



# CHRONICLE

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## HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU...

### *Frivolous Fun Floods The Ranch!*



### Howdy Pardners!

What a fun and frivolous week on The Ranch it was! We frolicked on Frivolous Friday, as campers and Ranch Hands got into the spirit of things! Multiple pony tails, mismatched socks, and colorful outfits covered The Ranch.

The Dimitri Invitational Soccer Tournament kicked off this week for all participating 49ers. This tournament will continue into next week as campers vie for the coveted "Nothing Could Be Finer..." T-shirt. The 3rd grade Coleman After Dark was a spectacular event: water and land toys plus a scavenger hunt and water cannons were among the highlights. In addition, the first ever Coleman Family After Dark was a huge success. Families came back to The Ranch for a night of "camp." GaGa, Pam Pong, wiffleball, boating, and Macho's Mountain were just some of the activities that saw a lot of action. The culminating event was the Frisbee Dogs show. The dogs took to the fields under the lights, running and jumping to new heights, all while catching Frisbees and performing stunts. Today, after everyone arrived at Coleman Country, we took a trip to Kansas, Munchkinland, and then Oz during Broadway Productions' performance of the Wizard of Oz. The cast members worked very hard during three Club cycles, and their efforts really shone!

Fortyniners had a busy week! Monday was a great day at the "sunny" beach. Campers had a blast in the sand, sun and ocean. Other 49ers enjoyed the games and rides at Fun Zone. The optional overnight to Boston for the 7th and 8th graders was filled with many memorable moments. Quincy Market, the Boston Duck Tour, Shear Madness dinner theater, and Six Flags New England were just some of the stops along the way. Golf was fun under the "white" light for the fifth grade girls at Monster Golf.

There have been mumblings and rumblings as campers anticipate the break of Olympics! Whenever it happens and however it breaks, we always know we still have two fun-filled, action packed weeks!



**FABULOUS FUN ON THE RANCH...** Alexa G5-3, Fiona G5-3, Ross, Alex B2-4, and Sean B2-1, were goo-goo over Frivolous Friday. Pardners and Ranch Hands showed their spirit with tutus, crazy costumes, multiple braids and spiked hair, and so much more as they got into the spirit.

### Circus of the Kids

Come Join Us  
Friday, August 12  
5:30 p.m.



"The Greatest Show On Earth."

### ON THE HORIZON

- Monday, Aug. 8 Camper's Choice B7/8, G7/8
- Tuesday, Aug. 9 Boys' Night Out- B6/7/8  
New York Mets (Pick-up 11 p.m.)
- Wed., Aug. 10 Monster Golf B6, G6
- Thurs., Aug. 11 Deep Sea Fishing B5, G6-2  
Q-Zar B8, G8
- Friday, Aug. 12 Circus of the Kids 5:30 p.m.

## Swimmin' Success

Wondering about levels at the Swimmin' Holes? Here's your guide:

- Frogs, Penguins, and Alligators all are incremental for the Pioneers in their introduction to water skills and increasing children's comfort in the water.
- Seals, Sharks, and Dolphins progressively qualify as levels towards fundamental aquatics skills for the Pioneers
- Scouts, Explorers, and 49ers work to achieve these stages as part of the American Red Cross program:
  - Level 2 – fundamental aquatics skills
  - Level 3 – stroke development
  - Level 4 – stroke improvement
  - Levels 5 & 6 – stroke refinement, swimming, and skill proficiency

Stroke levels are continuously assessed, and flexible grouping is part of our program so that children may progress at their own levels of comfort and challenge. Instruction is very intensive with one-on-one guidance to aid proper stroke development. "Picture success" is the mantra at the pool (and everywhere else on The Ranch)!

## Dino-Mite Show Surfaces

A terrific Tuesday is in store for the Pioneers! The first ever Supersaurus DinoShow is coming to the Big Top. Pioneers will "follow" the dinosaurs as they take them back 100 million years ago to Coleman Country during the time when they roamed. Campers will learn about caring, sharing, and helping one another as the dinosaurs fill each others' buckets along the way. They will meet Ross-saurus, Try-ceratops (Marla), Supersaurus, who shares his berries with his friends, and many others. Campers and the dinosaurs will join together and sing songs to familiar tunes. It is sure to be a DinoExtravaganza!

## Soccer Heads-Off

It was a great kickoff! This week and next the 49ers go head-to-head in the Dimitri Invitational Soccer Tournament (DIT). In this World Cup-style tournament, campers pick a country as their team name for their 6-player team. Good sportsmanship and being a team player are key components of these games. Campers check the daily schedule and "standings" that are posted on the soccer field. The winning team will take home "Nothing Could Be Finer..." T-shirts.

## Olympics Countdown

???? The countdown begins...when and how nobody knows! Everyone looks forward to another exciting component of our summer, Olympics 2011. Campers are waiting with excitement and anticipation wondering when it will break out and how! Above the Dream Dome where the red and tan flags fly, we have started looking up, because we know that when they go "missing," Olympics is not far off. According to tradition, this is a sign that "breakout" is soon to come. The next time the flags are seen, once they disappear, Olympics will have officially begun: Red and Tan will fly separately for three days during the games.

Campers are placed onto a team, the red or the tan, in which they compete in different events, from the playing fields to the swimming pools – Olympic spirit is everywhere! This is a time to showcase skills that have been gained and foster emotional awareness around teamwork and personal best. Face paint, red and tan bandanas, and songs fill The Ranch during Olympics. This Coleman Country ritual is a great demonstration that we are all connected. When Olympics come to a close, the red/tan flags will be put back in their place, signifying a united camp community. Most say Olympics is one of the highlights of the summer for its intensity and fun and spirit; others know that what it really means is a close to another great season of camp. And although we know "all good things must come to an end," it is a part of camp that we eagerly anticipate. So, we look forward to the excitement, the spectacle, the sportsmanship that are still yet to come!

## Coleman Country, The Update

Get your popcorn popped and stake out a spot on the couch! *Coleman Country, The Update*, will be coming home next week on the bus with campers. It's the same movie you know and love, but we've inserted some new aerial footage to showcase our new fields and activities! It was great fun turning Coleman Country into a back lot set last week, with an overhead helicopter shot and numerous fly-overs by the mini-helicopter that navigated through the Grand Playhouse, the Dream Dome, and other spots to give us birds-eye views of The Ranch. We suggest that you replace your "original" *Coleman Country, The Movie* with *Coleman Country, The Update* as soon as you get it, as we are not changing the graphic on the DVD itself. After all, we think it's a classic!