

November 2014

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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.



REGISTER FOR A PROGRAM



Upcoming Events...

* See complete calendar on page 2 *



Community Day

Saturday, November 8, 9am-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!

Turkey Shoot

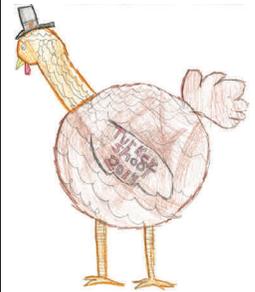
Saturday, November 15, 9am - 1pm

Dalworthington Gardens, Pappy Elkins Park

ALL Nations are welcome!

Cost: FREE

Get the highest score in your nation shooting the target with a BB gun and win a turkey for Thanksgiving!



Arlington Parade of Lights

December 6, 6 pm

Downtown Arlington

Cost: Free

<http://www.holidaylightsparade.com/>

Come help us build and ride on our float!!

Elder: Chris Elkins 817-999-3311

Elder: Jeff Godbold **817-919-5509**

Elder: Mike Ginani 469.767.3051

Elder: David Adams 214-244-4729

Elder: Bill Darroch 214.274.8253

Elder: Jeff Cloud 817-360-0611

Elder: Brian Tecklenburg

Bold names are new elders this year.

Federation Chief: Tim Ackermann 214.477.9098 **Asst. Federation Chief:** Brad Millican

Program Manager: Jordan Taylor 817.419.9629

Papoose Chief: Jim Gipson

Guides Chief: Don Proctor

Princess Chief: Kyle Patrick

Trail Chief: Thomas Harlan

Federation Meshenewa: Jeff Cloud 817-360-0611

Program Calendar

YMCA Father/Child Program Events Calendar 2014-2015

| Events | Papoose | Princess | Guides | Trail |
|--|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| | 3-5 Yrs | K-3rd | K-3rd | 4th & up |
| <i>New Chief's Orientation</i> | 17-Jun | 17-Jun | 17-Jun | 17-Jun |
| <i>4th of July Parade (Arlington)</i> | 4-Jul | 4-Jul | 4-Jul | 4-Jul |
| <i>Little Chiefs Longhouse</i> | 19-Aug | 19-Aug | 19-Aug | 19-Aug |
| <i>Carnival</i> | 23-Aug | 23-Aug | 23-Aug | 23-Aug |
| <i>New Dad's Orientation</i> | 9-Sep | 9-Sep | 9-Sep | 9-Sep |
| | Y Admin | Y Admin | Y Admin | Y Admin |
| <i>Induction</i> | 20-Sep | 20-Sep | 20-Sep | 20-Sep |
| | Lake Arlington | Lake Arlington | Lake Arlington | Lake Arlington |
| <i>Fall Campout Event</i> | Oct 3-5 | Oct 17-19 | Oct 10-12 | Sept 12-14 |
| | Cedar Hill S.P. | Cleburne S.P. | Mineral Wells S.P. | Caddo Lake S.P. |
| <i>Haunted Trail</i> | 25-Oct | 25-Oct | 25-Oct | 25-Oct |
| <i>Papoose Train Ride Event</i> | 25-Oct | | | |
| <i>Federation Community Day</i> | 8-Nov | 8-Nov | 8-Nov | 8-Nov |
| <i>Turkey Shoot</i> | 15-Nov | 15-Nov | 15-Nov | 15-Nov |
| <i>Arlington Holiday Lights Parade</i> | 6-Dec | 6-Dec | 6-Dec | 6-Dec |
| <i>Papoose Christmas Party</i> | 14-Dec | | | |
| <i>Princess Event</i> | | 10-Jan | | |
| | | TBD | | |
| <i>Federation Winter Campout</i> | Jan 23-Jan 25 | Jan 23-Jan 25 | Jan 23-Jan 25 | Jan 23-Jan 25 |
| | Loyd Park | Loyd Park | Loyd Park | Loyd Park |
| <i>Daddy Daughter Date Night</i> | | 7-Feb | | |
| <i>Father-Son Event</i> | | | 21-Feb | |
| | | | Monster Truck Jam | |
| <i>Pinewood Derby</i> | 21-Mar | 21-Mar | 21-Mar | 21-Mar |
| <i>Papoose Field Day</i> | 18-Apr | | | |
| <i>Spring Campout Event</i> | May 1-3 | Mar 27-29 | Apr 10-12 | April 24-26 |
| | Dinosaur Valley S.P. | Lake Whitney S.P. | Dinosaur Valley S.P. | Rafting TBD |
| <i>Rocket Shoot</i> | 9-May | 9-May | 9-May | 9-May |
| <i>Federation Fund Raiser Dinner</i> | 16-May | 16-May | 16-May | 16-May |
| | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| <i>Chief's Appreciation Dinner</i> | 19-May | 19-May | 19-May | 19-May |
| <i>Trail's End Trip</i> | | | | June 10-14 |
| | | Updated: 09-04-2014 | | |

More details on all the events are in this Smoke Signal and on our web site:

** The latest calendar will always be online at this address: http://www.blackland-prairie.org/calendar_embed.html **



Yatahey Blackland Prairie Federation!

We've had a great start to our new year! We were graced by beautiful weather for our Induction Ceremony, got to meet new tribemates, see our Nation Chiefs glide up to the shore of Lake Arlington, and, for many of us, get our first patch as a member of the Blackland Federation! And we saw the beautiful presentation by the fire-dancers. Thanks so much to the dads who set aside part of their day make it happen.



We've also had wonderful times at our Fall Campouts. I'm sure the Nation Chiefs will give you more details but we had (mostly) good weather, only one region-wide power blackout, and ... well we went 1-and-3 on burn bans – but it didn't stop us from having a good time! I know that my daughters and I all had a good time – we hiked, made s'mores, explored the old farmstead at Cedar Hill and climbed down a dry creek bed.

And we just completed our latest (and scariest) event: our Haunted Trail, held annually at the South Cooper YMCA. Held in connection with the Y's Halloween event, we entertained the kids and, dare I say a few adults, with a dark tunnel, wandering monsters, and a surprise train!

For all you new dads (& moms!) - remember all the fun you and the kids are having. It's not too late to bring new dads into our program. Give your friends and neighbors and your children's' schoolmates the opportunity to have these experiences. Aren't you glad someone asked you?

Here are our upcoming events:

Community Day – Nov. 8th. Come help us help others – our Federation helps the folks at Mission Arlington sort canned goods in preparation for the food they provide for Thanksgiving.

Turkey Shoot – Nov. 15th. Let your little one test her marksmanship – BB guns and bow and arrows. And firearm safety instruction. (No turkeys were harmed in this event. But you might win one if your child's a good shot!)

Holiday Lights Parade – Dec. 6th. We put together a float (really!) for the parade and the kids can ride on it, or ride their bike. But lights are a must! And if Dad's a builder, come help! More information to come!

Papoose Christmas Party – Dec. 14th. We'll have food and more. Details to follow.

We are going to have a lot of fun times this year with our little ones!

Stalking Wolf (Federation Chief), Dancing Goose, Singing Tiger & Burning Phoenix

(Tim, Liesl, Roslyn & Signy Ackermann)

Ya Ta Hey Mighty Papoose Nation!



Fall is a busy time for the Papoose Nation. Seems like every other weekend something is happening. It is great to see all the new dads and kids that have joined us this year. We had a great time and great weather on our fall campout at Cedar Hill State Park at the beginning of October. Even with the storms just before and all the power outages we had a great turnout. I want to especially thank Jordan Taylor and Tim Foxsmith for everything they did to make it happen. Here at the end of October, we just had our Papoose train ride. I'm happy to say that the train didn't derail on us this year and we had some more great weather. Screaming Eagle said it was the highlight of his weekend.



The holiday season is coming up on us fast and with it brings some more opportunities for you to spend time with your kids. First on **November 8th** we will be helping some others in our community be able to have a Happy Thanksgiving by donating and sorting canned goods at Mission Arlington for **Community Day**. This is a great way to show your kids how to be a good neighbor. The following weekend on **November 15th** we will have our annual **Turkey Shoot**. It's a great time to instill in your kids safe gun handling habits. Both of these events are great ones to bring some friends that might be interested in learning more about the Father Child Program. Then before you know it we will be in December and have the **Arlington Parade of Lights** on **December 6th** and the **Papoose Christmas Party** on **December 14th**.

Looking forward to a great year,
Gray Eagle "Jim Gipson" Papoose Nation Chief
Singing Ladybug "Sadie Gipson"
"To be named" "George Gipson"

Ya-ta-hey Mighty Princess Nation!



Wow! The Father/Child SPIRIT truly does SOAR here in this Princess Nation! We are coming off of an exciting Fall campout where we spent a weekend at Cleburne State Park bonding with our tribes and daughters, participating in deed stations, carving pumpkins, dancing in our Halloween costumes, and Praising God at a Sunday Sunrise service! Awesome and Awesome to say the least! The mighty Karankawa tribe went home with the song stick and the energetic Zuni tribe took the spirit award home to Mansfield! If you ever have a chance to join our nation at a campout, you and your child WILL NOT regret it! It will cleanse the soul! Be our guest!

Up next: October 25th is our annual Haunted Trail at the Central Y location. Come one, scare all! Also, November 8th marks our annual Community Day, where we, as a federation, join Mission Arlington in a come and go fashion, where we bring canned goods and sort canned goods for the Thanksgiving holiday. Speaking of Thanksgiving, join us for our Turkey Shoot event on November 15th, and try your best to “Bring home the Butterball” with archery and marksmanship skills!

Let’s all give thanks for the Harvest Moon and the cooler weather! Family time through the Y: Love on your loved ones!

Buffalo Stampede (Kyle Patrick)

Buffalo Princess (Kylie Patrick)

YaTaHey Mighty Guides Nation!

When we first started charting the schedule for this year's events, we thought we would shake things up and try some new parks for our campouts. Little did we know, there's a reason why we don't camp at certain State Parks... Don't get me wrong, how can you go wrong with a picturesque State Park like Mineral Wells. But, we had little to no cell reception, no TV signals to speak of, and there was a burn ban with no campfires/bonfire allowed... Ouch. (Mental note for the Assistant Nation Chief for next year's campouts. Go with the standard rotation...)



All kidding aside, the weekend ended being a good weekend for camping. The park was picturesque with plenty of fishing and canoeing. The boys caught more fish at this campout than we've caught the past three years worth of campouts. We also dodged a bullet Friday night and only received a moderate amount of rain after everyone finished dinner, and no rain fell for the rest of the weekend. But most importantly, we spent quality time with our boys.

Talk up the program and invite your friends and coworkers to join us for the Winter Campout at Loyd Park. It is local and close, so they can come out for just the day if it is too cold to stay overnight.

Upcoming Events

We have several events coming up fast on the Father-Child calendar. Please make plans to attend. We do need some participation from the dads and kids to help work some events:

Community Day - Saturday, November 8th. This is our chance as a Federation to **teach our kids how to give back to the community.** We will participate in a food drive benefitting the Mission Arlington ministries. Each Dad and their child(ren) are encouraged to donate canned food to Mission Arlington to help those in need. More information on this event will be sent out.

Turkey Shoot - Saturday, November 15th. This is a fun event for both **the boys and girls.** The kids will try and earn points hitting a paper turkey target that they color themselves with the winner winning a Butter-Ball Turkey. Other activities include archery lessons and **a lot of fun.**

I will see you at Community Day.

Thank you,

Don Proctor (Big Bear Chase Me)

Guides Nation Chief (deproctor2@yahoo.com)

YaTaHey Mighty Trail Nation!

October is a busy time for the all Federation Nations as we are finishing up our campouts and getting ready for the Haunted Trail! The Caddo Lake Campout was a success! Everyone enjoyed the canoeing, great park events and great food. What an experience.



Nov. 8th Federation Community Day is at Mission Arlington. This day is one that really shows how much we care about our community and our ability to help those who are not as fortunate as we are. Come out that morning and **Bring as many cans of food as possible** and stay to help sort and organize them. This day is a good opportunity for us to instill a sense of community service with our children. For the small donation of time and hopefully many cans of food, it is a time to give back to the people of Arlington.

Nov. 15th The Turkey Shoot This event is right around the corner, and will be held at Dalworthington Garden's City Park. The kids love shooting BB guns and testing their archery skills, so don't miss this fun event. If your child has the high score, they could win a frozen turkey for your family, so just think how happy mom will not have to buy the bird this year! You can download a turkey target from the Blackland Prairie Federation website. [http:// www.blackland-prairie.org](http://www.blackland-prairie.org).

Spending time with your child at these events builds a memory for life and one that they will never forget.

Here's to a Great Year!

Thomas Harlan, Trail Nation Chief



Community Day

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Mission Arlington



Turkey Shoot

Saturday, November 15, 9am - 1pm
Dalworthington Gardens, Pappy Elkins Park

Arlington Parade of Lights

December 6, 6 pm
Downtown Arlington

Papoose Xmas Party

December 14, 1-4 pm
Arlington Central YMCA



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