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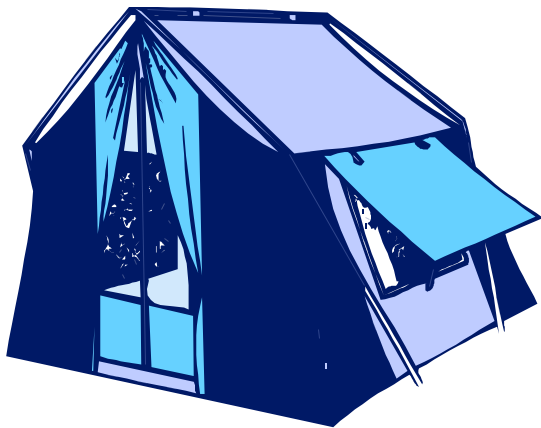
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Remember the  
**AUGUST 18th**  
**CARNIVAL**  
**9 AM-1 PM**  
**Central YMCA**  
**2200 South Davis**

## **ON-LINE REGISTRATION**

Program Registration & Event registration  
is available at [www.ymca-arlington.org](http://www.ymca-arlington.org)



## **NATION FALL CAMPOUTS**

Trail- August 24-26, Canoe Trip to Caddo  
GUIDES- October 12-14, Ray Roberts State Park  
PRINCESS- October 26-28, Cooper Lake State Park  
PAPOOSE- Sept. 28-30, Cleburne State Park  
TRAIL- Oct. 5-7, Rafting in New Braunfels

**SIGN-UP NOW!**

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

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We, Father and Daughter/Son, through friendly service, to each other, to our family, to this tribe, to our community, seek a world pleasing to the eye of the Great Spirit.

When we join this program, we all take this pledge, and we continue to bind ourselves to this pledge by our involvement and continued participation in the Father/Child program. This pledge is essential to the continued success of our program as it is one run by the members, with guidance from the Indian Agent, but with little intervention by the YMCA.

Our program is not run by YMCA employees, and the YMCA's employees set-up or take-down our Carnival booths, fires, teepees, sound system, archery and BB gun ranges, rocket launchers, or campsites, nor do they supervise our every action. Our program depends on every member to contribute their time and energy to set things up, take things down, man booths and activities, plan the year's activities, and smoothly operate our program. That is why we have Nation and Federation officers, a Council of Elders, event War Chiefs, and why we ask for volunteers on a continual basis for any number of events and activities. Without all of those people giving freely of their time and energy, the program would simply not run.

When we give of ourselves by volunteering to participate in the operation of the program, whether to man a booth, set up a teepee, or clean up the remains of a bonfire, we are agreeing to live up to our pledge and provide friendly service to the other members of the program, to our tribe, and to our sons and daughters. While it may not be as clear, when we do those things, we are also giving of ourselves to our community, both the community we enjoy as members of the program and the larger community that we live in through Community Day, through the numerous things our tribes do to benefit the less fortunate, and through the things we do to raise socially responsible kids.

We, as dads, set the example that will be followed by our kids. If our sons and daughters see us give selflessly of ourselves to work together to achieve a common goal, benefit others, be responsible to those in our community – whether tribe, nation or federation, and put the greater good of the community ahead of our own personal desires, then I guarantee you that those kids will grow up to do the same and be more responsible and mature adults.

Our Carnival is just around the corner. This is a good time to jump start the year with your involvement in the program. Every member's help is needed to make this event a success. But remember, success is not measured by whether *I and my child* enjoyed the day and all it has to offer. Success is measured by whether *every dad and child* there enjoyed the day, and by whether we encourage all non-members who attend to join and realize the benefits that we enjoy as members. Come to the Carnival, give freely of your time for the benefit of our community. Take time to meet and befriend people outside of your tribe. Greet people you do not know in a friendly manner and encourage them to do what you do by joining the Father/Child program and spend beneficial time with their kids.

And by the way, being involved, meeting new people, sharing a laugh, and lending a hand is fun, fun, and more fun, both for the dads and for the kids!

Don't forget, the Nation and Federation officers and Council of Elders are here to serve the program and its members. If you have any comments, complaints, criticisms, ideas, suggestions, or compliments, we would like to hear them. My contact information is: [jiml@lanterwestermann.com](mailto:jiml@lanterwestermann.com), 817-472-7002 (home), 817-335-0400 (office).

Jim Lanter  
Setting Sun

Amanda  
Rising Sun

Jonathan  
Bold Shark





### Ya Ta Hey Trail Nation

The start of another year of fun-filled activities is upon us. The kick-off event for the year is registration and the Carnival, Aug 18, from 9 AM to 1 PM. This is the main registration activity of the year, with a lot of fun activities like booths with games, snacks, swimming, even scuba diving lessons.

In Trail, there is no age limit. Keep your kids involved as long as you/they want. Don't forget to sign up your younger kids for Papoose, Guides, or Princess. If your friends have kids who aren't members, encourage them to register their children, and then bring them along to see what they've been missing.

For those moving up from Princess and Guides, welcome to the Trail program! Some of the activities for the "older kids" will be more challenging than what you might have done in guides/princesses. This will give your child a chance to stretch their limits, build self-confidence and spend fun time with dad.

For those who are interested in continuing with monthly tribal meeting activities (craft, stories, etc), in addition to the big events, be sure to mark the box on the registration form that you would like to continue in a tribe within trail, as we will be starting tribes for those who are interested. Returning members registering on-line who are interested, call or e-mail me (972-603-0961 work, 817-274-8136 home, [tpltexas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tpltexas@sbcglobal.net)) and let me know of your interest so you can be placed in a tribe.

Membership in tribes is NOT required, so those who like coming only to the 'big events' are welcome to continue coming only to the big events. The tribes will be for those whose kids enjoy the monthly activities.

The week-end after Carnival, 24-26 August, Trail will go canoeing at Lake Caddo. This will open for online registration soon. I recently sent an e-mail calling for a show of interest. If you haven't already responded, please do so, so that we can reserve the needed number of camp sites and canoes. There have already been some volunteers (experienced canoeists) to keep everyone safe by helping less capable boatmen. These volunteers will be the point (no one should pass this boat) and drag (no one should fall behind this person) boats during the trip. We could still use a couple more volunteers for this important task.

Trail participates in two FALL CAMPOUTS each year. The Trail Fall Rafting Trip will be Oct 5-7, in New Braunfels TX. For those who haven't been there before, it is a lot of fun and the fee will include your camping, rafting and lunch on Saturday. The fee will be between \$45- \$50 per person. We will camp on the Double Rockin R Campground which is tent camping only and water only. No trailers will be allowed.

Trail also puts on the Haunted Trail each year, alternating between Guides and Princess Fall Campouts. This year, that means the Princess Fall Campout, Oct. 26-28, at Cooper's Lake State Park. Anyone who wants to help with the Haunted Trail, please contact myself or Jim Norris (asst Trail Chief). We need good ideas for putting together a fun haunted trail for the Princesses and LOTS of volunteers to help give the girls a good (but not too good) scare.

Other events will follow all year long. Preliminary planning is already underway for Trail's End 2008, to San Antonio, June 6 - 8. This will include a mission's tour, a day at Sea World, a trip to the Zoo, the Witte Museum, and a cave. More details to follow as plans solidify.

Enjoy this time in your children's lives. Try to participate in as many events as you can. The more you do with your child in the program, the more you will both benefit, the more precious memories you will give your child.

I look forward to meeting those of you I don't already know at some point during the year.



# Papoose News

Yah-te-hey Mighty Papoose Nation.

I hope your summer is going well and I can hardly wait to see the members of the Mighty Papoose Nation at the Carnival on August 18<sup>th</sup> and don't forget to bring a friend.

I thought I would take this time to tell you little about my family. My wife's name is Cynthia and we have three girls, Mara ( Tiger Lily ), Trinity ( Dancing Butterfly ), and Emilia, aka Millie ( Screeching Owl ). Mara and Trinity are in the Princess Nation and Millie is a Papoose. I have a feeling that Millie will initially be disappointed at the Fall Campout because her best friend Ryan will not be there, he graduated up to the Guides. All three of love the campouts in addition to all of the other events this program offer.

I look forward to meeting each of you as we go through this upcoming year. If you know someone who might be interested in the program invite them to the carnival, it will be a blast!!!

If anyone has any questions please feel free to send me an email or give me a call.

Here's to a great year.

Papoose Nation Chief,

Allen Stallins  
Running Bear  
[dstallin@flash.net](mailto:dstallin@flash.net)  
817-516-0890

Ya Ta Hey Princess Nation!

I want to thank the Mohawk and Winnebago tribes for providing floats supporting our program in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. **Congratulations** to the Mohawk who won **1<sup>st</sup> place** in the Youth Non-profit Category.

You know I watched it several times and always missed a bunch of friends because they were somewhere else on the route. This year I walked in (with headdress) and you would not believe the number of people I have been talking to about the program that I saw. What a way to spread the word about the Father/Child Program.

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Well it's almost time for the Carnival. This is one of the most important events for our Blackland Prairie Federation. The carnival sets the mood for the entire season and signals the first day of new member sign-ups. For those of us in the program, I encourage you to renew your membership before the carnival to cut down on the lines for our new members. You can get signed up online and almost all of the events will be ready by August 6<sup>th</sup>.

Please promote the carnival as much as possible and bring anyone and everyone you can find that you think would benefit from our great program. Don't be afraid of asking someone to join. You will be doing them a favor. And don't be afraid to get more involved yourself; you'll be doing your children one.

Tell me and I'll forget. Show me and I may not remember. Involve me and I'll understand. - Native American Proverb

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My wife and I were looking to go to Disney World this summer. It all fell apart because of the prices. It was over \$750 for the three of us just for 4 days of tickets. Adding in getting there, a hotel, food... The cost just turned out to be too much. I've heard the same thing said about our program. But for well under half of the cost of *just* the Disney tickets, we can participate in every single event for the entire season. And don't forget the free events: Carnival, Induction, Parade of Lights, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. What a bargain!

In the (paraphrased) words of the commercial:

Pinewood Derby Car - \$10

Fall Campout - \$30

My daughter's memories of wearing the Nation Chief headdress... priceless.

Ya Ta Hey,

Chief Grey Wolf (Michael McArthur)

Little Chief Dancing Butterfly (Kayden)

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# Ya Ta Hey Mighty Guides Nation!

By the time you read this it will be August and the Blackland Federation will be a pot boiling with activities First the Carnival then Induction and before we know it we will be packed up and heading off to our first campout.

I would like all of you to join me in welcoming our first new tribe for this year. They will be called the Kiowa or Choctaw. I have had several conversations with Bob Famigletti who will be leading them as chief and look forward to great things from them this year as they build their traditions.

The Apache Tribe Has started the year off with a statement in the defense of the tribe of the year title, by winning the invitation of the month for all three summer months. While all three submissions were outstanding, they were uncontested. The winners are as listed.

May

Brett “Eagle Eye” Woodworth and his Big Brave Don “Flying Eagle” Woodworth

June

Mason “Kicking Pup” Carpenter and his Big Brave Gibbs “Kicking Dog” Carpenter

July

Tate “Shooting Arrow” Standard and his Big Brave Mark “Five Stick” Standard

Next month make sure that your tribe is represented in this competition.

We need to start talking now to our kids friends, church and civic groups about our program and inviting them to the carnival. We all know what this program means to us, and the relationship to our kids let’s share that with others

As always you can keep track of upcoming events at the website:

<http://www.ymca-arlington.org/fceventcal.asp>

I look forward to seeing you at the Carnival

Paul Mayo  
Strutting Elk

Parker Mayo  
Growling Bear

# CALENDAR

## Papoose

Carnival- August 18th- 9am- 1pm Central YMCA

Little Chiefs Longhouse- August 21st 7:30pm

NRH20 Day- August 26th, Noon to 8pm

Fall Campout- Sept. 28-30, Cleburne State Park

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NRH20 Day- August 26th, Noon to 8pm

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NRH20 Day- August 26th, Noon to 8pm

Rafting Trip- Oct. 5-7, New Bruanfels TX.

*Please Check for Event Registration Deadlines!*

*YMCA Phone Number: 817.274.9622*

**Federation Longhouse:  
August 21, 6:30p.m.  
Arlington YMCA- Central Branch**

**Tribal Chief Longhouse:  
Little Chiefs Longhouse  
August 21, 7:30p.m.  
Arlington YMCA-Central Branch**

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