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HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU...

Blockbuster Week Rocks The Ranch!



Howdy Pardners!

Another great week on The Ranch has come to an end! We welcomed our August campers on Monday. Pioneers took over the Pit on Tuesday! They had a blast making their grand entrance through the Pit doors and “jumping in” to the court! There they stretched, reviewed the rules of GaGa, “played” the game, and then joined in a celebratory dance. They looked adorable with their eye-black and their determination!

It was a super day for the 49ers in the waves and on the sand at the beach on Tuesday or at the movies with snacks and popcorn while watching Harry Potter’s newest and last installment of the series.

Parent GaGa was a smash! Parents came back to The Ranch and gathered under the Dream Dome for a competition like no other. We have two new champions to add to the Wall of Fame. Congratulations to Gail Einhorn Getty and Robert Fassendorf.

Ultimate Simon Sez with Steve Max on Wednesday was awesome! His great sense of humor and quick wit kept campers and counselors engaged and moving! While playing a mega game of Simon Says, campers got to hone their listening skills trying to stay in the game.

Monster Golf was “enlightening” as 49ers played miniature golf under the glowing lights. Campers in fifth grade attended a Ducks game on Wednesday night for a night out and down on the field they sang the National Anthem. It was a hit for everyone! Fourth graders came back to The Ranch for Coleman After Dark. They had a great night that included a swim, a scavenger hunt, and water cannons.

What a great catch! Out into the deep blue sea for fishing went some of our fifth and sixth grade girls and boys. The seas were calm and the fish were biting!

Group-themed Dress-Up Day was a matching success! You should have seen the Pioneers – frogs, ducks, cubs... their counselors went all out to outfit them for the day! Scout boys completed a deck as they each dressed up in a different suit. There was also a box of crayons, cute bunnies and cats, and lifeguards strutting around The Ranch! Some groups were soccer players or basketball players, while the Supes and Colemans were decked out as Peter Pan, Tinker Bell, Captain Hook, and the Lost Boys. Creativity and teamwork abounded – check out the photos on Coleman Town and the Happy Trails blog.

Girls in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade will be back late tonight after a night on Broadway! When the curtain opens on *Sister Act* we know the girls will enjoy a night of laughter and fun – this show was nominated for Best Musical at the recent Tony Awards!

Morry’s Swim-A-Thon took place today! Campers put their best



PIONEERS MADE US MELT...on Group-themed Dress-Up Day. Groundhogs, P4-5, fit in with the rest of the pack! Pardners and Ranch Hands coordinated their group outfits: Cards, sushi, Hawaiian wear, and Spongebob, to name just a few. Creativity and cohesiveness filled The Ranch.

Enrollment 2012

Don't forget to enroll by the end of camp for the Summer of 2012 to take advantage of the discounts!

stroke forward to raise money for underprivileged campers to give them an opportunity to experience summer camp! The Coleman family is donating money for every lap swum by our campers.

Everyone had a great time today as we celebrated “National Dance Day” here on The Ranch. When Pardners and RanchHands heard “Party Rock Anthem” played over the loudspeaker they stopped what they were doing to participate in the “flash mob.” In addition, Ross and Mix Master Mike’s famous medley was played for campers to get in “the groove.”

The RossCup Tournament and Richter Archery Tournament (RAT) finished up today. Winners for the RossCup received their “Nothing Could Be Finer...” tee shirts and the 4th grade winners of the RAT received their Golden Arrow award.

Circus Rolls Into Town

Calling all kids who want to join the circus! On Sunday, August 7th, campers in 3rd grade and up are invited to come to The Ranch for a "Casting Call" for this summer's Circus of the Kids. Campers who choose to make this commitment spend the week rehearsing at different times during their camp day as well as one or more evenings back on The Ranch perfecting their acts. On Friday, August 12, everything comes together for the "Greatest Show On Earth!" You will be amazed, entertained, and delighted by the talent that is showcased here on that night!

Explorers Care

All next week, from August 1-5, our 3rd and 4th graders are having a "School Supplies Drive" to support Long Island Cares, Inc. This will be a beautiful gift of giving from the heart—from one child to another. Campers from all divisions can bring in school supplies on the bus that will then be donated to needy children in our community. Backpacks, notebooks, folders, pens, pencils, and binders are just a few of the most requested items. Please help this cause and "follow" us as we strive to help those in need.

Coleman Family After Dark

Your request has been heard! We are "doing" camp for parents! The lights will come on for our first ever Coleman Country Family After Dark on Thursday, August 4th. Your family is invited back to The Ranch for a night of activities from 7-9 p.m. You can play GaGa, tennis, wiffleball, and miniature golf, just to name a few activities. Hope to see you... on The Ranch!

FRIVOLOUS FRIDAY

Our annual day of frivolity, takes place on Friday, August 5. Partners and Ranch Hands will get into "gear" by wearing creative, colorful, and kooky stuff. Prizes will be given to those campers who have unique, imaginative, and crazy accessories. Mismatched socks, numerous pony tails, and wearing wild outfits are just some of the things that have been flaunted in the past!

A Call To Oz

Click your heels three times and repeat, "There's no place like Coleman Country!" On August 5th, our campers in the Broadway Productions Club will roll out the red carpet for the premiere of The Wizard of Oz. These campers have been memorizing their lines, learning songs, and choreographing dance routines so they are ready for their debut! We look forward to visiting Munchkin land and going to meet the almighty Oz in this classic American tale.

Coleman Way After Dark

A new Coleman Country tradition was begun last Friday night – the first ever midnight Slip n' Slide on the Field of Dreams with the water cannons spraying away! Coleman Way After Dark was "the best night of the summer," said one 8th grader of the overnight. Campers started their extended day with a long swim, complete with inflatables in the pool to add to the fun! They really were "in the dark" when the power went out at about 8:30. It was a perfect segway to move to the Grand Playhouse for "Minute to Win It" using nothing but "flashlight power." The Oreo cookie challenge was just one of the many events that took place. A campfire in The Outback lit up the skies as campers roasted marshmallows. The evening was topped off with ice cream sundaes and everyone "to bed" by 1 a.m. in the air-conditioned Grand Playhouse and Pike's Peak! In the morning bagels were served, as campers mulled over the morning paper (the *Chronicle* and the *Merrick Herald*) while they ate! ColemanTown has all the highlights!

ON THE HORIZON

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| Monday, Aug. 1 | Aug. Camper Picture Day
Camper's Choice B6, G6 |
| Tuesday, Aug. 2 | Third Grade Late Night
(6:30-9 p.m.) |
| August 2-3 | Optional Overnight - Boston
B7/8, G7/8 |
| Thurs., Aug. 4 | Monster Golf G5
Coleman After Dark-Family
Night (7-9 p.m.) |
| Friday, Aug. 5 | Frivolous Friday
Broadway Productions
(10 & 11:15 a.m.)
Alumni Softball Game (6 p.m.)
(Kennedy H.S., Bellmore) |