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HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU...

Diving into Summer Fun!



Howdy Pardners!

From a wacky water park in the Swimmin' Holes to a helicopter swooping over camp to wild basketball tricks in the Grand Playhouse, Pardners here on The Ranch certainly had a thrilling week! On Monday filming began on the much-anticipated "Coleman Country, The Movie," on Tuesday the Extreme Team visited, and the fun continued all week, especially with the always-popular Wet 'n' Wild on Thursday.

The Ranch is filled with stars this week, from the Pioneers to the 49ers, as Pardners took a shot at their big close-up for our summer blockbuster. The real scene-stealer though was the helicopter that flew over The Ranch Tuesday morning, filming our 49ers all the way from the Soccer Fields to Archery in the Outback. That wasn't the end of the excitement for the oldest campers here at Coleman Country, as they were busy all week with trips to the bowling alley and Adventureland! On Friday, some of the 49ers even competed for the coveted title of M.I.B. (Margie Invitational Bowling) champion and the "Nothing could be finer than to be a 49er" tees, but in the end, they were all winners thanks to the great time they had this week.

Of course, fun wasn't exclusive to the older kids here on The Ranch! All Pardners enjoyed the Extreme Team's wild performance Tuesday. From their "Coleman Dunkeroo" trick to jumping 14 campers, the duo surely did amaze. Also for the campers this week was Coleman Country's annual Picture Day. It was a great chance for Pardners to put on their best smile and have something to remember all the fun they're having here on The Ranch this summer. Photos will be sent home soon, compliments of the Coleman family.

The week was capped off with a classic, Wet 'n' Wild! All The Ranch's Swimmin' Holes were transformed to the water park of Pardners' dreams on Thursday. Campers glided down water slides, navigated through some inflatable water mazes and splashed around with their fellow Pardners (and some Ranch Hands!) Mr. Pool Party himself (Explorer Supervisor Andrew), along with DJ Matty Free, provided the soundtrack for this rocking party. No one was safe from Mr. Pool Party's call to dance, from Pioneers waiting for their turn to "walk on water" to the Ranch Hands supervising all the fun. Regardless of whether the Pardners were cheering on friends as they flew down the water slide for the first time, or taking the dive themselves, all the campers definitely had a fantastic time at Wet 'n' Wild!

The water park fun continued on Friday, when the softball fields were transformed into a giant Slip 'n' Slide! Everyone took a turn, pushing fear aside and bounding head first into the excitement. What a way to top off a great week here at Coleman Country!



WET'N'WILD DAY...sprays fun everywhere. Najee, Chase, and Parker were among the many Pardners at the Swimmin' Holes turned Water Park yesterday. For hundreds of other photos and video of our wet and wild ride, log on at ColemanTown.com!

Tonight: BINGO and a Movie Night!

Parents and Campers alike are invited back to The Ranch **tonight** for a special showing of "Madagascar 2" and Big Bob BINGO. The action starts after **6:15**, so grab a blanket, chairs and your own picnic dinner, and head back to Coleman Country for a night of fun and games under the stars.

Until Next Friday... Happy Trails!

A reminder to all the future 49er tennis pros who are interested in the Tennis Breakfast Club:

Permission Slips due **Wednesday, July 15th**
Club will start **Thursday, July 16 at 7 am.**

SCOUTS SHARE!

This week, Felicia and Lew of the Scouts Division have been taking special note of all the different ways their first and second grade campers have been sharing with one another. Here are some great examples of how some of the younger Pardners on The Ranch have been sharing:

-Scouts share **successes!**

Girls in G1-3 group shared both their expertise and their successes, when two of their campers spent their free-swim helping a friend practice for her red bracelet test. Later that day, she passed!

-Scouts share **spirit!**

This week at Round-Up the Scouts learned their very own division cheer, sharing with one another the spirit they bring to camp everyday.

ON THE HORIZON

Monday, July 13; Wednesday, July 15:

Parent Visiting Nights

**Tuesday, July 14; Wednesday, July 15;
Thursday, July 16:**

Pioneer Visiting Days

Friday, July 17:

Frivolous Friday
Campers and Ranch Hands are encouraged to trade in their uniforms for the silliest clothes they have!

49ers Kick Off the G.I.T!

The M.I.B. might have ended today, but the 49ers won't be competition-less for long! On Monday, the oldest campers here on The Ranch will kick off the Gary Invitational Tournament or the G.I.T. The G.I.T. is a three-on-three basketball tourney that takes place every summer at Coleman Country. The G.I.T. and the M.I.B. have a lot more in common than just being both named after well-loved 49er supervisors. Both tournaments encourage the eldest campers at Coleman Country to work together and count on one another, in the spirit of the summer's theme, "Lean On Me." Also, like in the M.I.B., the winners of this tournament earn the same coveted "Nothing Could be Finer Than to Be a 49er" tee-shirts. Keep your eyes peeled on Coleman Town for pictures and updates on the tournament all next week!

Character Counts!

Besides having fun, one of the most important parts of being a Pioneer here on The Ranch is learning the different life lessons Michelle and Anna teach. In addition to the daily "Give a Get a" cards, starting this week they've begun the "Character Counts" program. "Character Counts" is a program that helps children learn things like the difference between right and wrong and how to make good choices. Every week our littlest campers will learn a new "Pillar of Character," from respect and responsibility to fairness and caring. This week, they worked on the trustworthiness pillar, which encourages Pardners to be honest, tell the truth, and keep promises. Be sure to check the Coleman Town blog each week to find out which pillar the Pioneers learned about!

Explorers' CARING CORNER

Starting this week in the *Chronicle*, we'll be keeping track of all the acts of kindness by our Explorer division, big & small, as part of their "Caught in the Act of Caring" initiative. Here are some different ways Explorer Pardners got "caught" this week:

- They took time out to compliment one another.
- They were generous with each other at lunch time.
- They showed both concern and compassion for their friends.
- They consistently took the initiative to help one another.