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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.



## Upcoming Events...

\* See complete calendar on page 2 \*



### Fall Campouts

**Papoose Oct 4-6 Ray Roberts Lake SP**

**Princess Oct 11-13 Tawakoni SP**

**Guides Oct 18-20 Lake Whitney SP**

### YMCA Kids Fest & Haunted Trail

**Saturday Oct 26, 6:30 - 9:00pm**

**South Cooper YMCA**

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



### Community Day

**Saturday, November 9, 8am-12pm**

**Mission Arlington**

ALL Nations are welcome!

**Cost: FREE**

Sort cans for Thanksgiving dinner for those that are  
less fortunate and support our canned food drive!

Elder: **Chris Elkins** 817-999-3311  
 Elder: David Adams 214-244-4729  
 Elder: Jeff Cloud 817-360-0611

Elder: **Jeff Godbold** 817-919-5509  
 Elder: Bill Darroch 214.274.8253  
 Elder: Open

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

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**Papoose Chief:** Jason Slackney  
**Princess Chief:** Brian Bolton

**Guides Chief:** Steve Hartung  
**Trail Chief:** Richard Perez

**Federation Meshenewa:** Jeff Cloud 817-360-0611



## YA TA HEY BLACKLAND PRAIRIE FEDERATION!

The new season is upon us! We just had our Carnival and the Induction Ceremony is upon us. It was great to see so many dads get involved in helping at the Carnival. Many of you know that our Federation has been shrinking the last few years, so it was great to see so many new sign-ups. We need to continue our efforts in order to see growth. If you have not renewed your membership to our program, please do so now. In addition, don't forget to talk to any other fathers that you know, to invite them to join. As a reminder, any full member of the YMCA can join the Father/



Child Program for only \$19 in the month of September. With just a little extra effort over the next few weeks, your program can be much improved over the entire year. **The Induction is on September 28<sup>th</sup> at Lake Arlington as in years past.** Let's have a great turnout. Remember that family members are welcome. Invite spouses, grandparents, etc. **Tribes need to be in the staging area, no later than 7pm.** Drumbeat will be at 7:30pm. We will have our ceremony and then the entertaining Fire Dancers.

October is Campout Time! Please check the event calendar for the date and location of the campout for your respective nation. Please keep in mind that we take feedback very seriously on suggestions for locations of the campouts. We get many differing opinion and do our best to choose dates and locations that please the most.

**Don't forget to put the Haunted Trail on your calendar. It will be the evening of October 26<sup>th</sup>** at the South Y. We are calling all dads to help construct the trail this year. This always a great time!

**Federation Community Day is on November 9<sup>th</sup>.** This is always a great opportunity to teach our kids to give back. As always, we will be donating cans to Mission Arlington and help sort the center's cans so that the less fortunate can have a good Thanksgiving meal.

**The Turkey Shoot is on November 16<sup>th</sup>.** It's always a great time. Have your children start practicing their bb shooting skills and archery skills.

We are looking for a couple of seasoned Dads from the program to serve on the Council of Elders as our program guidance. Contact me for information.

Sincerely,

**Teaching Bear (Mike Ginani)**

**Dancing Daisy (Madison)**

**Running Bear (Andrew)**

## Ya Ta Hey Mighty Papoose Nation!

First, I want to welcome all of our new program members, and our returning members!

This next weekend September 28<sup>th</sup>, we have our Federation Induction Ceremony. This is a great ceremony and a fun event for the whole family to come and experience our program. Invite your spouses, invite the grandparents, ask them to come out and experience our bonfire ceremony. This way your family can experience a piece of the Father-Child program.

Your tribes should be setting a schedule to hold regular tribe meetings throughout the coming year. I would encourage all tribes to hold monthly meetings, getting the Dad's and kids together often will help to make your tribes tight knit. If you have the opportunity to invite a Dad you know to a tribal meeting, I would encourage you to try. It may be easier for them to visit a small group as a first step. 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.

We have some exciting events coming up soon. The first weekend in October, **October 4-6**, we have our Fall Camp-out at Ray Roberts State Park. This is a beautiful park, & we're hoping for great weather. In previous visits to this park, we've had some luck fishing & perhaps we will this time too!

Lastly, a couple of weeks ago we had our annual Carnival. It seemed as though everyone had a great time! A sincere thank you to the tribes for participating, and the members who pulled together to make it such a great event.

I'm looking forward to a great program year!

Until we meet again...

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

**Lion Heart (Alexander Slackney)**

**Big Lightning (Grant Slackney)**



# Ya-ta-hey Mighty Princess Nation!

Our Program year has officially begun!

First of all, three big “Kudos” to all of you for your recent planning, participating, and staffing a well-attended and spirit-filled **CARNIVAL**. Everyone pitched in to do their part in introducing our Program to new dads and kids, and getting them signed up for our Program. Clean-up went quickly, with many big braves lending many hands. Special thanks to Karankawa for being the war chief for this event. Well done!



In just a few days, we will gather on the shores of Lake Arlington for **INDUCTION** as we ask the Great Spirit to continue to guide us and walk with us and our daughters. Make sure to bring your vests, lawn chairs, and bug spray with you! As customary, we will welcome all the new members into the Program and into the Princess Nation; Fire Dancers will conclude the ceremony entertain the crowd with their amazingly dangerous feats. Winnebago Tribe has the privilege of beating the Federation drum after winning “Best New Tribe of the Year” at the 2013 Spring Campout. Consult with your Tribe Chief to make sure you know what time things are going down! Be sure to welcome all the new dads and their daughters!

Make sure that all of your camping equipment is intact and ready to use for our **FALL CAMPOUT** at Lake Tawakoni State Park October 11-13. It’s rumored that there are several five-pound bass lurking beneath the water; bring your rod and reel. Maybe Karankawa Tribe will be able to award a legitimate fishing award winner... There will be bead deeds, pumpkin carving, a quality geocache trail (thank you, Zuni Tribe), an evening glow-stick trail, and campsites adorned with ghouls and goblins. If your Princess has earned a Thunderbird, Golden Thunderbird, or Silver Star, please inform your Tribal Chief so that those awards may be especially recognized. Additionally, as a reminder, please register for the Campout no later than the Sunday night of the week of Fall Campout, so that there is ample room for all of us!

I’m looking forward to a fun-filled year. Check the Program calendar to ensure that you’ve got all of the Event dates scheduled, work the bead deeds (list of deeds is contained in the rear section of the Princess Manual), and keep being the dedicated dads that you are. You all bring pride to your homes and joy to the lives of your daughters. Thanks for participating in the Program and for giving me the opportunity to lead you. See you at Induction...



**BLACK OWL**, Princess Nation Chief (Brian Bolton)  
**DANCING RAINBOW** (Grace Bolton)  
**SMILING TURTLE** (Madeleine Bolton)

## YaTaHey Mighty Guides Nation!

Welcome to the start of another great year in the Y-Guides!

In case you missed it, we've already started Fall off with a bang! Dave and Buster's back to school bash saw a bunch of people having a great time, Carnival at the South YMCA allowed several new members to join the program, we had New Dad's Orientation last week and to finish the month, we have Induction this Saturday Night!



For Induction, please read the special article in this month's smoke signal regarding times, places to meet and what you can expect! My little braves and I are hoping to see each and every one of our returning and new big & little braves at this great event! All I ask is that if you have a father/child shirt or colored tribal shirt, please wear it & your vest to induction!

Three great Kudo's to the Great Spirit to hold-off the rain for our special night!

KUDO'S, KUDO's, KUDO's!

October has back-back events for us. Taking a couple of weekends to rest-up from Induction, we will have our Fall Campout the weekend of the 20<sup>th</sup> at Lake Whitney State Park. The following **Saturday, the 26th** we will be at the South YMCA for the Trails sponsored, spooky and scary, Haunted Trail.

Your tribal chiefs have information about these two events and your chiefs can't wait to tell you all about it at your next monthly tribal meeting!

Some quick housekeeping news:

If you have not done so already, please ensure that you are not only registered for the program, but also register for the **Fall Campout October 18-20**, so that we can get a good headcount for the trip!

Last years Tribe of the Year (the Kichai Tribe) is taking a rest this year and thus their Tribe of the Year duties now resides with tribe that had the 2<sup>nd</sup> most Tribe-of-the-Year points from last year, the Apache Tribe! Chief Josh Godfrey of the Apache Tribe graciously accepted all the duties and responsibilities of the Tribe of the Year at Carnival. Thank you Josh! We look forward to see whether or not Apache can retain the title for next year!

My little braves Kevin (Sleeping Bear) and Gabriel (Snowy Rabbit) are looking forward to having a great year with you!

Innaihtsi'iyi (Peace)

**Soaring Eagle** (Steve Hartung)

**Snowy Rabbit** (Gabriel Hartung)

**Sleeping Bear** (Kevin Hartung)

## YaTaHey Mighty Trail Nation!

Three big Kudos to all of you for your participation in a well attended and fun-filled Carnival, and I want to thank all of you that helped put up the Rope Bridge. As always, the rope bridge was one of the focal points of the carnival and there were many repeat travelers across the bridge. The weather was great and all who attended the Carnival looked like they were having a great time. The Carnival is our biggest recruiting event of the year, but there are still many opportunities to recruit new members. **For all you that have not had a chance to sign up, please take a few minutes and either sign up online or go by the South Cooper or Central Y branch.**

The Fall Campout at Camp Grady Spruce was this past weekend and it was a great event! The kids started the day with archery and horseback riding,



followed by a trip to the rifle range and then a boat ride to Devils Island for some hiking and swimming. The food was GOOD. Having meals prepared and staying in climate controlled cabins makes a difference. Check out the pics at [www.blackland-prairie.org](http://www.blackland-prairie.org)



on the photos link.

You don't want to miss out on this year's events. Several important and fun events are coming up for the Trail Nation, so mark your calendars and get ready to have a great time with your Trailmates.

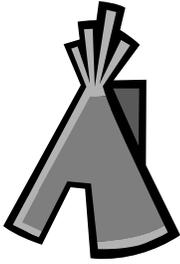
**Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> - Haunted Trail @ South Arlington YMCA**, The annual Haunted Trail will be put on for all Nations. The back woods of the South YMCA will provide lots of room for different scenes and hopefully many Papoose, Princess and Guides Tribes will take part. There is plenty of cover for 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.

**Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> - Federation Community Day** is coming up at Mission Arlington. What a great opportunity it is to remind our kids of how fortunate they are and how we can help others with volunteering for even a short time and how good you feel afterwards.

**I am still looking for an Asst. Nation Chief!**

Thanks, here's to a Great Year!

**Richard Perez (Longbow)**  
**Trail Nation Chief - 817-691-5220**  
**Erika (Tigerlilly) Trail Mate**  
**John (Brave Tomahawk) Guides**



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