



September 2012

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Recruitment...

Recruit new members for this season and get a recruitment patch for every new participant! Remember, this program thrives by all of us sharing our enjoyment with friends.

Online Registration

Program & Event registration is available at ymca-arlington.org



Upcoming Events...

* See complete calendar on page 2 *

Induction Ceremony

Papoose, Princess, Guides, Trail
Family & Friends

Saturday, September 29, 6:45pm
Lake Arlington, Richard Simpson Park

Please join us and help welcome the new members into our great program. Bring mom and the grandparents to see our bonfire ceremony complete with Fire Dancers.



Fall Campouts

Papoose Oct 5-7 Lake Mineral Wells SP

Princess Oct 12-14 Eisenhower SP

Guides Oct 19-21 Fairfield SP



Haunted Trail

Saturday Oct 27, 6:30—9:30pm

South Cooper YMCA

Papoose, Princess, Guides, Trail, Family
& Friends are all invited!



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Elder: David Adams

Elder: **Bill Darroch** 214.274.8253

Elder: Jeff Cloud 817-360-0611

Elder: Jim Gammon

Bold names are new elders this year.

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Papoose Chief: Tim Ackermann

Guides Chief: Jeff Godbold

Princess Chief: David George

Trail Chief: Brian Murphy

Federation Meshenewa: Jeff Cloud 817-360-0611

YA TA HEY BLACKLAND PRAIRIE FEDERATION!

Hope everyone is having a great start to the new school year. I know mine has been full with both of my daughters involved in Soccer and Volleyball just around the corner. After the great weather we had at our Carnival I'm ready for some camping (Or RV'ing as some want to point out)!



I want to thank everyone that was involved in this year's Carnival. We had some challenges with the new location; just ask anyone who was a part of installing the rope bridge on Friday night. We had some new member sign-ups along with many returning members. If you haven't registered yet please do so as soon as you can.

Speaking of registrations, have you registered for fall campout yet? If not please do so, I usually try to register for all the events though winter campout just so I don't miss any deadlines. You can register on-line or at any Arlington YMCA branch.

I want to update you all on some of the items that the COE (Council of Elders), Indian Agent, and Nation Chiefs have been working on the past 30 days. We have sorted out our vest situation (you can purchase them from the Y), ordered new tee-pee poles, signed a contract for Daddy Daughter Date Night at the Arlington Hilton, met and planned for the new location and updated Haunted Trail, revitalized the PR Committee with the addition of Brad Millican, and are in the early planning stages of a much improved Fundraiser Dinner/Event. Thanks to all of the volunteers that make these things happen along with a special thanks to Jeff 'Lightning' Cloud for maintaining the Blackland Prairie website along with publishing this Smoke Signal each month.

The next two months are this programs busiest. So get READY and have a tribe meeting to make plans for the next two months.

Below is a list of the upcoming events. **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE** start signing up for the Fall Campouts NOW!

New Dad's Orientation- September 25th @ YMCA Central Branch

Induction- September 29th @ Lake Arlington Richard Simpson Park, 6:45pm

Fall Campouts- Papoose Oct. 5-7, Princess Oct. 12-14, Guides Oct. 19-21

Haunted Trail- Oct. 27th Only @ YMCA South Cooper Branch, 6:30-9:30pm

Papoose Train Ride- Oct. 27th

Federation Community Day- Nov. 10th @ Mission Arlington

Turkey Shoot- Nov. 17th @ Pappy Elkins Park

See you along the trail...

Federation Chief "Big Elk"

Kichai Princess "Sparkling Blossom"

Kichai Princess "Dancing Rain"

(Chris, Madison, Makenna)

Ya Ta Hey Mighty Papoose Nation!

We have already started our year with lots of fun games at Carnival – and what a beautiful day for the kids to be outside playing! Kudos to Eagle Tribe for the amazing Angry Birds launcher!

Is there someone you think would like to get outside and spend quality time with our daughters and sons? Some small ones in your preschool, Sunday school, or your neighborhood that would like to go off with Daddy? Give them that chance. Aren't you glad someone asked you?



It is not too late to ask someone to join us! Have them join your tribe at Induction next weekend, on September 29th, at 7:00 p.m. at Lake Arlington. Or they can join us at the first campout, on October 5-7th. We are camping nearby, at Lake Mineral Wells S.P., and guests are free – so don't take any excuses! (Are you signed up yet?)

If you are a NEW DAD –

Please come to the New Dad's Orientation – Tuesday September 25^h from 7-9pm at the Central YMCA Community Room.

Induction – September 29th. Bring the family out to Lake Arlington so everyone can enjoy the festivities! And we'll have a Papoose Picnic at the pavilion starting at 5:00 – come enjoy the lake and sights, and we'll eat at 5:30.

And there are many more fun events coming up in the next two months:

Haunted Trail – October 27th. A scary time in Arlington at the South Cooper Y. There will be a Papoose-specific, less-scary trail so all can enjoy.

Papoose Train Ride – October 27th. Join us in riding the Forest Park Miniature Railroad!

Federation Community Day – November 10th. The Federation comes out together to help Mission Arlington.

Turkey Shoot – November 17th. Your Papoose's chance to pepper the turkey-target with BBs in a safe environment, or to try out a real bow!

Looking forward to a lot of fun times,

Stalking Wolf (Tim Ackermann)

Dancing Goose (Liesl Ackermann)

Singing Tiger (Roslyn Ackermann)

Burning Phoenix (Signy Ackermann)

Ya-ta-hey Mighty Princess Nation!

Summer is over, school has begun, and the Annual Carnival is behind us. Our Program calendar year is in full swing with activities abound.



First, we've got our big **INDUCTION CEREMONY** this coming Saturday, September 29, at Richard Sampson Park overlooking Lake Arlington. We will all congregate in the staging area by tribes, and await the beautiful princesses of from our Tribe of the Year, **KARANKAWA**, to start the drum beat, then lead us into the bonfire area. The ceremony begins at 6:45, so please arrive a bit early to meet your new tribe members. Also, please make sure to contact your tribe chief so you can make yourself available to assist in setup duties; we will begin setting up at 11:00 a.m., so any help you may be able to lend will be much appreciated and will make setup much easier! It's going to be a great evening, so get all your patches on your vests, pack your chairs, and don't forget your bug spray, and come out to the Lake as we kick off our new year and welcome new members into our Program. Induction is a great time to show off the Program to your buddy at the office, your neighbor down the street, or your friend at church. If they've got Program-aged kids, invite them out this Saturday evening. Aren't you glad somebody asked you to join, or told you about the Program? Reach out to someone you know, and let them know about all of the wonderful opportunities to spend some quality time with their kids. They can even come out to the upcoming Fall Campout as your guest for free! And speaking of campouts...

Our **FALL CAMPOUT** event is set for October 12-14 at Eisenhower State Park overlooking Lake Texoma. Bring your fishing poles and catch some striper bass! We'll have a busy schedule that weekend: a Princess fashion show, pumpkin decorating competitions, fishing competitions, spooky campsite decoration competitions, geocaching, and we'll have a glowstick trail after bonfire. Please get registered as soon as possible! The deadline to register for the campout will be the evening of Sunday, October 7; after that date, the Y will impose a late registration fee. Just let Tim Cameron know about any guests you'll be bringing out and he'll get them signed up. If your Princess has completed any deeds over the summer and has earned an achievement patch, please let your Tribe chief know by October 4th, so she will be recognized at bonfire.

Mark your calendars for October 27th. The **HAUNTED TRAIL** will be set up in the outback behind the South Branch Y. We will be able to share the fun with the Federation and our friends and family. It's going to be a wild time, so get the word out!

These next few months are slammed with activity, so get your Tribes together and plan accordingly. I know many of us have sports commitments to manage as well as the Program activities, but do your best to accommodate all that you can. Your daughter will appreciate your level of dedication you show to her. Let's have a great Induction, and a fun-filled, safe Fall Campout!

May the Great Spirit walk with you and work through you...

Old Gray Bear (David George)
Snow Panther (Ella George-Princess)
Dancing Squirrel (Anna George - Trail)
Black Bear (Jake George - Trail)

BLACK OWL (Brian Bolton)
DANCING RAINBOW (Grace Bolton)



YaTaHey Mighty Braves in the Guides Nation!

Welcome to the 2012-2013 Y Father child program. I hope everyone had a great summer. We have a lot of fun events planned for this year, including a few new ones.



Thanks to all of the dads and kids that came out to the carnival earlier this month. We had a great turnout at our new location. It was great to see all of your familiar faces after the summer break.

Looking ahead, we have several important events coming up. On the Federation level, we have the New Dad's Orientation on September 25th at the central Y, followed by the Induction Ceremony on September 29th at Richard Simpson Park. The orientation is an important event for all of the new dads to learn more about the program. The Induction is always a great event as it allows all of the new families to get a glimpse of our program. We will once again have the fire dancers performing.

The Guide's Nation will have our fall campout at Fairfield Lake State Park October 19th-21st. Fairfield Lake is a power plant lake that offers great year-round fishing due to the warmer lake temperatures. There is also bike/hike trails and other activities. We are working on our events for the campout, but plan on having a fishing contest, geocache, bike ride, and Halloween decorating/pumpkin carving.

Another event that is coming up soon is the Haunted Trail, which will be at the Cooper Street Y this year on October 27th. I had a chance to "preview" the trail last spring and I am excited about the new location. Having the event here in Arlington will allow us to open it up to the public and use it as a recruiting tool.

Upcoming November events include the Federation Community Day at Mission Arlington on November 10th and the Turkey Shoot at Pappy Elkins Park on November 17th.

Please continue to be on the lookout for new members. The continued success of our program depends on recruiting younger kids to replace the outgoing older kids. *Three Kudos to Don Proctor for recruiting an entire Tribe!*

Jeff Godbold (Silver Eagle)
Guides Nation Chief
Evan (Running Leopard)
Guides Little Nation Chief

Steve Hartung (Soaring Eagle)
Guides Assistant Nation Chief
Gabe (Snowy Rabbit)
Kevin (Sleeping Bear)



YaTaHey Mighty Trail Nation!

The season has officially begun as the carnival has past. The cooler weather was sure a welcome surprise this year. I want to thank all of you that helped put up the Rope Bridge, and swung the 16lb sledgehammer. There were many repeat travelers across the bridge as always.

We have several important and fun events coming up for the Trail Nation over the upcoming weeks, so mark your calendars and get ready to have a great time at these events with your Trailmates.

Unfortunately the lack of rain has caused the Rafting Trip to be postponed until the Spring Campout, when more water means more rapids, and more fun.

September 29th is Induction, 6:45 p.m. at Lake Arlington's Richard Simpson Park, 6300 W. Arkansas Lane. This is great way to get the year started, and show moms and grandparents all about the program. Also a great time to bring a new member and introduce them to the fun we enjoy. The fire dancers are back again, so make the short drive to the lake for a great evening.

Oct. 27th: Haunted Trail – South Arlington YMCA

The annual Haunted Trail will be put on for all Nations, as well as other YMCA groups this year. The back woods of the South YMCA will provide lots of cover for zombies, witches, and other ghoulish characters. There will be a planning meeting coming up in early October to site plan for all of the set ups. Bring some new ideas as we will have many new guests this year that we can hopefully get to join our program.

New this year I am planning to have some other Trails events to help get the kids together more often, and continue to strengthen the program. Some ideas that have been suggested include indoor rock climbing and a bowling event. If you have any other ideas, please let me know. If you have not been receiving emails from me on the upcoming events, please email me and let me know.

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Kitatama'sino ("See you later" in Blackfoot)

"Big Trout" (Brian Murphy) - Trail Nation Chief

"Rainbow Trout" (Molly) – Trailmate

Winning Patch Designs!!!



Fall Campout



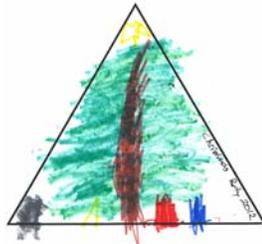
Turkey Shoot



Community Day



Winter Campout



Papoose Xmas



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Papoose Train Ride



Pinewood Derby



Rocket Shoot



Spring Campout

Arlington YMCA Haunted Trail

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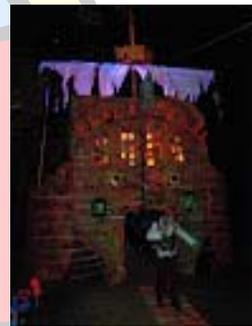
Costumes



Carnival Games



Saturday, October 27
6:30-9:30pm
South Cooper Branch



Spooky Trail



Trails Rafting Trip

Rescheduled for the Spring Campout!

New Dad's Orientation

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Central YMCA Community Room

Induction

Saturday, September 29, 6:45 pm

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