

May 2013

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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](http://ymca-arlington.org)



## Upcoming Events...

\* See complete calendar on page 2 \*



### Federation Fundraiser

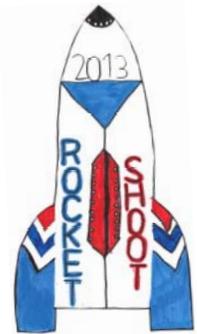
**May 11, 7-11pm**  
**Shady Valley Country Club**  
 Casino Night, Music, Silent Auction  
 Drinks & Hors D'oeuvres  
 \$40 per person. **Adults Only.**  
<http://www.ymca-arlington.org/FCprogram.html>

### Rocket Shoot

**May 11, 10am - 1pm**  
**River Legacy Park,**  
**Arlington**  
**Cost: Free!!**

**Papoose, Princess, Guides, Trail & the entire Family**

10:00 am Rockets due for judging (optional)  
 11:00am Awards  
 11:00am-1:00pm Rocket Launching




### Trails Spring Campout

**May 17-19**  
**Rockin 'R, New Braunfels**  
 All Guides & Princess in 4th & Up are welcome! Sign Up Now!!!

Elder: **Brian Hill**  
 Elder: David Adams  
 Elder: Jeff Cloud 817-360-0611

Elder: Mike Ginani 469.767.3051  
 Elder: **Bill Darroch** 214.274.8253  
 Elder: Jim Gammon

**Bold names are new elders this year.**

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**Papoose Chief:** Jason Slackney      **Guides Chief:** Steve Hartung  
**Princess Chief:** Brian Bolton      **Trail Chief:** Richard Perez

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# Program Calendar

## YMCA Father/Child Program Events Calendar 2012-2013

Events	Papoose	Princess	Guides	Trail
	3-5 Yrs	K-3rd	K-3rd	4th & up
Bad Königshofen Event	26-May	26-May	26-May	26-May
4th of July Parade (Arlington)	4-Jul	4-Jul	4-Jul	4-Jul
New Chief's Orientation	17-Jul	17-Jul	17-Jul	17-Jul
Dive In Movie Central Y	28-Jul	28-Jul	28-Jul	28-Jul
Little Chiefs Longhouse	21-Aug	21-Aug	21-Aug	21-Aug
Carnival	8-Sep	8-Sep	8-Sep	8-Sep
New Dad's Orientation	25-Sep	25-Sep	25-Sep	25-Sep
Induction	YMCA	YMCA	YMCA	YMCA
	29-Sep	29-Sep	29-Sep	29-Sep
Fall Campout Event	Lake Arlington	Lake Arlington	Lake Arlington	Lake Arlington
	Oct 5-7	Oct 12-14	Oct 19-21	Rescheduled
Haunted Trail	Lake Mineral Well S.P.	Eisenhower S.P.	Fairfield S.P.	for Spring Campout
Papoose Train Ride Event	27-Oct	27-Oct	27-Oct	27-Oct
Federation Community Day	10-Nov	10-Nov	10-Nov	10-Nov
Turkey Shoot	17-Nov	17-Nov	17-Nov	17-Nov
Princess Event		11-Jan		
		Night at the Zoo		
Arlington Parade of Lights	1-Dec	1-Dec	1-Dec	1-Dec
Papoose Christmas Party	16-Dec			
Federation Winter Campout	Jan 25-27	Jan 25-27	Jan 25-27	Jan 25-27
	Loyd Park	Loyd Park	Loyd Park	Loyd Park
Daddy Daughter Date Night		8-Feb		
Father-Son Event			23-Feb	
			Monster Truck Jam	
Federation Fund Raiser Dinner	11-May	11-May	11-May	11-May
	Shady Valley CC	Shady Valley CC	Shady Valley CC	Shady Valley CC
Pinewood Derby	2-Mar	2-Mar	2-Mar	2-Mar
Family Campout	Mar 22-24	Mar 22-24	Mar 22-24	Mar 22-24
	Tyler S.P.	Tyler S.P.	Tyler S.P.	Tyler S.P.
Papoose Field Day	13-Apr			
Spring Campout Event	May 3-5	Apr 19-21	Apr 5-7	May 17-19
	Purtis Creek S.P.	Cooper Lake S.P.	Ray Roberts S.P. -Johnson	Rockin " R" Rafting
Rocket Shoot	11-May	11-May	11-May	11-May
Chief's Appreciation Dinner	21-May	21-May	21-May	21-May

Updated: 01-21-2013

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.blackland-prairie.org/calendar\\_embed.html](http://www.blackland-prairie.org/calendar_embed.html) \*\*



## YA TA HEY BLACKLAND PRAIRIE FEDERATION!

Congratulations to Karankawa Princess and Kichai Guides for winning Tribes of the Year! Don't forget that points start accumulating now toward next year's Tribes of the Year.



Two big federation events are upon us in May. First is the Rocket Shoot. It will be on May 11<sup>th</sup> from 10-1pm at River Legacy Park. Start building your rockets now. It's always a great time regardless of the weather.

The other event is the Fundraiser. It is the same night as the Rocket Shoot (May 11<sup>th</sup>) from 7-11pm at Shady Valley Country Club. Get your tickets now if you have not already: <http://www.ymca-arlington.org/FCprogram.html> We now have more details on what the night will look like. We will have a casino that will include blackjack tables, craps, and roulette. In addition, there will be a Texas Hold-em tournament for anyone who is interested. At the end of the night, you will be able to turn your winnings into raffle tickets to win great prizes. There will be a silent auction with wonderful items as well. Some of the items include: A Texas Rangers suite, Texas Rangers tickets, fine dining gift cards, spa gift certificates, sports memorabilia, golf, airline tickets, retail gift cards and much, much more. We will have drinks and hors d'oeuvres included with your ticket. There will be a DJ and dance floor. I have been pleasantly surprised at the level of enthusiasm surrounding this event. It's going to be a great time, but most importantly will raise money for our great program. We want to fill our mission of providing opportunities for dads to spend quality time with their children. This can be done by raising money so that we can keep costs down and provide a better value. This is our goal.

Speaking of value, the YMCA is working to have our program become a better value for its members. There are several changes being worked out, but we know of one very exciting and welcome change. The Father/Child program will be free for full members of the YMCA. If you are a program member, don't worry, you will not be affected. For full members, you will not have to pay for the Father/Child Program. Hopefully, this will be a welcome and much needed shot in the arm. Keep this change in mind as you speak to other families about our great program.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Rocket Shoot. Start building!

Sincerely,  
**Teaching Bear (Mike Ginani)**  
**Dancing Daisy (Madison)**  
**Running Bear (Andrew)**

# Ya Ta Hey Mighty Papoose Nation!

We have two big events coming up this month—both on the same day! On May 11th, we have our annual chance to launch rockets at the Rocket Shoot, and have our new Fundraiser – for adults – that evening. And we had two big events last month: our Spring Campout and Papoose Field Day.



We just got back from Purtils Creek S.P. and our Spring Campout, and we had great camping weather. The kids got to explore the forest, chase down a geocache, try their luck at fishing, and spend a lot of time with dad and their friends. Please give your friends and neighbors and your children's schoolmates the opportunity to have these experiences—invite them to our Carnival this coming fall!

Also last month was a delightful new event: Papoose Field Day. Our boys and girls went to the River Legacy Living Science Center and met an opossum and a turtle. Then we all went for a springtime nature walk with one of the trained naturalists. And then we had some hotdogs at the park while the kids ran around.



New Chiefs, remember the key to a strong program is regular tribe meetings. Plan a few tribe meetings over the course of the summer & ask an interested Dad to join your group. Remember, your positive relationship with your child is exactly the type of encouragement an interested Dad need to witness in order to seek that for themselves. Look for opportunities to expose friends and neighbors to our program. And finally, thank you to our former Papoose Nation Chief, Tim Ackermann; the Papoose program is better off due to your tireless work.

Here are our upcoming events:

Rocket Shoot – May 11<sup>th</sup>. Judging is 1000-1100; launches from 1100-100.

Fundraiser – May 11<sup>th</sup> (SAME DAY). This is our new Fundraiser: Please spread the word! It will be from 7 – 11 p.m. at Shady Valley C.C. with a casino night, great prizes, and a silent auction. Price is \$40 a ticket which includes beer, margarita and hors d'oeuvres. Get your tickets early and invite friends – it's not restricted to F/C program parents – here: <http://www.ymca-arlington.org/FCprogram.html>.

**Eagle Eye (Jason Slackney) Papoose Nation Chief**

**Lion Heart (Alexander Slackney)**

**Big Lightning (Grant Slackney)**

## Ya-ta-hey Mighty Princess Nation!

I can't believe it's already been a year, but my time as Princess Nation Chief has come to an end. It's been an honor and a privilege to serve the Nation. I want to thank not only our Federation Leadership and the Tribal Chiefs, but all of you who have contributed your time and efforts to this program. We have an amazing group of dedicated Dads! You are in great hands with our new chief, Brian Bolton (Black Owl) and I know that you will all continue to work together to keep the Princess Nation strong.



The Father/Child program has played an important role in my relationships with each of my three children. Like many of you, I owe a great deal of thanks to my wife for first originally signing me up! It doesn't seem too terribly long ago, that I started this journey via Indian Guides with my son, Jake. Anna soon followed along as an Indian Princess, and now my youngest daughter Ella will graduate from Princess and join her siblings in the Trail program in a few short months. We have some great memories from our time in Princess and Guides and plan to continue to make new ones together in Trail. We hope you will do the same.

Thanks again to all!

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

# Ya-ta-hey Mighty Princess Nation!

I bid you warm greetings as your new Princess Nation Chief, and look forward to the upcoming Program calendar year! Your Nation Leadership and Tribal Chiefs are hitting the ground running!

We have returned from a successful Spring Campout; between the bike-riding, water balloons, fishing, geo-caching, and hiking, our beautiful Indian Princesses stayed busy! "Thank you" to for all of you whom found time in your schedules to spend the weekend with your daughter(s) and contributing to a wonderful event. In a repeat performance, **KARANKAWA** was again recognized as "**TRIBE OF THE YEAR**", and also reclaimed the Spirit Award. Several young ladies received achievement patches; three were recognized for their tremendous effort and dedication of continual work through the Program deed list:



**Elizabeth Proctor** (KARANKAWA) – Golden Thunderbird

**Emily Wilson** (KARANKAWA) – Thunderbird

**Hannah Cunningham** (ZUNI) – Golden Thunderbird **AND** Silver Star (requires completing an additional 85 deeds)

**Ashley Grandia** (Kichai) —Thunderbird

Way to go! We had several girls, additionally, attend their last campout as a Princess, and graduate into the Trail Program. 3 big "KUDOS" to our former Nation Chief, David George; he has tirelessly provided our Program with steadfast dedication. Thank you, David, for your service this past Program year!

I must also extend a generous "thanks" to Kyle Patrick of the Zuni Tribe for agreeing to be Assistant Princess Nation Chief. He has been a leader in Zuni, and is a veteran of the Program. He brings a distinct level of insight and experience to the table; together, we are excited to bring you and your daughters a fun-filled year.

## **ON TO NEW BUSINESS...**

May 11<sup>th</sup> looks to be a big day, between the Rocket Shoot and the Fundraiser. Get your rockets built, and get out to the park. Hopefully, the winds and weather will cooperate with us. The Casino Night fundraiser is at Shady Valley Country Club that evening. This is a drastic change-of-pace from the tired, monotonous lunch-room "event" from years past. Come out and enjoy an evening of camaraderie and fellowship, and press your luck at the tables. Your friends, neighbors, parents, and relatives are ALL invited. Just go to the Y's website to order tickets! Your Tribal Chiefs will be in touch with you regarding the details of your tribe's donation contributions. Please make sure that all of your collected donations are turned in to the Y corporate offices ASAP.

"TRIBE OF THE YEAR POINTS" START ACCUMULATING NOW! The end of one Program year turns with the beginning of a *new* Program year. Get your Tribe together over the summer, and plan some activities.

MEMBERSHIP ALERT: Aren't you appreciative that someone asked you to join this Program? Please reach out to those whom may be interested, and invite them to an event. Also, now is a great time to reach out to those tribe members that have gone inactive and get them "back into the fold." An inclusive tribe that works the Program plans, completes deeds, and has regular meetings, is a successful tribe. Get your membership rolls back up by going "back to the basics" of the Program. Stay tuned for an announcement regarding the Y's new policy on Program fees that affects all of us; this policy development may be an effective tool for boosting membership and for recruiting new members. Details to follow!

This is **OUR** Program. We have taken it upon ourselves to carve time out of our schedules so that we may have a unique opportunity to have dedicated, quality time with our daughters. In that regard, if any of you have any questions or concerns, or have any ideas about upcoming events, please let me know! In the meantime, may the Great Spirit continue to bless us all...



**BLACK OWL**, Princess Nation Chief (Brian Bolton)

**DANCING RAINBOW** (Grace Bolton)

**SMILING TURTLE** (Madeleine Bolton)

# YaTaHey Mighty Braves in the Guides Nation!

Guides Nation, it is a great time of year! The sun is shining, flowers are blooming and there is a lot happening in the Federation!

We had a great Spring Campout and we celebrated great accomplishments from these braves and big braves for earning their Thunderbird Patch!

<b>Brave</b>	<b>Big Brave</b>	<b>Tribe</b>
Bright Lightning - Brayden Acker	Firestarter - Bry	Apache
Running Wolf - Andrew Godfrey	Hawkeye - Josh	Apache
Sly Fox - Samuel Godfrey	Hawkeye - Josh	Apache
Cunning Fox - Kyle O'Neil	Running Fox - Aaron	Apache
Eagle Eye - Miles	Big Bear Claw - Brad	Apache
Little Big Thunder-Mason Cunningham	Running Bear	Blackfoot

And not to be done, these braves and big brave earned their Silver Stars!

<b>Brave</b>	<b>Big Brave</b>	<b>Tribe</b>
Giggling Otter – Nicholas Kocurek	Snoozing Moose – Danny	Kichai
Running Wolf – Ben Kocurek	Snoozing Moose – Danny	Kichai

Three great Kuddo's to all the Braves and Big Braves!

But the times in the Federation get even busier! This weekend we have the Rocket Shoot and the Casino Night on Saturday! And next weekend is the Trail Spring Campout!

- The **Rocket Shoot** is on Saturday morning, hosted by the Guides Nation very own Blackfoot Tribe at River Legacy Park! Rocket judging starts at 10am (optional) and the Rocket shooting starts soon after!
- Then on Saturday evening we have **Casino Night** for big braves and their adult guests as we raise money to help defray some of the costs of the program. The Casino Night is at Shady Valley Country Club and starts at 7pm.

Not to be outdone, the Trails are having their **Spring Campout** *next* weekend (May 17-19<sup>th</sup>) at the Rockin 'R in New Braunfels. All little braves (with their big brave) going into 4<sup>th</sup> Grade or older and have a good aptitude for swimming are invited! I personally can't wait for this event and my little braves are super excited about it!

There is more about all these events in this month's flyer!

Last but not least, Summer is almost upon us! What does that mean? Well, there are only a few more weeks of school, your parents will probably be planning on some fun family events this summer and **some out-door themed tribe meetings!** Big Braves, if you have a swimming pool, or access to a swimming pool, contact your chief about hosting a meeting. Pool parties are a great way for the friendship bonds to be fostered and you can invite some of little braves friends from school and work on recruiting them into the program!

**Steve Hartung**, Guides Nation Chief

# YaTaHey Mighty Trail Nation!

The weather is warming up and that only means one thing.....campout time!!!

Lots of events this month starting off with the Rocket Shoot on May 11<sup>th</sup> at River Legacy Park. Build your best rocket and come enjoy the event. If you have an extra time you should explore the park mountain biking, geocaching, or checking out the nature center.



Also on May 11<sup>th</sup> is the yearly fundraiser at Shady Valley Country Club. This will be an adult's only casino night. The night will include casino games, a raffle, silent auction, hors'dourves and adult beverages, and a cash bar. Lots of great prizes to be had this year including Ranger tickets, rounds of golf, flooring for a room, lawn service, and many other great prizes. Invite all your friends and family for a great evening of entertainment and fundraising for our program. Tickets are \$40 a piece and can be purchased directly on the YMCA website.

We will end the year with the rafting trip. We will be returning to camp at the "Rocking R" in New Braunfels. Hopefully the water levels increase so that we can raft all day from Camp Huaco down the Guadalupe. If the levels do not increase we will raft in the morning, and then tube the Comal River in the afternoon. Lunch will be provided on the trip. All graduating guides and princesses are welcome to join us on this campout. Signups are available now online and at any Y location. \$115 per couple and \$55 for each additional child. Get signed up soon to reserve your spot for one of the best events of the year!

I want to wish Long Bow Richard Perez and his daughter Tiger Lily Erica, all the luck for this next year as they take over as Trails Nation Chief and Little Chief..

I leave you with Apache Indian Wisdom.

*"When we show our respect for other living things, they respond with respect to us."*

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

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

**"Rainbow Trout" (Molly) – Trailmate**



Spring is in the air ... time to get out, have fun, mix with friends and colleagues and support the Y's Father/Child Program.

Join us for our first **CASINO NIGHT** Fundraiser at Shady Valley Country Club on Saturday, May 11. Our only fundraising event for the year. Proceeds will help support the Father/Child Program as well as provide scholarships to youth and families who otherwise would not be able to participate. **A great time for a great cause!**

Enjoy beer, margaritas, heavy hors d'oeuvres, a DJ and dancing. Also, casino games, a great raffle and silent auction for items such as golf outings, airline tickets, dining, spa packages and more!

**Saturday, May 11 • 7 to 11pm**

Shady Valley Country Club • 4001 W Park Row Dr Arlington, Texas 76013

Tickets are \$40 per person, food and beverages included

**Tickets available online:** [www.ymca-arlington.org/FCprogram.html](http://www.ymca-arlington.org/FCprogram.html)

For more information contact Tim Cameron at 817-419-9629, ext. 213





# Rocket Shoot

May 11 River Legacy Park  
10am-1pm



# Federation Fundraiser

May 11 Shady Valley Country Club 7-11pm

# Spring Campouts

Trails May 17-19 Rockin' R New Braunfels

# Chief's Appreciation Dinner

May 21 J. Gilligan's 7pm



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