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Discover the Spirit!

HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU...

We're Having Frivolous Fun!



Howdy Pardners!

From the wacky fun at Frivolous Friday to the touching nighttime Pow-Wows at Parent Visiting to the nail-biting finish of the G.I.T, Pardners definitely had a full week here on The Ranch.

Coleman Country swung open its barn doors wide this week for the arrival of Kinfolk. Whether it was a parent seeing their Pioneer swim for the first time or grandparents watching their Explorer get a goal on the soccer field, everyone was amazed at the progress Pardners have made so far this summer. What the Kinfolk were most exhilarated over though were all the friendships their little ones had made already in such a short time. Visiting continues into next week, so if you haven't made your way over to The Ranch yet, we're waiting for you!

The fun didn't let up when the Kinfolk left though. From Splish Splash to the beach and the movies to Ultimate GaGa, the trip excitement was non-stop for our oldest Pardners. The 49ers also found the time to compete in the Gary Invitational Tournament, a three-on-three basketball tourney. All the 49ers did spectacularly, using everything from dunking to communication to sideline cheers to get the advantage on their competition. The winners may have already been presented with their coveted "Nothing could be finer..." tees but the games haven't ended yet for the 49ers, with the Rosscup and the D.I.T. approaching on the horizon!

Also this week brought the end of one Club Cycle and the beginning of another. Pardners couldn't have been more excited about their choices, from Martial Arts and Yoga, to Ropes and Ceramics. Lucky for them, there are still more club cycles left for them to sample more of what The Ranch has to offer!

The excitement didn't end early in the week of course, with Frivolous Friday turning The Ranch upside down today! From Pioneers in their pajamas to Scouts wearing mixed and non-matched everything, everyone got in on the kooky fun. Pardners paid close attention to the announcements all day, hoping to hear that they had won a prize for their stellar outfits. And then there were all those great knock-knock jokes. Be sure to check out ColemanTown.com for pictures and video of all the wild fun!

Until next week...Happy Trails!



FRIVOLOUS FRIDAY FROLICS AND FROCKS... Ross (AKA Mama and Baby Ross) and P5-6 Pioneers (Turtles) Olivia, Scarlett, Zoe, and Rachel are all decked out on the pool deck. Imagination ran wild on The Ranch today as Pardners really got into the spirit with creative costumes and frivolous fun.

2010 Enrollment!

Watch your mail next week for the familiar Coleman Country horse – inside the envelope you'll find your re-enrollment information for 2010! In recognition of today's economic environment, and because we are your partners in parenting, we are holding our tuition schedule from 2009! You can also take advantage of early enrollment savings by sending in your deposit (refundable until March 1) by the last day of camp, August 21. Meanwhile, we still have lots more fun to go for the Summer of 2009!

Explorers' CARING CORNER

This week Andrew and Susan have continued to keep their eyes peeled to catch Explorer campers in the act of caring. Here are some ways campers were C.I.A. (caught in the act) this week:

- They encouraged friends to take healthy risks.
- They were inclusive towards everyone in their group at lunch.
- They helped quickly resolve disputes between friends.
- They complimented each other's skills.
- They helped clean up after snack and lunch without being asked.

49ERS EMBRACE "LEAN ON ME"

The oldest kids on The Ranch have been working extra hard this week to live up to the summer's theme of "Lean On Me." Here are some of the different ways the 49er supervisors saw their Pardners supporting one another this week:

- All the 49ers cheered on one another at the G.I.T.
- The eighth grade girls took time out of their camp day to teach the fifth grade girls how to make friendship bracelets.
- The seventh and eighth graders paid extra attention to the sixth graders at Splish Splash, helping them leave their comfort zones and try new rides.

ON THE HORIZON

Wednesday, July 22:

*Bring your best dance moves to
Dance Dance Revolution Day!*

Friday, July 24:

GaGa Tournament Finals

Tuesday, July 28:

*Leave your uniforms at home and bring out
your grooviest outfits for **70s and 80s
Dress-Up Day!***

Tuesday evening, July 28:

*It's the Kinfolk's chance to compete for
a spot on the Wall of Fame at the
Parent GaGa Tournament!*

Ga Ga for GaGa!

Get ready to enter The Pit, Coleman Country! Next week is the start of this summer's annual GaGa Tournament. Campers first grade and up are welcome to bring their best and most creative game to the Dream Dome in hopes of winning a customized GaGa ball and a coveted spot on The Pit's Wall of Fame. The GaGa Tourney isn't just about playing though. When it comes to GaGa at Coleman Country, winning is exciting, but the far more important parts are the entrance and the audience. Choreographed moves are the tamest part of the elaborate entrances essential to the GaGa Tournament. The audience is far from tame as well. Banners and posters all pepper the walls of The Pit as the players battle it out for the title. Preliminaries take place on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Each group will compete in three games, with boy and girl winners from each division progressing to the semi-finals Thursday. The winners on Thursday will then progress to the finals on Friday. So Pardners, get ready for the excitement, and Kinfolk, be sure to check ColemanTown.com for updates and photos of the action!

Pioneers Learn R-E-S-P-E-C-T

The Character Counts program continued this week, with the five-year-old Pioneers learning their second "Pillar of Character." This week's pillar was Respect. They learned that respect means always trying to treat others as the little ones would want to be treated themselves. Through games like "Mother May I" that show the benefits of listening, and through discussions with Michelle and Anna, the Pioneers did a great job this week learning and showing respect.

SCOUTS SHARE!

Here's what Lew and Felicia saw the Scout division sharing this week:

-Scouts share games!

Old is new in the Scout division this week with the B2s reinventing classic games like Red Rover for the Summer of 2009.

-Scouts share Codes of Living!

This week at Round-Up, all the Scout groups have been sharing their individual Codes of Living with the entire division, sharing what they think makes a great camper.