

August 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 @ 7:00pm

Children of current chiefs & asst chiefs only should attend this Longhouse with their Fathers to vote on the patch designs 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 9am-1pm
YMCA Central Branch**

Join us for a great day of fun including carnival games, waterslide, dunk tank, and discounted SCUBA lessons for the kids! Please bring potential recruits, friends, co-workers, and family.



New Dads Orientation

Tuesday, 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: **Jeff Cloud** 817-360-0611

Elder: Jim Gammon

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: David Adams

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
Induction	17-Sep	17-Sep	17-Sep	17-Sep
Fall Campout Event	Lake Arlington Sep 23 - 25	Lake Arlington Oct 21 - 23	Lake Arlington Oct 7 - 9	Lake Arlington Sept 30 - Oct 2
Turkey Shoot	Dino Valley SP 29-Oct	Cooper Lake SP 29-Oct	Lake Whitney SP 29-Oct	Rafting Trip -- Rockin "R" 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 Loyd Park	Jan 27 - 29 Loyd Park	Jan 27 - 29 Loyd Park	Jan 27 - 29 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 Purtis Creek SP	Apr 13 - 15 Lake Whitney SP	Apr 27 - 29 Lake Murray	May 4 - 6 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 Cedar Hill SP	May 18-20 Cedar Hill SP	May 18-20 Cedar Hill SP	May 18-20 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 MIGHTY BLACKLAND PRAIRIE FEDERATION!

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

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 www.blackland-prairie.org for all the details. Please start your children drawing patches for the upcoming year's events. You will get 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.

The Choctaw Guides are hosting the **2nd Annual Father/Child Day at Burger's Lake** (www.burgerslake.com) on **Saturday, August 20**. This is a great place to spend the day at the lake with your entire family and friends. Burgers Lake has two sandy beaches for sunning; wonderful big trees for shade, a complete staff of certified lifeguards, over 300 picnic tables, six diving boards, a 20-foot slide and 25-foot trapeze.

Hot dogs, drinks and chips will be served up for you for only a small donation. A discounted admission for the father / child program is \$3 for kids 6 and under, and \$9 for ages 7 and up. So grab your towel and sun screen and enjoy the cool water of this spring fed lake.

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 you tribes together for a cookout, pool party, 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 you have all had a SUPER summer! As the summer break begins to wind down in August, and the kiddos get ready to return to school for another year, we “officially” begin our new Program year with a variety of activities for you and your little princesses and braves to participate in.

The **LITTLE CHIEF'S LONGHOUSE** is set for August 16th at 7:00 p.m. Have you been working on your patch designs for the upcoming year? Your time is running out to submit those designs to your Tribal Chief! You must turn in your artwork to your Chief no later than August 16th for consideration. You can go to the Federation website (www.blackland-prairie.org) to get patch design templates, or you may design your own patch template. Events which may be turned in include: Fall Campout, Papoose Train Ride, Turkey Shoot, Community Day, Papoose Christmas Party, Winter Campout, Spring Campout, Rocket Shoot, and the Papoose Fishing Event. After being dosed with a notable amount of sugar, The Chief's and Assistant Chief's children will be voting on the Papoose-exclusive events, and may additionally vote on all Federation-level events. Markers and colored pencils work best for the artwork. GOOD LUCK!



The Choctaw Guides tribe is again organizing a Federation Outing at **BURGER'S LAKE** (www.burgerslake.com) in Fort Worth on Saturday, August 20th, at 10:00 a.m. A discounted admission rate is available to us: \$3.00 for kids under 6, and \$9.00 for ages 7 and up. Food will be available. Grab your towel and sunscreen, and beat the heat with the Blackland Prairie!

How do you ensure your Tribe's success and future? By recruiting new members! The **FATHER-CHILD CARNIVAL & POOL PARTY** is set for August 27th, from 9:00 – 1:00 at the Central Y on the soccer fields. This event is traditionally the biggest recruitment tool of the Program Year. Each Tribe will host a booth featuring a game or activity, so be sure and look for information from your Tribal Chief about what activity your Tribe will be organizing. There will also be a BIG inflatable water slide, water balloon launchers, a dunk tank, and a rope bridge, as well as other carnival games and activities from the Princess and Guides Nations. INVITE YOUR FRIENDS WITH PAPOOSE-AGED CHILDREN TO THIS **FREE** EVENT TODAY!

The Fall **INDUCTION CEREMONY** is set for September 17th at Lake Arlington at Richard Simpson Park. Hopefully, there will be enough water in Lake Arlington to still classify it as a “lake” and not as a “pond”. The ceremony will begin at approximately 7:45; as in past years, the Papoose Nation will have a Nation hotdog cookout prior to the evening's activities. More information will be coming down the pipe from your Tribal Chief as to what each Tribe's responsibilities are.

Lastly, if you are returning to the Papoose program, or if you have graduated up to Princess or Guides, and have not yet re-enrolled, please do so at your expedited convenience.

I am looking forward to working with you all in this upcoming Program Year. Your Tribal, Nation, and Federation Chiefs have worked all summer long to make this Program better than it has ever been! Let's have a GREAT year!

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!

The season is approaching FAST! Just a reminder we're having our Annual "**Little Chief's Longhouse**". Get the crayons, markers and templates out and get started on the patch designs. I've had the pleasure to see many patches and their designs over the years. The creativity and unique designs have been fun to watch and the development from 'paper to patch' especially if they WIN! I encourage you to have your princess to create multiple templates for different events. So, get on the phone, create that **Patch Design** and get your tribes together before **August 16th**.



Congratulations to Little Shark and Big Shark of the Zuni Tribe for winning the July Longhouse Invitation of the Month... Easy points to rack up towards the Tribe of the Year! Good job!

Want to know more about how you can earn points for your tribe? Call me or email me for details. Some things as simple as creating a "get together" with your tribe earns you points. Created something for your tribe? Earn points! Remember to send your tally sheets to tallykeeper@princessnation.org each month.

With a schedule like ours, who would want to miss out on ALL the memories and fun we will have? Have you told a friend about the program or a friend of your Princess? Invite them to the **Carnival** coming up on **August 27th**... have them come and check things out! The memories are priceless! A lot of Dads just don't know about the program and all it takes is a simple question or two: "*like to camp?*"

The school year will be starting soon, so please try and plan these much needed events on your calendar. As a father of three daughters, Lauren (10), Brenna (8), and Kaylee (3), I see already that my time is running out with my older daughters before they grow up and all this will be is a memory – but a lasting memory. Don't let others that DON'T know about the program miss out on this **great** opportunity the Father/Child Program has given us! Let others know their time is running out too..... come check us out!

For now, many blessings!

Nation Chief Big Kahuna (Rob Williams)
Glowing Butterfly - Lauren Williams
Brown Bear - Brenna Williams

YaTaHey Mighty Braves in the Guides Nation!

As I mentioned last month, our "down time" is about to be over. It is about to get really busy over the next few months!

For those that made it to our dive-in movie, a great time was had. Besides a fun movie, we got to cool off in the pool and visit and catch up with many members of our program from other tribes and nations. What a great event for the middle of the summer



Now is the time to start promoting **Carnival** to all of your friends, your kids friends, your wife's friends and even those you don't know. **August 27** will be here very soon. 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. I remember in one of the videos we use to promote the program, the young lady talked about going scuba diving with her father on many vacations. It was something she had never thought of doing until she went to carnival one year. Now, it is a way she and her Dad continue to make memories. Don't miss your opportunity to make memories with your child that will last a lifetime.

On **August 16th**, 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 www.blackland-prairie.org for all the details. Don't wait for the last minute and start working on them now.

Choctaw is putting together the 2nd Annual Father/Child Day at **Burger's Lake** on **Saturday, August 20**. This is a great place to spend the day with your entire family and to invite others to see what this unique program is all about. Hot dogs, drinks and chips will be served up for you for only a small donation. Be looking for more details from your chief.

Once we get through carnival, we have New Dad's Orientation, Induction and then the Fall Campout.

By the way, is your tribe doing something out of the box for recruiting, a meeting idea, or some other get together? Let me know and we can highlight it here to help other tribes benefit from your creativity.

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

Ya Ta Hey Mighty Trail Nation!

Let me introduce myself as your new Trail Nation Chief, I consider it a privilege to represent the Trail Nation for the 2011-2012 year! Brian Murphy will be Assistant Trail Nation Chief, so together we will carry this great program forward another year. If you ever have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us. Your voice is important.

I hope everyone is surviving all these consecutive over 100° days and has had a great summer so far. But don't fear, the cooler weather will be here soon and with that another year of great events for the Trail Nation. As you know, August kicks off our Father-Child Program for the year. Registration for the Program opens at the Carnival on August 27, so be sure to sign up. And while you're at it, enroll another dad and their kids who you know will enjoy our fantastic program.

As always, we had a great time at Camp Grady Spruce, with perfect weather, boating, riflery, horseback riding and archery. I know our kids were having way more fun than the "other" visitors that were there because they were with their dads! Three kudos to "Walking Crow" (Tracy Storm) for putting together a fantastic year of events for our Nation.

The month of August and September are busy for the Trail Nation, so here's a run-down of what's coming up. Be sure to mark your calendars and come out and have a good time.

August 16th is the Little Chiefs Longhouse. As our Federation Chief explained, this is where patch designs submitted are voted on by the little chiefs (children of current chiefs and assistant chiefs). **All children** in the Program—including Trail—are encouraged to submit patch designs that we will use for this year's upcoming events. Details are located at www.blackland-prairie.org/events.html (look for Tally Keeper, Feather Merchant, Patch Design Rules under Resources). Please put your name and the event it represents on the back of your drawing, and get it to me before Tuesday, August 16, or you can take it to Rodney Smith at the Central YMCA before August 16, so that your child's entry can be considered.

August 27th is the all important Carnival. The Trail Nation plays an important role in the Carnival, sponsoring the rope bridge. We'll need help both Friday night (August 27) setting up the rope bridge and Saturday morning (beginning at 9:00 a.m.) manning it with teams of two dads. This is a great time to bring friends and other dads to our Carnival to see first-hand the fun and bond the Father-Child Program provides each of us and our children.

September 17th is Induction at Lake Arlington. For those that are new to the Trail Nation, and those like me and my daughter who are old-timers in the program, make plans to attend this special event, it promises to be a great evening.

RAFTING TRIP is September 30-October 2. This is the first Trail Nation event for the year, and one of the best by far. We will be camping at Camp Hueco Springs at the Rockin 'R. More to come on this in the September Smoke Signal, but you don't want to miss this event.

Here's to a Great Year Trail Nation!!

David Adams (Running Bear)

Trail Nation Chief

Allison Adams (Dancing Sunshine) Trailmate

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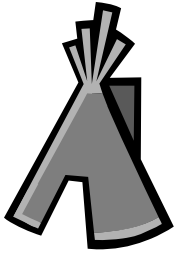
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