of giving back more than ever. Just before Thanksgiving, we saw a big turnout at our volunteer event at Mission Arlington, where our program helped feed over 6000 families for the holidays. The Princess Nation volunteered and participated in the YMCA hosted Don Zetnick Run. The proceeds went to the YMCA's Strong Kids program to provide scholarships for low income children. In addition, several tribes sponsored low income families. These generous tribes provided much needed gifts for these needy families for Christmas.

A New Year is a time to make resolutions. Why not make it your resolution to attend all the remaining events with your daughter this year? Get signed up now! There are plenty coming up.

Our next event is the **Federation Winter Campout at Loyd Park Jan 29-31st**. The campout pretty much takes place regardless of the weather. It is guaranteed to be a good time.

Next comes our **Daddy Daughter Date Night on February 21st**. The event is located again at the Sheraton in North Arlington (near the Ballpark). It is VERY IMPORTANT, that you sign up in the next week or so. This is so we can make the appropriate accommodations.

The following week is our **Federation Fund Raiser – February 27th**. Start thinking about what you can donate to the live auction. This is where the program gets the bulk of the funds to operation throughout the year. Very important!

Be thinking about your car designs for the **Pinewood Derby on March 6th**. You can purchase your car kit at the Central YMCA.

The Family Campout is March 26-28th at Lake Ray Roberts. The Spring Campout is April 16-18th at Lake Whitney.

The Rocket Shoot will be on May 15th at River Legacy Park.

Again, make that New Year's resolution now to attend all the events. Get online, make the phone call, or stop by the Y and sign up for all the events!

Assistant Chief Teaching Bear (Mike Ginani)

Princess Dancing Daisy (Madison)



Yatahey Might Guides Nation!

I hope your holiday season was a great one this year. Hopefully you were able to come out and enjoy the Arlington Parade of Lights on December 12th. The Choctaw took it a step further and not only enjoyed it, but they built a float and participated in the event! It was the brightest float I could see in the whole event, truly embracing the "Parade of Lights" name! Great job Choctaw!

We have the numbers calculated from the Community Service Day at Mission Arlington. The Federation donated a total of 1,760 cans that help feed 26,000 people during the holidays. We also had an estimated 540 hours of time donated by our program. Those hours do not include all the great assistance from the Moms out there. Thanks to everyone who was able to come out and help. I am thankful to be part of a program that helps teach our little braves the importance of giving during the holiday season!

It has been many moons since we've gotten together as a Nation, but we kick off 2010 with a running start! The Guides Nation will be having a Lock-In with the **Texas Brahmas on Friday, January 8th**. For \$25 per person, we'll get to see the Brahmas game, play broomball, soccer, and football. The Brahmas will also provide pizza and soft drinks, as well as give us the run of the place until morning! The event patches will be available for an additional \$3 each. Bring your camping gear and get ready for an awesome night with the Brahmas! We had a fantastic time last year and I can assure you it's an event that the boys will remember! Contact your Chief for all the sign-up details!

Our **Federation Winter Campout will be January 29-31 at Loyd Park** near Joe Pool Lake. All Nations will be present and we'll get a chance to show everyone how mighty the Guides are! We will also have the annual changing of the headdress for the Federation leadership at the bonfire. Sign ups are online at www.ymca-arlington.org or you can do it in person at the Central YMCA location.

The **Federation Fundraiser Dinner** is coming up **February 20th** at Boles Jr. High, and the YMCA is currently accepting your donations. We'll have the silent auction, raffle, BBQ and pizza 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 the money stays with our great program and is used to help keep the activities affordable. Everyone's invited to this great event – make sure you bring Mom, Aunts, Uncles, Grandparents, and invite the neighbors! Your tribal chief will have tickets and information beginning in January.

If you're up for New Year resolutions, don't forget to put a few in for our program! Make it a goal to earn another patch and recruit at least one person. You'll be spending great time with your little braves and getting others to experience this awesome program. It's definitely a win-win for everyone! Let's make 2010 a memorable year for the Guides! See you at the Brahmas game!

Bob "Running Bobcat" Famigletti – Guides Nation Chief

Robby "White River" Famigletti – Guides Nation Little Chief

Yatahey Mighty Trail Nation!

Happy New Year everyone!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I hope this year is a better year for everyone!

The Parade of Lights was another success this year. We had three floats from our program in the parade. Thanks to all the help decorating and participating in the parade. The turn out of people to watch the parade seemed smaller this year than in pasted years maybe in part from the Parade date being moved closer to Christmas this year. Hopefully it will be on the first weekend in December this year.

Also coming up is the Winter Campout at Loyd Park on January 29 thru 31. This campout is where the whole Federation comes together to camp, enjoy activities and have a lot of fun. We also will have the passing of the Federation Headdress at the Saturday night bonfire. So get signed up for the Winter Campout online or at the Central YMCA.

We have set the date for the Daddy Daughter Date Night, it will be held on February 21 at the same place as last year. Please sign up as soon as possible online or at the Central YMCA. This is the one event the Rushing Cat will not let me miss! Even our older girls enjoy this event so dad's dust off the suit and dancing shoes and come join the fun!!!

And coming up on February 27 is our Annual Fundraising Dinner with the Silent Auction, Dinner, Cake Walk, and Raffle. Start gathering your donations to the Silent Auction now from the business and restaurants you frequent!!!!!! This year more than ever our program needs your help and participation with this event. Please invite your family, friends, neighbors, and potential new members to this event!!!!!! All the proceeds from this event go to our program to help maintain our trailer, equipment and to replenish our campout materials.

March 26, we have the Family Campout a Lake Ray Roberts and Moms are invited to come, campout and enjoy the outdoors with the family. Please plan to attend, you can also invite guest who might be interested in the program.

From Rushing Cat, Walking Crow, and Bobcat have A Happy New Year!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Trail Nation Chief

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“Walking Crow” (Tracy Storm)

Assistant Trail Nation Chief

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“Rushing Cat” (Jessica Hubble) – Trailmate

Federation winter Campout
January 29-31

Daddy Daughter Date Night
February 21

Federation Fundraiser Dinner
February 27

Pinewood Derby
March 6



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