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Spring Campout Registration In Progress



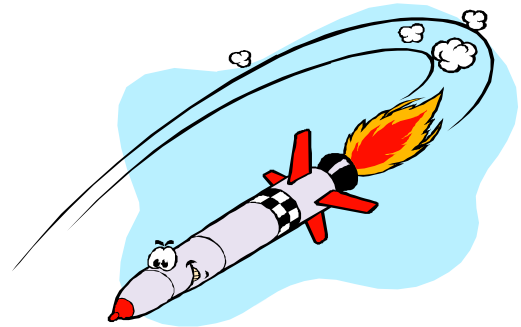
**PAPOOSE- APRIL 11TH- 13TH
(DINOSAUR VALLEY STATE PARK)**

**PRINCESS- APRIL 18TH- 20TH
(LAKE WHITNEY STATE PARK)**

**GUIDES- APRIL 25TH- 27TH
(LAKE MURRAY)**

**TRAIL SPRING CAMPOUT EVENT
MAY 2nd- 4TH
Camp Grady Spruce**

**End of The Year BLAST OFF!
ROCKET SHOOT EVENT
May 17, 2008
1:00p.m.- 4:00p.m.
Location TBD
Register at the event
Cost is \$3 per patch**



RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS FOR THIS SEASON AND GET A RECRUITMENT PATCH FOR EVERY NEW PARTICIPANT!

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Elder: Terry Spaniel 682.518.7141

Elder: Nathan Sewell 817.277.9932

Elder: Gene Hubble 817.457.7466

Elder: Jerry Davis 817.451.4994

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YA TA HAY MIGHTY BLACKFOOT FEDERATION!

It's getting close to that time again – yes, the annual Changing of the Headdress at the Spring Campouts! With a sigh of relief and a gasp of fear, the leadership of the Tribes and Nations changes again in April. Good luck to all the new crop of Chiefs,, and thanks to all the outgoing Chiefs who've brought us to where we are today – at least as far as this year is concerned. Having been through the ceremony as a Tribal and Nation Chief, I know the rewarding feeling a Chief gets when his daughter or son participates as a Little Chief. To any dad who has not yet worn a Headdress at any level, I highly recommend it. The experience for both you and you child will last long beyond your term as Chief. Plus, it is a great opportunity to have a voice in the direction of the program, and see how and why things operate as they do.

ROCKET SHOOT

As you know, the Creek tribe has spent the last few years putting this event together. They established the relationship with D.A.R.S., and built the multi-rocket launch station we now use. Having put this event into what can be described as an “auto-pilot” status, they are ready to pass it along to another tribe. Like the Pinewood Derby, the event will be slowly transferred over the next year or two, to the new War Chief tribe, for a smooth transfer. Any tribes having an interest in taking up the event, let your Nation Chief know, and we'll start the transition.

This year, we will again have the benefit of D.A.R.S. helping out. The location has changed to the D.A.R.S. Midlothian launch site, the directions to which either have been, or soon will be given to your Tribal Chief. We are confirmed for May 17th. Be aware of the times: Register rockets up till 11:30am; Judging from 11:30am - noon; Winner's will be announced and prizes given out shortly after judging, with launches starting shortly after that. As usual, I know we will get some entertaining and outlandish designs.

CHIEF'S APPRECIATION DINNER

The last event this year will be the Chiefs appreciation dinner. All out-going, and in-coming Chiefs are invited. Please, no kids or assistants. The venue is J.Gilligan's, in the front ½ of the restaurant (the original part - not the smoking Draft House where it has been in the past).

Ya Ta Hay!

Running Buck
Wes Maness

Swimming Butterfly
Zoe

Little Buck Run Amuck
Grant

Livie One-Shoe
Olivia





Ya Ta Hey Trail Nation

This will be my last report to you as Trail Nation Chief. By the time of the next Smoke Signal, the Nation's Chief headdress will have been passed to your new Chief, Running Deer (Jim Norris). Please give him the support you have given me during my year.

At the recent Pinewood Derby, the trail kids and their dads were well represented. Those who brought home the trophies included **Rising Sun (Amanda Lanter) -1st**, and **Little Flash (Nathan Hampton) -3rd**. The other winners in 4th grade and up are still in Princess/Guides. Major kudos to **Rising Sun** and her big brave **Setting Sun (Jim Lanter)**, who also took home the overall championship, outracing all of the finalists, the champions from the other grade brackets. Good job Amanda.

There was also great turnout among the Trail members at the family camp, many with moms and younger siblings (Guides, Princesses, and Papoose). I'm sure some good fish were caught and that a lot of even bigger ones "got away." Lots of good barbeque, prepared on site, was eaten. Rodney tells me everyone had a fun time, which is, after all, the point of the program. Sorry I couldn't make it (out of town on business).

Those of you who ordered the *On the Border* family night package at the fundraising dinner, don't forget to pick up your food on April 13, 14, or 15 (whichever night you chose). This is at the *On the Border* on the north side I20 access road.

It is time again for **Spring Camp**. This year, it will again be at **Grady Spruce, May 2- 4**. Everyone who went last year had a lot of fun. This year, we have enough cabins this year for everyone (no tents). For those new to this site, the cabins are air conditioned, with their own restroom and shower. Cabins sleep 16 people in bunk beds (hope no one is scared of 'heights' or tried to walk in their sleep). All the activities will be open to us: horseback riding, archery, rifle shooting (.22's), swimming, fishing (lots of fun catching the carp that hand around the boat dock), the barge to Devil's Island, swimming, canoeing, or just relaxing and playing. There will be a movie Friday night up by the crafts building. Don't worry about cooking, all meals will be provided. Cost is **\$73 per person**. Sign-ups are open now. Get down to the Y now and sign up for this event. As of this writing, we only have 6 families signed up. I am glad that 4 of the 6 are in the Wichita clan; but, we need more people to come.

The grand finale for the year is the **Trail's End** trip to **San Antonio, June 6 – 8**. On Friday, the group will meet at the Cooper Y early AM and take the bus down, stopping for lunch on the way. The activity that day will be tours of the **Alamo** and two other missions. Saturday will be all day at **Sea World**. Sunday will be very busy, with a visit to the **S.A. Zoo**, the **Witte Museum** (dino hall plus other things), and a stop at **Wonder World** cave on the way back. Sign ups are open for this, too. Sign up **NOW**, cost is **\$185 per person**, and includes the transportation, two nights in the hotel, admissions to Sea World, the zoo, the Witte museum, and Wonder World. You pay extra only for your food and whatever souvenirs you just can't do without. Let's make sure we get enough people coming that we fill that bus. Don't let another trip be canceled, like last year, due to procrastination in signing up.

Thanks again for allowing me to serve as Nation Chief this year. It was a challenge at times to get people to move; the famous analogy to 'herding cats' comes to mind. But, the group has responded pretty well and I am happy that we have consistently had large Trail participation this year. After eight years in the program, I won't know what to do with my weekends next year.

Stanley Poynor

Straight Arrow

Trail Nation Chief

972-603-0961 (work); 817-274-8136 (home)

Jim Norris

Running Deer

Asst Trail Nation Chief



Papoose News

Ya Ta Hey Papoose Nation,

I am thrilled to be writing my first letter to you as the New Papoose Nation Chief. Our Papoose Nation is growing. We now have 5 tribes - the Fox, Moose, Hawk, Bear and our newest tribe the Wolf tribe. So welcome to all of you in the Wolf tribe. I look forward to sharing a tent and campfire with you.

I hope that each of you have plans to attend the last event of the school year. The Rocket Shoot will be on May 17th in Midlothian. Your Tribe Chief will have more information on this events following the April Longhouse meeting.

I have lots of patches in my teepee just waiting to be earned by some busy father/child team. I encourage each of you to work on attaining your next patch for your vests. My two braves are working on their wolf patches. I look forward to giving them their patches at the camp out. And don't forget that a list of deeds can be found in your papoose handbook on pgs. 46-48. Completing only 6 deeds from the list can earn you the next patch at the June camp out.

One of the favorite jobs of a Nation Chief is to recognize special deeds that a papoose member completes. By creating a special invitation to your next tribe meeting or making a special Indian necklace or drum you could earn deeds toward your next patch.

So be creative and get dad to help you with your next Papoose project.

Kelly Turner
Sleeping Bear

Ben Turner
Soaring Eagle

Reid Turner
Screaming Eagle

Yah-Ta-Hey Princess Nation!

Well we are coming up on the end of the year, but there are a couple of great events to go!

Spring Campout is April 18-20 at Lake Whitney State Park. There is going to be a Scavenger Hunt along with the campout favorites of cookouts, Bonfire and Devotional. Princesses don't let you dads forget to sign up.

Start your Engines! The **Rocket Shoot** will be the final event for the Princess Nation this year (*unless you are thinking about going into Trail and then you need to check out the Trails End trip*). Get working on your rocket designs. My Princess and I have been talking about what we can do to win one of the Design Awards. And after that we get to see it take off into the wild blue yonder.

DON'T MISS OUT!

KUDOS:

to Shining Moon (Reagan Hosea) of the Karankawa for winning the Invitation of the Month for March. The competition was fierce, but you won by a land slide.

As my year as Nation Chief is coming to an end, Dancing Butterfly and I want to thank each and every one of you for being a part of this great Father/Child Program. There have been long hours put in by so many people to make this year great and I know I have enjoyed spending time with each of you. I have been truly blessed with a great group of committed chiefs and other dads that made this year flow very easy.

I know I am leaving you in very capable hands with Soaring Hawk and his Princesses to lead you through the next cycle of seasons. Don't worry I will still be around and I hope not to forget everything I have learned like Pale Mountain did last year.

As I have said many times, this program would not survive without volunteers. And I don't mean just Nation Officers and Chiefs. Every one that pitches in to set up the teepees, drag the trailer to and from events, and picks up trash after everyone else has left the campout makes this program better. After all, do we want our children to sit around and watch or get up and participate? Thank you all for being great role models to my child and yours.

Take only memories; leave nothing but footprints.

~~Chief Seattle

Chief Grey Wolf (Michael McArthur)
Little Chief Dancing Butterfly (Kayden)

Asst. Chief Soaring Hawk (Frank Dylla)
Little Asst. Chief Rising Star (Celeste)
Little Asst. Chief Silver Rain (Chloe)

YA TA HAY MIGHTY INDIAN GUIDES NATION!

(I'M JUST FILLING IN FOR THE GUIDES NATION – SO BEAR WITH ME)

SPRING CAMPOUT

Yes - it's that time again! Time for the best weather (or rain) Spring Campout at Lake Murray. This is a favored site with wonderful accommodations. Not all duty assignments have been made, so be prepared to fill the gaps at the next Longhouse. The dates are April 25 – 27; the first year anniversary of the multi-tribe-coordinated Comanche balloon massacre. Make sure you have your feather merchant requests in for patches, and points. It's down to the wire.

ROCKET SHOOT

As indicated in the Federation Chief's message - we are confirmed for May 17th at the Midlothian launch site. We need a new tribe to step up and transition in as the war chief for upcoming years. It's pretty much an auto-pilot event, so take this opportunity to step into some comfortable war-chief moccasins.

INVITATION OF THE MONTH

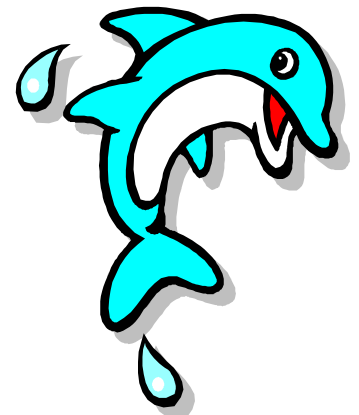
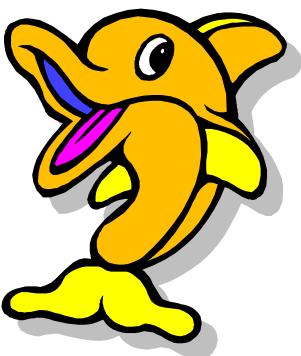
The Invitation of the Month was won unanimously by Asher (Running Star) and Sawyer (Bright Star) Stuart of the Apache Tribe. Congratulations! Keep those invitations coming at every Longhouse.

Ya Ta Hay!
Chief Running Buck
Wes Maness

Swim Lesson Registration

YMCA of Arlington Swim Lesson registration is in progress. We offer classes for all ages 6 month to adult classes. We also offer private classes for children with special needs. It is time to get ready for the summer. The YMCA swimming programs are designed to teach personal water safety and swimming skills to children. These programs lay a foundation for a lifetime of safe and enjoyable participation in an aquatic environment. The YMCA of Arlington has offered quality Aquatics programs for over 30 years. We offer Open Swim, Water Aerobics, Pool Parties, Dive-In Movies, Swim Team, Life-guard, CPR/First Aid Training and much more.

COME CHECK US OUT THIS SUMMER!



CALENDAR

Papoose

Pinewood Derby- March 8th, All Day, Central YMCA
Family Campout- March 28th, Ray Roberts State Park
Spring Campout- April 11th, Dinosaur Valley State Park
Rocket Shoot- May 17th, TBD

Princess

Pinewood Derby- March 8th, All Day, Central YMCA
Family Campout- March 28th, Ray Roberts State Park
Spring Campout- April 18th, Lake Whitney State Park
Rocket Shoot- May 17th, TBD

Guides

Pinewood Derby- March 8th, All Day, Central YMCA
Family Campout- March 28th, Ray Roberts State Park
Spring Campout- April 25, Lake Murray State Park
Rocket Shoot- May 17th, TBD

Trail

Pinewood Derby- March 8th, All Day, Central YMCA
Family Campout- March 28th, Ray Roberts State Park
Grady Spruce Trip- May 20th, Camp Grady Spruce
Rocket Shoot- May 17th, TBD

Please Check for Event Registration Deadlines!

YMCA Phone Number: 817.274.9622

**Federation Longhouse:
April 15, 6:30p.m.
Arlington YMCA- Central Branch**

**Tribal Chief Longhouse:
April 15, 7:30p.m.
Arlington YMCA-Central Branch**

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