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HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU...

Spirit, Spirit Everywhere!



Howdy Pardners!

We beat the heat this week – it was a breeze, with water cannons, misters, air-conditioned spaces, lots of swim, shaded areas, and chilled, filtered water stops. It turned into yet another Wet'n'Wild week.

Parent visiting began this week. Many Pioneers showed off their new skills for their loved ones on The Ranch during the day. At night, Scouts and Explorers led the way as parents “followed them” to varied activities on The Ranch. At the conclusion of the evening, Pardners and Kinfolk assembled for our traditional Pow-Wow: Ross’ Dance Party followed by each group’s footprint describing how they planned to lead others on the path to “Follow Me.”

Have You Filled A Bucket Today? That was the name of the story that the Pioneers heard this week as they learned all the different ways to fill each others’ buckets! A compliment, a thank-you, and cheering someone up who is sad are just some of the things they are doing to fill someone else’s bucket or their own!

“E” for Enthusiasm! That is what the E in TEAMWORK stands for! The Scouts were showing their enthusiasm on The Ranch as they helped with morning announcements, cheered on their groupmates, and had great participation in all of their activities!

Seventh and 8th grade boys and girls started off their week with an extended day at Great Adventure! They departed from The Ranch at 6:30 in the morning and didn’t return until almost 10 pm. They were exhausted and exhilarated!

Water, water everywhere! Tuesday, 5th and 6th graders splished and splashed the day away at “Splish Splash.” The New Kahuna Bay Wave Pool, the Giant Twister, and the Tunnel of Terror kept campers cool and refreshed all day long!

Toby, our Queen of Clubs, flipped over the success of the first Club cycle, which ended Tuesday. Campers got to choose all over again from more than 50 activities for their second Club. Excited to “switch it up,” their choices included Ultimate Frisbee, Yoga, Rocketry, Mural Making, and Street Games, to name just a few.

School spirit oozed during School Pride Day. Pardners and Ranch Hands bedazzled The Ranch in their favorite school gear. Campers belted out songs, the counselors danced a spirited number, and the 49ers walked the runway in the School Pride Fashion Extravaganza, which was the highlight of the day. Baseball, basketball, karate and lacrosse gear, prom formal wear, and twin-wear were among the fashions. In addition to the great motifs, unique renditions of songs and a comedy act all rounded out the show.



DISCOVER THE SPIRIT!...School names, logos, and mascots adorned t-shirts, shorts, and sweatshirts of schools campers most identified with during School Pride Day here on The Ranch! We rolled out the red carpet and the 49ers sashayed down the runway during the 49er School Pride Fashion Extravaganza. Prom fashion, athletic wear, and twins gear were some of the modeled looks.

2012 Enrollment

Watch your mail next week for the familiar Coleman Country logo - inside the envelope you’ll find your re-enrollment information for 2012! You can take advantage of early enrollment savings by sending in your deposit (refundable until March 1) by the last day of camp, August 19. Meanwhile, we still have lots more fun to go for the Summer of 2011!

All The News That’s Fit To Read

To get up to the minute dispatches from The Ranch:

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“Happy Trails” The Coleman Country Blog

ColemanCountry.com/blog

Ike Davis Delivers

Mets First Baseman Ike Davis will be conducting a coaching clinic for campers on Tuesday! He also will talk to the children about leading by example. Ike is a great example of "Follow Me." According to Ike, actions speak louder than words, and you should do the right thing. Ike Davis is proof of this "learning by leading" attitude. And we get to "follow him" around the bases on the Field of Dreams, once he gives us tips.

The emerging superstar, a first round draft pick by the Mets, was called up to the Majors in April, 2010. At 24, he was named the first baseman on Baseball America's 2010 All-Rookie team. Before he was injured earlier this season, Davis had one of the hottest starts in all of Major League Baseball. He already has made a name for himself for his homerun power, his terrific defense, and for being an all-around "nice guy."

Of course campers can wear blue and orange to welcome Ike to our Coleman Country community. There will be lots of media on The Ranch to capture the action, including ESPN, ABC, and SNY (Mets network), to name just a few!

Game On

The annual GaGa Tournament kicks off on Monday, July 18th; it's a week that many wait for with huge anticipation. GaGa can be anybody's game. Campers compete throughout the week for the chance to take a walk through the awe-inspiring "Pit Door." Eye black on, smoke wafting through the air, DJ "Mix Master Mike" playing music, and Ross doing color commentary are all part of the finals that will take place on Friday, July 22nd. Campers will be vying in this game of luck and skill for their name on the Wall of Fame and their very own custom - made GaGa ball.

Tennis Takes A Swing

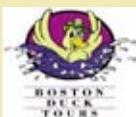
It's an ace! The annual Paul Invitational Tennis (PIT) tournament for 49ers gets into full swing next week! Campers choose partners, make up a team name, and lob their way into this bracket-style tournament. The winning team wins a trophy and a coveted stamp on their "Nothing Could Be Finer Than to Be A 49er" t-shirt.

Boston Overnight

August 2-3 for

7th and 8th Grade Campers

Sign up by: Monday, July 18th



Coleman After Dark

Coleman After Dark for campers officially kicks off with our first ever *Boys' Night In* on July 19th for 5th, 6th, and 7th grade boys, followed by a *Girls' Night In* on July 20th for the girls in those grades. Campers go home on their regular bus and then return to camp at 7 p.m. They will be placed on teams and will participate in Olympic-style activities. Wiffleball, basketball, soccer, kickball, Pam Pong, and relay races are just some of the events planned for the night. What a hit it will be when the night concludes with a counselor home run derby and ice cream. Parent pick up at 9:30 p.m.!

Coleman Way After Dark

As for our oldest campers, 8th graders, bring your sleeping bags and a pillow for the senior overnight which takes place on Friday, July 22nd! When "Happy Trails" plays at the end of the day, these lucky campers get to stay! First, they'll enjoy dinner, which will be topped off with ice cream sundaes! Then they'll head out under the lights for a full night of activities. GaGa, soccer, and swimming, just to name a few, culminate with a campfire and marshmallow roasting. As the sun rises, so will our campers for a bagel breakfast and an 8 a.m. pick up on Saturday!

ON THE HORIZON

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| Monday, July 18 | Parent Visiting Night (5:50 - 8 p.m.)
B1-3, B2-2, B2-5, B3-3, B4-3,
G1-3, G2-1, G2-5, G3-2, G3-5, G4-3 |
| | Fun Zone B5, G5 |
| Tuesday, July 19 | Mets Superstar Ike Davis
Pioneer Visiting Day (2 - 3:30 p.m.)
P4-2, P4-3, P5-1 |
| | Boys' Night In B5/6/7 (7 - 9:30 p.m.) |
| Weds., July 20 | Dave & Busters B7, G7
Pioneer Visiting Day (2 - 3:30 p.m.)
P3-1, P4-4, P4-5 |
| | Girls' Night In G5/6/7 (7 - 9:30 p.m.) |
| Thurs., July 21 | Dave & Busters B6, G6
Pioneer Visiting Day (2 - 3:30 p.m.)
P3-2, P3-3 |
| Friday, July 22 | GaGa Finals
Last day of July session
Overnight on The Ranch B8, G8
<i>Parent pick up 8 a.m. Saturday</i> |