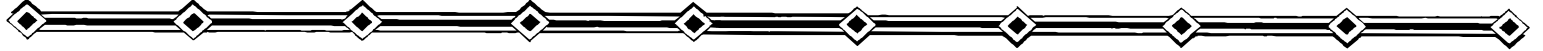


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Merry Christmas



Hey Dad!

It's time to go Camping!

The Arlington YMCA Farent/Child Program is inviting the Federation to the Winter Campout Loyd Park Grand Prairie, TX. January 25-27.



BBQ & PIZZA

Fund Raiser Dinner

Boles Junior High School

February 23 6:30p.m.- 8:30p.m.

Cost: \$8 for adults \$4 for Children \$24 for Family

Call your Chief for Details. Buy your tickets from your chief before Feb. 18th



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

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CREATE A WORLD PLEASING TO THE EYE OF THE GREAT SPIRIT

Community Day has now come and gone, and I've got to tell you I was impressed by the number of dads and kids who showed up to work and who brought food for Mission Metroplex. From my casual perusal of the sign up sheets, I noticed a number of people who brought much more than a small grocery sack of cans. I noticed numbers such as 50, 79, 100, 290, and even 400 under the heading "number of cans." I saw people bringing in boxes of canned goods and carrying in food on dollies. The sorting area was full of dads, sons, daughters, and even moms. It was obvious that the members of our program are not afraid to "walk the walk" and they were willing to "put their money where their mouth is!" Every member should be proud of our program and its membership for this and all of the positive things we do in our community.

The Christmas season is upon us, and rather than coast through the holidays and only concern ourselves with what gifts we might receive, we should take the opportunity to continue to honor the pledge we have made to our kids and our dads, our tribes, our nations, and our community: Make the world pleasing to the eye of the Great Spirit.

How can we do that? It's easy and requires very little effort on our part. Attend your tribe meetings and nation events, and spread the message of Christmas among your tribe and fellow program members. As a tribe, visit a nursing home, ring a Salvation Army bell, participate in an Angel Tree, adopt a family for Christmas, or sing Christmas Carols for donations to be given to a charity.

As individuals, smile and wish the store clerks and anyone else you meet a sincere Merry Christmas, drop a buck in the kettle once in a while, let the car next to you enter your lane as you go to the mall, watch out for the safety of others – even strangers, take your neighbor some Christmas cookies, take dinner to someone who is elderly, suffering an illness or recovering from surgery, perform a random act of kindness, watch the movie *Pay it Forward* and put its message into practice, and when aggravated or angry or not sure what to do ask "WWJD." In other words, bring joy to others.

Amanda, Jonathan and I wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas!

Jim Lanter
Setting Sun

Amanda
Rising Sun

Jonathan
Bold Shark





Ya Ta Hey Trail Nation

Attendance at the Turkey Shoot was down from last year; but, those who came had fun and took aim at hand-colored targets. Congratulations to all the marksmen who participated, and to those who won turkeys, but especially to our Trail winner, Little Eagle (Brandon Shipe).

There was a lot of food brought and sorted at this year's **Community Day** event at Mission Arlington. Federation Chief Setting Sun (Jim Lanter) set a good example for his Trailmate Rising Sun (Amanda) and Guide Bold Shark (Jonathan) by bringing approximately 600 cans of food to help the less fortunate of Arlington and to teach his children empathy for others. Preliminary results show the Federation brought more than 4000 cans to the sort this year, led by the Guides Nation. Way to go, little braves.

I hope everyone had a safe and happy Thanksgiving and has recovered from the overload of turkey and dressing, pies, all sorts of goodies, and football. The Christmas break will soon be upon us. During this time, please continue to remember those area citizens who are not so well off as our membership. Adopt a Salvation Army Christmas angel, or two or three. Give to the Toys for Tots campaign. Give food to Mission Arlington. Volunteer at the night shelter or women's shelter. Sing carols to your church's "shut ins." Get your child involved in helping others.

The program continues to grow - Trail membership is 20% above last year's total. Keep spreading the word to get more dads to join and spend quality time with their children. If you know anyone who is not involved and should be, tell them to register now.

The Christmas Parade of Lights is rapidly approaching, **Dec 8**, through downtown Arlington. Trail members Bobcat and Rushing Cat (Gene & Jessica Hubble) are putting together a float and welcome any who want to help assemble the float and ride on it during the parade. Contact Gene at 817-457-7150 (office) or 817-999-9154 (cell) for details on when/where the float will be assembled.

We will start the new year off with Winter Campout, **January 25 -27 at Loyd Park** in Grand Prairie. This brings the entire Federation together for a weekend. There will be tribe and individual pictures, the ever-popular "Critter Guy" has been invited, and for those who want to participate, 'bead deed' stations will be set up where kids can complete deed to earn patches. Those who would like to run one of these stations to help the younger kids complete some deeds, please contact the Nation Chief or Asst. Nation Chief.

The **Daddy Daughter Date Night is Saturday, Feb. 10**. Although officially a Princess event, Trail daughters are always invited. This is a chance to let your daughter dress up, have a sit down dinner and go dancing with dad, along with seeing a magic show or other fun activity. Details will be out soon.

Also in February, the **Fund Raiser Dinner/Silent Auction** will be on **Saturday, Feb, 23**. This is the one fund raiser the proceeds of which go **EXCLUSIVELY** to the Father-Child program. Every family is asked to bring a dessert for the dessert table. All are asked to contribute a cake for the cake walk. All members should try to solicit at least one item for the silent auction and one for the raffle. Raffle items can be small (less than \$20). Contact companies with which you do business to get donations to help our program. If you have something to donate, have solicited something and need to know where to turn it in, or have questions about the kinds of things sought for the auction, contact Dianne Norris 817-419-9053, who works so hard every year to help put this event together. Thank you for all you do.

If you want to get an early start making that special car, don't forget the Pinewood Derby is coming up **March 10**. Dads, and you know who you are, remember to let your kids work on the cars, too. It is supposed to be THEIR car. Winning trophies isn't everything.



Papoose News

Yah-te-hay Mighty Papoose Nation!

I heard a rumor that we are have a party coming up on December 16th and that a very special guest is going to be there. Have all of you been good? Are you expecting presents or a lump of coal? My guess is that you all have been good and that Santa will leave lots of gifts under the Christmas tree for you.

Have you been working on your deeds to earn you patches? If you haven't, don't let dad just sit there watching television. As nicely and politely as you can, ask him to help you get some deeds accomplished so you can earn your Fawn, Wolf Cub, and Bear Cub patches. I am sure it will be lots of fun for both of you.

Since March, when I became the Papoose Nation Chief I have been searching high and low trying to find someone to be my Assistant Chief. Finally, that search has come to an end. Kelly Turner, chief of the Fox tribe has agreed to be my Assistant Chief.

I look forward to seeing each and every one of you in a couple of week at our Christmas party. If you want to invite your Mom and your brothers and sisters feel free to. The more the merrier.

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

Here's to a Merry Christmas,
Papoose Nation Chief,

Allen Stallins
Running Bear

Emilia (Millie) Stallins
Screeching Owl

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Yah-Ta-Hey Princess Nation!

What a great (and busy) month we just finish.

Fall Campout was great with the best weather of any campout in my memory. Kudos goes out to the Zuni tribe for Warchiefing a great campout. And Kudos again also showing us that great Princess spirit in all that you did you really deserves the Spirit Award. An extra special Kudos goes to Red Fox of the Crow tribe for stepping up in a pinch and setting up the pyro. Check out the picture (#3064) on the photo page of www.princessnation.org of his exploding pumpkin. Great show! And, oh the great things we could say about the Haunted Trail. Best ever.

Coconut, Pineapple, Watermelon, Coconut, Pineapple, Watermelon. The Luau was a big hit. Kudos goes out to Sparkly Butterfly of the Sioux for winning the Limbo contest. Winnebago did a heck of a job as Warchief.

Kudos to Dancing Butterfly of the Crow who not only won high score for the Princess Nation, but high score over all. That's the way to show the boys what real Eagle Eyes are.

Federation Community Day was a great success. We had a higher percentage of turn out from 2006 and we almost tripled the amount of donated food. While I am still working up the numbers it looks like Kichia will take home both the Community Spirit and Generous Spirit Awards for the Princess Nation. Thank you to all that helped and donated to a great cause and especially to our Warchiefs; the Blackfoot Guides and Seminole Princesses.

Arlington Parade of Lights is December 8th. Come out and join us on our float. All you need is a few lights and enough energy to keep waving the whole way. Your Chief will know where to meet for the fun.

May you all have a Merry Christmas!

Yah-Ta-Hey

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 Guides Nation

November was a busy month for all of us! The turkey shoot was a big success - many thanks go out to Rob "Sings with Coyotes" Schulz and the Comanche Tribe for their hard work setting up and running the shoot. The winner in the Guides division was Brandon Shipe of the Creek Tribe with a score of 210. With this accomplishment, Brandon bagged a turkey for his family's dinner table!

Big kudos go out to Chris Phelps from the Blackfoot Tribe for representing the Guides and warchiefing the Community Day at Mission Arlington. I was unable to attend this year but from all I heard it was a great success again this year.

Last week at our monthly Nation Tribal Chiefs Longhouse, we voted on the October and November Invitation of the month.

The winners are...

October: the Navaho tribe

Isaac and Seth James with the assistance of their Father Rich

November: the Blackfoot tribe

Aidan Ferrell with the assistance of his father Scott

Last of all, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas. Thank you for all you do for this Program that we enjoy so much with our children.

Paul Mayo
Strutting Elk

Parker Mayo
Growling Bear



CALENDAR

Papoose

Arlington Parade of Lights- Dec. 8th

Papoose Christmas Party- Dec. 16th, Central YMCA

Winter Campout- Jan. 25-27, Loyd Park

Princess

Arlington Parade of Lights- Dec. 8th

Winter Campout- Jan. 25-27, Loyd Park

Guides

Arlington Parade of Lights- Dec. 8th

Winter Campout- Jan. 25-27, Loyd Park

Trail

Arlington Parade of Lights- Dec. 8th

Winter Campout- Jan. 25-27, Loyd Park

Please Check for Event Registration Deadlines!

YMCA Phone Number: 817.274.9622



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

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

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