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HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU...

Sun, Surf, Song, and Slop on The Ranch



Howdy Pardners!

It was another whirlwind week of activity on The Ranch! The high August temperatures were actually welcome here with all the water-based fun that took place earlier in the week. On Monday, we swam almost 10,000 laps, racking up the dollars to send underprivileged children to Morry's Camp. Whether it was the crawl or backstroke, unassisted or with barbells for those still mastering basic swimming skills, we demonstrated Habits of the Heart as a community. The Colemans will make a contribution of \$5,000 on behalf of Pardners' and Ranch Hands' efforts to Morry's Project.

The Bucket Brigade was another cool-water favorite that also helped us demonstrate our best teamwork! Extended swims, water misters, and of course our air-conditioned Grand Playhouse, gymnasium, and movie theater kept us really cool. Perfect timing for the fabulous Broadway Production Club's presentation of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" Monday afternoon – what a splendid way and place to spend a hot afternoon! Some of the 49ers really got a breeze when they went fishing aboard the "Miss Freeport."

Speaking of the 49ers, our oldest spent two days on an overnight to Hershey and Dorney Parks in Pennsylvania – they returned home with tales of unending fun. The younger 49ers – 5th graders – went on a journey, too, venturing off The Ranch to Michael's for an afternoon of arcade fun.

Not to be outdone, our littlest campers, the Pioneers, had an adventure of their own as they went on a search for Mrs. G.'s missing companion, Wiley Coyote! Their "Journey Under the Sea" featured a delightful performance by their counselors!

The Scouts were actively involved this week in their Mini-Murals, intra-camp games which give the second graders a taste of next year's Intramurals action.

The capstone of the week was today's non-stop entertainment. Filthy Friday couldn't have been filthier – or more fun! Pardners came in this morning freshly showered and wearing white tee-shirts, which didn't stay clean for long! When was the last time anyone was told to get as dirty as possible?! It was an easy task, thanks to the "Slopstacle



COLEMANIA MANIA...

was a highlight of Filthy Friday!

Daniel L. and Ross initiated the "slopstacle" fun in the JELL-O ring following the Main Event in which Macho Man, with the assistance of (the real) Brutus "The Barber" Beefcake, retained his CCDC title!



**Remember to enroll by
Friday, August 21
to take advantage of
early enrollment savings!**

Course", spaghetti slide, pie-eating contests, and lunch with no utensils!

And what better way to wrap Filthy Friday than with the much anticipated Colemania? The hilarious acts included the 49ers vs. the Explorers, Hannah Montana and Miley Cyrus vs. the Jonas Brothers, and of course the main event – Macho Man (Scott) vs. The Conductor (Dimitri) vs. Swoosh (Paul) – in a special three-person face-off. Although there was lots of drama, Macho Man retained his title and will once again undoubtedly be seen sporting his gold belt on The Ranch.

Until we meet again, Happy Trails!

Intramurals

Intramurals competition, ongoing throughout the summer, is coming to its conclusion, with the quarter-, semi- and finals having taken place this week for 3rd and 4th graders. Fortyniners will finish out their season early next week. During Intramurals (starting in third grade), Pardners leave their groups to participate on grade-wide teams in a various sports: volleyball, basketball, soccer, kickball, team handball, softball, and GaGa, enabling them the opportunity to make new friends their age and to try their hardest. Excitement is always high as teams compete, and we get the chance to demonstrate that – win or lose – it’s about personal best.

Scouts Mini-Murals Soccer Champions

G2-1 Cherokees and B2-2 Californios



Explorers Intramural Champions

3rd Grade Girls: Rutgers
3rd Grade Boys: Dartmouth
4th Grade Girls: Georgia
4th Grade Boys: Massachusetts

Thanks from Soweto

Reported from South Africa upon the return there of our visitors: “They are not just boasting about their stay in the U.S., but they are making it known that they made friends and family while there. Tanjiwe said, in her words, that she never thought that someone would actually cry for her, someone not part of her family; they now know that you do not need to have the same blood to be family....”

ON THE HORIZON

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Monday, August 17th:

- *Coleman’s Got Style*

Wednesday, August 19th:

- *Fifth Grade Late Night on The Ranch*
Parent Pick-up 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 20th:

- *Hip Hop Nite for Grades 6, 7, and 8*
Campers go home on the bus and return at 7 p.m.. Parent Pick-up at 9 p.m.

Friday, August 21st:

- *Rodeo!*
Last day of camp; see you in 2010!

Coleman’s Got Style

We are looking forward to Monday’s “Coleman’s Got Style Fashion and Talent Show,” starring Pardners from all divisions! The Pioneers, who will be presenting a dance act, also are pajama-wear. Representatives from the Scouts will be sporting swimwear and swim accessories; on the talent side, there will be both song and dance numbers, musical selections with back-up dancers, and more. Explorers will be modeling back-to-school wear, and among their talent numbers is a performance by a keyboard player. 49ers will be seen in evening wear, along with acts that include tap-dancing, singing, and flute solos. We’re also pretty certain that staff will be getting into the act during this all-camp show!

CCDC Olympic Spirit

It’s packed with action, spirit, and excitement, and it’s one of the most anticipated events of the summer. Of course we are talking about Olympics, when Coleman Country engages in days of fun-filled and friendly competition.

The countdown to Olympics 2009 began this week, when the red and tan Coleman Country flags that hang proudly at the Dream Dome disappeared. According to tradition, the next time we see the camp flags, Olympics will have officially begun! But campers and staff never know if there will be a fakeout along the way. When Olympics 2009 concludes, the flags will be both red and tan, signifying a united camp community. We will come back together for Rodeo, the annual Coleman Country Carnival, and celebrate our summer together on The Ranch.

From the playing fields to the swimming pools, the Olympic spirit spreads everywhere! Each year, “Let’s go Red... Let’s go Tan!” cheers can be heard throughout The Ranch, while spirited bandanas, festive face paint, and nostalgic songs help campers show their pride for their Olympic team.

Keep searching for those red and tan flags, Pardners! Olympics 2009 can break out at any moment. We cannot wait for all of the sports, spirit, sportsmanship, and fun of Olympics on The Ranch!

Pony Express Rides

Pardners, Kinfolk, and Ranch Hands: make sure to log on daily to Coleman Town, a slice of Coleman Country in photos, blogs, and video! We work hard to provide this one-way window of password-protected news – and you can customize your own album for the Summer of ’09! Please call the office if you need help logging on!