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HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU...

Wet 'n' Wild Washes Ashore!



Howdy Pardners!

It was another "picture" perfect week here on The Ranch. We started off Tuesday by following Monday's schedule (since we never want to miss a day here and we hadn't yet had a Monday!).

Pioneers began their Friendship Week with the Giva Geta Friendship card. They sang friendship songs and name songs to incorporate this concept into their day. Giva Song, Get along! Can you hear them belting out their group cheers? Pioneers have created their own group songs that they are excited to share with parents during Parent Visiting.

The Pioneers headed to the tipi this week and listened to the story of *Sassafras*, a skunk who learned the value of his "special gift" – even though he is different, he is unique and wonderful, just like all our campers here at Coleman Country!

Give me a T-E-A-M-W-O-R-K! Scouts will "follow" Felicia and Lew each week as they create an acrostic that focuses on a theme for each letter in the word Teamwork! Campers learned to "Teach new skills" this week to show what a great group they are! These ideas will be carried out both on and off the field and throughout the day.

Smiles abounded on Wednesday as campers made their way to the Outback for a woodlands background where they showed off their smiles! Look for your photos to come home with your campers soon! After pictures, we had a super soaker Wednesday, and it was from atop the Dream Dome, not from the sky. Out came the mats, and the Field of Dreams and Camden Yards were transformed into a giant Slip n' Slide! Campers sloshed and slid their way from one end of the field to the other as the four giant water cannons spouted water everywhere!

The day was hard to top – unless of course you were part of Thursday's festivities with Wet'n'Wild! Campers bounced, jumped, and laughed in the pools during one of our favorite camp days. Inflatables, slides, toys, and walk-on-water mats created a giant maze. In addition, there was a rocking dance party on the deck hosted by the dynamic duo of "Mr Pool Party" (Explorer Supervisor Andrew), and "Mix Master Mike" cranking the tunes.

We won't "spare" you the details! Campers in the 49ers division who made it to the finals competed in the Margie Invitational Bowling Tournament today. The winners were proudly displaying their "Nothing Could Be Finer Than To Be A 49er" t-shirts here on The Ranch. The 49ers also completed Session one of Selectives. Today, campers signed up for the second session, choosing among Arts & Crafts, Ceramics, Challenge Course, and GaGa, to name just a few.

Jabali Acrobats rounded out the week with a high energy, hand-clapping performance. Everything from jump roping, flipping and a back-bending limbo!

What a way to end the week! Rest up, Pardners, because we'll be right back here on Monday for yet another action-packed week!



WET AND WILD... Scouts David, Benjamin, Paul, and Ryan took a second out from our Wet 'n' Wild day to pose! This inflatable was one of many that "Wowed" campers as they jumped, crawled, climbed, and wiggled their way through them!

C'MON OVER!

Parent Visiting Nights 5:50-8 p.m.

July 11 - B1-1, B1-4, B2-3, B3-1, B3-4, B4-1, G1-1, G1-4, G2-2, G2-4, G3-3, G4-1

July 12 - B1-2, B2-1, B2-4, B3-2, B3-5, B4-2, G1-2, G1-5, G2-3, G3-1, G3-4, G4-2

July 18 - B1-3, B2-2, B2-5, B3-3, B4-3, G1-3, G2-1, G2-5, G3-2, G3-5, G4-3

Pioneer Visiting 2-3:30 p.m.

July 11 - P5-3, P5-5

July 12 - P5-6, P5-7

July 14 - P4-1, P5-2, P5-4

July 19 - P4-2, P4-3, P5-1

July 20 - P3-1, P4-4, P4-5

July 21 - P3-2, P3-3

Coleman After Dark

Turn on the lights! Camp doesn't have to end at dusk with our newly lit fields. We are taking advantage of that new-found time! All campers in third grade and above will come back to The Ranch for a scheduled night of activities. On their night, they will own The Ranch! Don't worry, we even have a Family Late Night on August 4th for all of our Coleman Families to return to The Ranch for a night of fun!

3rd Grade	August 2
4th Grade	July 27
5th Grade	August 17
Family Late Night	August 4
Boys' Night In B5/6/7	July 19
Girls' Night In G5/6/7	July 20
Hip-Hop Night B6/7/8, G6/7/8	August 18



COLEMAN AFTER DARK... Captains Meredith Wilk, Lauren Smithson, and Paul Pettas helped inaugurate our newly lit fields with the first annual Counselor Color War. More than 100 head counselors returned to The Ranch Wednesday night competing as the Blue, Green, Red, and Black teams. They faced off with tug-of-war, Apache relay, team cheers and other classic events, capping off the event with – what else – S'mores!

49er Fever Soars

What a busy and bustling week coming up for the 49ers! The Gary Invitational Basketball Tournament (G.I.T.) continues and is sure to be a slam dunk. In this 3-on-3 basketball tournament, campers pick their teams and pass, dribble, and shoot in their quest for the coveted stamp on their t-shirt for the G.I.T.! Campers in B7/8 and G7/8 start off their week with a trip to Great Adventure, getting a jump on the day by getting to camp at 6:30 a.m.! This 2,200 acre park will house our campers until dusk, and they will return home for parent pick up at 10 p.m. And then there's Splish Splash on Tuesday, July 12th, for B5/6 and G5/6. These campers also have an extended day, with parent pick-up at 8:30 p.m. The 49ers week rounds out with the optional overnight for B6/7/8 and G6/7/8 to Hershey and Dorney Parks. This two-day excursion is sure to create memories that will make you "melt" when you hear them! (Plenty of activities will continue on The Ranch for those campers not going on the overnight.) Whew! What a week it is going to be!

Friendship Frenzy Flourishes

Pioneers are "Filling Buckets," not with water, but with pride! Next week they will be learning to be "Bucket Fillers" by giving each other compliments, helping one another out, and doing any other good deeds they can think of to show their positive spirit! "Bucket Fillers" lead happy lives by feeling good about themselves and others! This is what "Follow Me" is all about from the vantage point of our littlest campers!

School Spirit Shines

School Pride Dress Up Day is coming to The Ranch on Wednesday, July 13th. What school defines you? Campers and staff should wear their school shirts and/or colors, either past or present, to show off the school they most identify with. From pre-school to college allegiance, we can't wait to see the outfits! Speaking of outfits, the 49ers will be dressed to impress. Senior campers will walk the fashion runway during the School Pride Fashion Show. School colors, twin dress-up, and prom themes are among the motifs we will see that day.

ON THE HORIZON

- Monday, July 11** Great Adventure B7/8, G7/8
Parent drop off 6:30 a.m.
Parent pick up 10 p.m.
Pioneer Visiting Day (2-3:30)
Parent Visiting Night (5:50-8 p.m.)
- Tuesday, July 12** Splish Splash B5/6, G5/6
Parent pick up 8:30 p.m.
Pioneer Visiting Day (2-3:30)
Parent Visiting Night (5:50-8 p.m.)
- Weds., July 13** School Pride Dress - Up Day
- Thurs., July 14** Pioneer Visiting Day (2-3:30)
Optional Dorney/Hershey Park Overnight B6/7/8, G6/7/8
Parent drop off at 7 a.m.
- Friday, July 15** Parent Pick Up for Overnight at 9:30 p.m.