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Discover the Spirit!

HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU...

Independence Day Sparks Fun!



Howdy Pardners!

What an exciting start to the Summer of 2009 it's been: from the first day kickoff to our annual Great America Country Fair, it's been non-stop action here at Coleman Country.

The summer began this year, as is our tradition, with our campers starting work on The Ranch essential, the Code of Living – each group has agreed on how they will live together. We quickly added in other favorites, such as Clubs, Selectives, and Intramurals. Everyone got in the swing with our new theme, “Lean on Me,” and Pioneers, our youngest campers, started their “Givea Geta” program with great lessons like “Givea Smile, Geta Smile.”

The Club Showcase in our air-conditioned Grand Playhouse was a particular hit -- from Macho Man Scott's daring climb up the rock wall to Dance Club's impressive choreography to critter care in Nature... the list was long, and Pardners thought hard about what to choose. The 49ers had an equally challenging choice with their Selectives, ranging from the ever popular GaGa to always delicious Outdoor Cooking.

Today, the excitement continued with Coleman Country's celebration of Independence Day. The Ranch was teeming with spirited Pardners and Ranch Hands decked out in their Red, White and Blue best. The fanfare started over at the Chow Hall, with the Pardners feasting on the annual BBQ, and it continued throughout The Ranch in all activity areas. From all-American relays on the fields to Fourth of July themed crafts at Arts and Crafts, Pardners brought out their best celebrating our great nation, making this one Great American Country Fair not to forget!

The fun is just beginning here on The Ranch! With the Extreme Team's visit on Tuesday and Wet 'n' Wild on Thursday, the second week of summer here at Coleman Country promises to be as jam-packed with excitement as the first! Check out the daily action at Coleman Town by logging on at ColemanCountry.com.

Until Monday... Happy Trails!



STARRY-EYED WITH SPIRIT... From the 49ers' rousing rendition of “God Bless America” and the Pioneers' version of “Yankee Doodle Dandy” to the Explorers' Special Rocking Red, White, and Blue Trivia and the Scouts' Independence Day Riddles, Coleman Country kicked off today's celebration in true American style.

ON THE HORIZON

July 7: *The Extreme Team visits The Ranch!*

July 8th: *Picture Day*

Remember to wear you Coleman Shirt and your brightest smile!

July 9: *Wet 'n' Wild*

The Ranch is transformed into the Pardners' very own waterpark!

July 10th: *Bingo and a Movie Night*

Families are invited back to The Ranch for an evening of bingo and cinema under the stars!

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FRIDAY, JULY 10TH

Families are invited back to the The Ranch for an evening of Big Bob Bingo and a special showing of "Madagascar 2" under the stars! The activities start at 7 pm but Kinfolk and Pardners are welcome to come to The Ranch anytime after 6:15 for a "BYOP" (Bring your Own Picnic) dinner.

Don't forget your blankets and/or chairs!

Tennis Breakfast Club

Another summer tradition returns to The Ranch with the Tennis Breakfast Club. Coleman Country's resident tennis pro, Paul Baron, invites 49ers to join him Thursdays at 6:45 for a morning of breakfast, tennis, and fun! The meal of orange juice, cereal, and bagels combined with the great small group tennis lessons with Paul are certainly worth the early wake-up. Interested Pardners need to complete their permission slip and return it by July 15th. It's a great opportunity to improve your tennis game and start off your day with an extra bit of Coleman Country fun.

Records on The Ranch

Next week marks the beginning of Coleman Country Records for the Summer 2009. The records can be anything, from the biggest game of "Going to Kentucky" to most consecutive cartwheels! Here are some great examples from past summers at Coleman Country of what Pardners can really achieve around The Ranch:

Group B6-1 had the longest conga line in the pool ever with 25 people!

In 2005 Ciara Lockhart, now of G7-1, swam the fastest lap at only 22 seconds!

Coleman Country, The Movie

Hang on to your saddles, Pardners! We start filming our very own Western movie on Monday, starring you! Yes, the movie crew will be on The Ranch to capture the action and the feelings about life in our special community for all the world to see. All you have to do to get ready is wear your Coleman Country t-shirt and your smiles. So just give a big "Howdy Pardner" to Brad and his team when you see them, as they will become part of our Coleman family for a while this summer. Kinfolk, we'll try to capture some of the ongoing drama for you on Coleman Town! This is going to be an extravaganza worthy of telling the story of Coleman Country and how summers on The Ranch change lives forever.

Picture Day!



Wednesday, July 8th
Remember to wear your Coleman T-Shirt
and your brightest smile!

Coleman Cross Country on the Move!

Coleman Cross Country teen travel for campers entering 7th and 8th grades hits the road in 2010 with an incredible itinerary up and down the East Coast and beyond! The four-week July program is designed for nonstop fun. Combining the best elements of summer enjoyment and geographical enrichment, campers will travel from Toronto to Disney World. The culminating adventure will be a cruise to the Bahamas with ports of call at a private island as well as Nassau.

The Cross Country luxury, air-conditioned coaches will depart from camp on Monday mornings and return home Friday evenings for the first two weeks, and the final big trip spans the weekend for weeks three and four. Week One takes the teens west to Pennsylvania and Ohio, where among the places they will visit are Knoebel's Amusement Park, the Cedar Point Amusement Park, and Camelbeach Water Park (one park alone has 17 roller coasters)! That week's trip also includes stops at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

After resting up at home for the weekend, teens will depart for Toronto, where they will take in a foreign culture as well as visits to Canada's Wonderland Amusement Park, Darien Lake Amusement Park, the CN Tower, Ontario Science Center and the Hockey Hall of Fame. The highlight of that week is jet-boating at Niagara-on-the-Lake, a ride on Niagara Falls' Maid of the Mist, and dinner at the Hard Rock Café.

Weeks Three and Four point the compass south as the teens depart for their voyage to Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, Virginia (a European experience that simulates "Pompeii, Scotland, France, and Germany), as well as the World of Coca Cola and Underground Atlanta, Carowinds Amusement Park in North Carolina, and Disney World.

After several days in on-property lodging and visiting the Magic Kingdom and Epcot, among other attractions, teens embark on their Royal Caribbean cruise, a once-in-a-lifetime adventure on the high seas with a destination of Nassau, the Bahamas. For four days they will snorkel on a remote island, explore local markets, climb the famous rock wall, enjoy great food and awesome shows, a teen dance club, and more.

Family, community, and friendship are all mingled with the spirit of adventure, the opportunity for learning, and the security of Coleman supervision. Itinerary and details are available at Coleman-CrossCountry.com or by calling the office at 620-4300.