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Discover the Spirit!

## HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU...

*"Follow Me..." Until We Meet Again!*



### Howdy Pardners!

It's hard to believe that eight weeks have come and gone; it seems as though it happened in an instant! You know the saying, "time flies when you're having fun!" That is one mantra that definitely holds true to summers spent here at Coleman Country. This week kicked off with the start of Olympics on the heels of Counselors' Got Talent, a terrific showcase of the many talents here on The Ranch. The last act surprised everyone when former camper and American Idol contestant Robbie Rosen took the stage to perform. Robbie said there was "one more thing to do" and with that he unfurled the red and tan flags, which signifies the start of Olympics!

Tuesday began with a "Face-off" between assistant counselors on the Red Jungle and Tan Galaxy teams. Events included climbing Macho's Mountain, making basketball shots, 3-legged races, and the Circle of Knowledge, a mathematical question. Tuesday also featured The Gallop, a series of group events in softball, soccer, volleyball, GaGa, and more. Scores were announced throughout the day over the loudspeaker, and after the first day of competition, the differential was less than 50 points!

The CITs competed against one another on Wednesday in the Apache-style "Face-off" on the Field of Dreams and Coleman Yards. It included a wiffleball home-run derby, crab walking, water balloon toss, and using the stream of water from the water cannons to fill a pitcher! The Showdown then took place throughout the day, showcasing individual skills in each camper's choice of activity, such as a soccer shootout, cup-stacking, tennis, and archery. In addition, campers competed in The Splash at the pools. These events featured freestyle races, noodle and paddleboat races, rubber duck races, and kickboard relays.

Thursday's events continued with another staff "Face-off," this time with head counselors competing for their respective teams. We laughed and we cheered: there was an Olympic air sport being judged, watermelon-eating with no hands, a three-legged race, "George Coleman bus-directing 'dance' moves," plus so much more! Pioneers had wacky relay races while Scouts, Explorers, and 49ers competed in The Stampede (track and field). The Hoedown began the series of culminating activities that comprise Closing Ceremonies. This included the Plaque Presentations, the Rope Burn, tug-of-war, closing team performances, and the final outcome of a really close Olympics.

As we entered The Ranch today, we looked to the Dream Dome to see the familiarity of the combined red and tan flags flying high, and once again we celebrated as one community. The Rodeo - a true extravaganza that transforms Coleman Country into a vast carnival of rides, booths, prizes, cotton candy, popcorn and an arcade featured in the Grand Playhouse complete with 20 giant screen TVs, games, plus so much more!

For now, it's time to say farewell...Until we meet again... HAPPY TRAILS!



***FOLLOW ME TO GOOD FORTUNE...said Zoltar to Jeidi G5-2, Hanaa G5-1, Libi G5-3, Brooke G5-2 and all the Coleman Country campers. At the Grand Playhouse venue, campers played interactive video games on over 20 huge screen TVs, engaged in conversation with a mechanical parrot, and maneuvered through twister on a huge inflatable board.***



***WAVING THE RED AND TAN...American Idol contestant and former Coleman Country camper Robbie Rosen came back "home" to perform on the stage of the Grand Playhouse! The audience exploded with excitement as Robbie sang four numbers and then waved the red and tan flags to signal the start of Olympics. Coleman Country is where Robbie first learned to "Dream Big," and he is a terrific role model for current Pardners to do the same!***

# Remember When...

- We put this summer's theme, "Follow Me," into action? Campers created pillowcases in Arts and Crafts, did Follow Me exercise in martial arts and yoga, and followed each other as positive role models?
- Pioneers filled their buckets with good deeds?
- We returned to The Ranch for a night of "Big Bob" BINGO and "Despicable Me" at our BINGO and a Movie Night?
- We showed our national pride at the Great American Country Fair all decked out in red, white, and blue and had an All American BBQ?
- The Explorer girls showed off their incredible dance moves in Explorer Karaoke?
- The Scouts performed highly costumed and adorable routines in the Scouts Super Showcase?
- The Scouts participated in Mini Murals?
- Intramurals concluded with the winning teams wearing the new royal blue "Champ at Camp" T-shirts?
- The Broadway Productions Club wowed us as we went with Glinda, The Wicked Witch, Dorothy, Toto, Scarecrow, Tin Man, and Lion to Emerald City to meet Oz in their rendition of "The Wizard of Oz?"
- The 49ers competed in the MIB, the GIT, the PIT, the Rosscup, and the DIT?
- Explorers aimed for the bullseye in the RAT?
- We sported our favorite school gear during School Pride Dress Up Day and watched the 49er Fashion Show?
- We loved the spirit of dressing the same way on Group-themed Dress-Up Day?
- We were decked out in kooky outfits and outrageous hairdos on Frivolous Friday?
- The 49ers ventured to Splish Splash, Fun Zone, Adventureland, Great Adventure, bowling, Dave and Busters, deep sea fishing, Long Island Ducks, NYC's Broadway, Citi Field, the beach, Monster Golf, Q-Zar, and overnights to Hershey, Dorney, and Boston?
- Pioneers went back 100 million years in time to watch a Supersaurus DinoShow; Ross-a-Saurus rapped while the other dinosaurs sang and danced?
- Scouts learned about TEAMWORK?
- Pioneers celebrated under the Big Top with their "Unbirthday Party" to the music of ERA Ed?
- Ike Davis visited The Ranch and gave everyone a high-five?
- Explorer Cares collected school supplies to donate to children in need and recycled cans and bottles here on The Ranch?
- Wet 'n' Wild fun, Slip 'n' Slide, and Water Cannons went off when we didn't expect them?
- We danced with "DJ Mix Master Mike" on the pool deck?
- Pioneers, Scouts, Explorers, 49ers, Ranch Hands, and Kinfolk put their GaGa skills to the test in GaGa Tournaments which included elaborate entrances into The Pit and signs and cheers of support from friends and groupmates?
- Pioneers learned to "Giva Geta" Laugh, Respect, Enthusiasm, Hello, and High Five?
- Visiting Night Pow-Wows with Ross' Dance Party and following the path to add their "Follow Me" group footprints?
- We had a one-day helicopter and mini-helicopter shoot to update Coleman Country, the Movie?
- We came back to The Ranch for Coleman After Dark, and when we brought our parents back for Family After Dark?
- We swam laps, and raised money (donated by the Coleman family) in Morry's Swim-a-thon to help send others to camp?
- We "followed" Steve Max for a game of Ultimate Simon Sez?
- We were "wowed" by the talents of our campers as they soared to new heights, balanced objects, walked on a giant ball, and completed many amazing feats during Circus of the Kids?
- We were floored by the amazing performances in Counselors' Got Talent?
- The Grand Playhouse exploded with excitement when American Idol's Robbie Rosen walked out on stage singing "Dynamite," one of our favorite camp songs, and announced the breakout of Olympics?
- We entered the 2011 Olympics as the Tan Galaxy and Red Jungle and then concluded Olympics with a songfest and the presentation of the plaques?
- Lastly, we reunited for one last day of unforgettable fun during Rodeo and Closing Ceremonies?
- Once again, the red and tan flags hung from the Dream Dome?

## ON THE HORIZON

Stay Connected and Keep Informed

We post news as it happens throughout the school year - watch for details about upcoming events and improvements, and make sure to mark your calendars for Fall Harvest Festival. We're going to knock your socks off again!

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Camp Fun Lasts All Year

Sunday, October 30- Fall Harvest Festival

Sunday, May 20- Spring Fling



*HOLDING ON TO MEMORIES... Olympic Plaques representing the Tan Galaxy and the Red Jungle will proudly take their places on the Chow Hall walls and become part of Coleman Country history, where almost 30 years of red and tan are displayed.*