

SMOKE SIGNAL

A Publication of the YMCA of Arlington Father / Child Program



NATION FALL CAMPOUTS

TRAIL- Oct. 5-7, Rafting in New Braunfels
GUIDES- October 12-14, Ray Roberts State Park
PRINCESS- October 26-28, Cooper Lake State Park

SIGN-UP NOW!



Princess Daddy/Daughter Luau Dance

NOVEMBER 2nd 6:30p.m. - 8:30p.m.

Central Branch YMCA

2200 South Davis

Registration Details

Cost: \$10 per pair, \$4 for additional child

Guest: \$6 per person

You can register at the YMCA or call 817.274.9622

www.ymca-arlington.org



Turkey Shoot

Nov. 10th 10:00- Noon

**Dalworthington Gardens
City Park**

Pay at the event

Cost: \$8

\$3 for 2nd Child

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

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Elder: Gene Hubble 817.457.7466

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SPENDING MEANINGFUL TIME WITH YOUR KIDS

Our Induction ceremony was last Saturday, and it was good to see a large number of new members as well as a large number of returning members at the event. This was my sixth Induction, and everyone has been a memorable event for my and my kids. I hope it was memorable for all of our members, young and old, and their wives, mothers, grandparents and guests.

A couple of months ago I wrote about the importance of volunteering within our program, and was pleased to see a large turnout of volunteers for the Induction set up and clean up. I observed first hand dads helping complete numerous tasks that their tribes did not volunteer for as well as those they did commit to do. Everyone who showed up to help went above and beyond the "call of duty." As a result, the set up was completed in record time, and the event went off without a hitch. Thanks to everyone for all of your help and making my job easy and worry free.

One of the highlights of this program is the tribe meetings. All tribes are encouraged to hold a meeting once a month. It is a good time for the kids to share stories about their lives, gain confidence speaking in front of others, learn to listen to others, develop friendships with the other kids in the tribe, and work on a craft with their dad, among other things. It is also a good time for dads to develop new friendships, engage with their kids, and listen to and learn from their kids. If your tribe is not holding monthly meetings, please let us know.

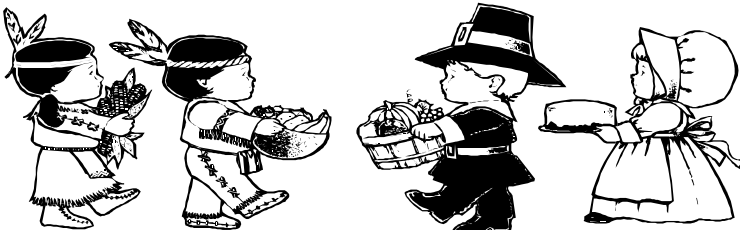
Another highlight of our program is the campouts held by each Nation. Our fall campouts will be held at some great places this year, and will provide a lot of opportunity to do some fun things with the kids. The Trail fall event will involve river rafting, and the Princess campout will feature the annual Haunted Trail. All of campouts will provide opportunities to carve Halloween pumpkins, fish, hike and ride bikes with the kids, soak each other with water balloons, roast marshmallows, and tell ghost stories around the campfire. The campouts are very memorable events for both dads and kids, and you will not want to miss them.

I look forward to seeing you all at our fall events. A good time is guaranteed!

Jim Lanter
Setting Sun

Amanda
Rising Sun

Jonathan
Bold Shark



Federation
Community Day
Princess, Guides, Papoose, Trail
Saturday, November 17th 9:00- Noon
Mission Arlington 210 W. South Street



Ya Ta Hey Trail Nation

All Nations were well represented at the Induction ceremony. New members got their Induction patch, and dads/kids pledged to spend time and be patient with one another. The fire dancer didn't get burned, burn down the neighborhood, or get raided by the vice squad (kudos White Mountain). Lighting the bonfire went off smoothly. Major kudos to new Trail members Bob Cat and Rushing Cat and their team for putting together the new entry arch and fire stand (required by Arlington FD to be raised off the ground).

The entrance by the Nation Chiefs wasn't *quite* the graceful segment that was expected – the canoes began taking on water. Proposed as a new rule for next year, either (a) use only real canoes with significant sideboards or (b) all the Nation Chiefs have to become contestants on "Biggest Loser" before next year. Thank you Grey Wolf, for NOT wearing the loin cloth.

Even by Induction time, there are still a lot of Trail dads from last year, or Guides/Princess dads eligible to move up who have not enrolled for the year. The time that your children want you actively involved in their lives is short. Don't let it slip away. You can always watch the ball game another year. You can never recover time lost from your children's lives. If you know any dads who haven't re-enrolled yet, contact them and remind them to sign up again.

If all those who have TOLD me they intend to sign up actually do, Trail will grow slightly this year over last. That is good news, whether you participate as an 'at large' member or try keeping a tribe together, as it makes for a stronger program. We may have 3 Trail Mate tribes this year, although one did refer to their group as a 'gang' rather than a tribe.

The next Trail event is the **Trail Fall Campout** – rafting down the Guadalupe River in New Braunfels, **5-7 October**. Cost for this wet & wild trip is **\$94 per pair**, including camping, lunch on the river and raft rental. At the time of this writing, only 12 dads have signed up. If you are coming, please sign up ASAP. Trail dads, don't wait until the last minute to sign up for events. Most of our events involve deposits being paid. The Y can't accept the financial liability of turnout less than the guaranteed minimums, so waiting until the last minute could result in events being cancelled, like last year's Trail's End trip to San Jacinto, Galveston, and NASA. Don't let this happen, sign up for events as soon as they open and you decide you want to go.

Also, remember that Trail gets to go to TWO Fall Campouts every year. The Haunted Trail will be at the Princess camp at Coopers Lake State Park on **26 – 28 October**. Any dads/kids who want to camp and work on Haunted Trail, please call or e-mail me to let me know. 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. Your costumes and sets can be as elaborate as you want, remembering that you have to erect them in one day and take them down the next.

As 2007 comes to a close, don't forget others who may not be as fortunate as most in the Father/Child program. On Community Day, **November 17, 9 AM-noon**, the whole Federation comes together to both collect and sort food for Mission Arlington Thanksgiving baskets. This important event also has some friendly competition. Each Nation will have a **Community Spirit Award** winner (for the highest percentage of members who participate) and a **Generous Spirit Award** winner (for donating the most food per tribe member). Last year, Trail donated the most food, even with the fewest participants. Trail had the tribe with the highest percentage of participants and the greatest amount of food donated per member of ANY TRIBE IN ANY NATION OF THE FEDERATION (Wichita Trail). This year, let all Trail members get together and do even better. Let's try to have the Trail Nation donate more than ALL of the other Nations combined!

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Straight Arrow
Trail Nation Chief
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Jim Norris
Running Deer
Asst Trail Nation Chief
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Papoose News

Yah-te-hay Mighty Papoose Nation:

Did we have fun at the campout or what? It was awesome to see such a big turnout for the Fall Campout. We have one down and two more to go. Hopefully each will be better than the last.

As Nation Chief I want to thank everyone who made the Fall Campout such a success. The Bear Tribe for War Chieftaining the event, the Hawk Tribe for setting up the fantastic feather trail and all tribes for participating in the watergun safety demonstration. It looked as though all of the participants had a blast. The Moose Tribe for providing the popcorn for the movie and finally, our newest tribe the Fox for closing the campout with the Sunday morning devotional.

As we go forward, please remember to work on your deeds. I want to see each of you earn your Fawn, Wolf Cub and Bear Cub patches. I you do just one deed a week you can earn almost all of them by the Spring Campout.

I look forward to seeing each you on the Train Ride to the Fort Worth Stockyards. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask. My contact information is below.

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Millie Stallins
Screeching Owl

Yah-Ta-Hey Princess Nation!

“What a Great Induction!” That’s what I keep hearing from dads, moms, and kids alike. Not to mention the turn out was great from both new and returning members. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this Induction a great success.

And we have some great events coming up in the next 2 months. We enter our busy season with Fall Campouts, our Luau Dance, and Community Day.

The Fall Campout will include regular activities like the bonfire and devotional along with the seasonal activities the pumpkin carving contest, trick or treating and the Haunted Trail. We will have a near full moon to light our nights and the Zuni Warchief is making plans for this to be the best campout ever.

A Hawaiian Luau is the theme for this year fall dance. It will be held at the Central YMCA. The Winnebago are Warchiefs and are promising a great time with many flowers, leis and hula dancing.

Have you ever had the dream that people are coming over for dinner and you have nothing prepared for them to eat? The Federation Community Day when we make sure that that dream doesn’t become a reality. It is a time where we are all reminded it is not always about us (or the patches). I hope you all take the time to come, bring non-perishable food items, and give some of your time and energy for a worthy cause. The food we (and others) collect and sort goes to help feed our local residents who need help filling a holiday table. My own Seminole tribe is Warchief and we challenge every tribe to start collecting now. That is truly what THANKSGIVING is about.

What a great time to be in our program. So why not tell someone about what’s going on and invite them to participate.

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

This year is off to a fantastic start the induction ceremony was more an off Broadway show than a YMCA sponsored event. It had comedy (the Papoose and Trail Chiefs short canoe trip), Drama (would the home made canoe hold me and the Princess Chief) and a final dance extravaganza. It will be an event that will be hard to top. Many thanks go out to all that helped set up the site and a special thanks to Bob Burnham who was war chief for the guides on this one.

Congratulations to Connor Phelps (Running Thunder) and his big Brave Chris Phelps (Strong Bear) for winning Invitation of the month. This breaks a long string of Victories of the Apache Tribe. I am sure that they will try to start a new streak next month. Lets see all the other tribes give them a run for their money.

At the end of each program year I have looked back at all of the events that have made a mark on my life and the lives of my kids. Most of them have happened at the campouts. We Carved pumpkins, went on walks, fished in the lakes and just talked to them away from all the distractions of modern life. This month I will have three opportunities to build more of these memories, don't miss yours.

Paul Mayo
Strutting Elk

Parker Mayo
Growling Bear

CALENDAR

Papoose

Papoose Train Ride- Nov. 3rd

Turkey Shoot- Nov. 10, Dalworthington Gardens, 10am- Noon

Federation Community Day- Mission Arlington 9am- Noon

Princess

Fall Campout- Oct. 26-28, Cooper State Park (South Sulphur)

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Please Check for Event Registration Deadlines!

YMCA Phone Number: 817.274.9622

**Federation Longhouse:
October 16, 6:30p.m.
Arlington YMCA- Central Branch**

Tribal Chief Longhouse:
October 16, 7:30p.m.
Arlington YMCA - Central Branch

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