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HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU...

All Our Days Are Circus Days!



Howdy Pardners!

What another great week, and there's still another one to go! There are rumblings around The Ranch! Olympic spirit is in the air as Pardners and Ranch Hands await the breakout!

Campers in the 7th and 8th grades had a great time at either FunZone or Adventureland. Boys in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades had their "Night Out" at the Mets game on Tuesday. Girls and boys in the 6th grade played miniature golf under the white lights at Monster Golf on Wednesday. What a great catch: on Thursday, some of the 49ers went either Deep Sea Fishing or to Q-Zar. Whether out on the seas or getting "tagged," campers had a great time. With over 25 teams entered in the DIT, the field was narrowed down to one winning boys' team and a winning girls' team. T-shirts and flags from representative countries were on display across The Ranch. The players from the winning teams had their names inscribed on the Golden Ball.

On Thursday, the Pioneers went back in time 100 million years as they watched the fantastic Supersaurus DinoShow that was put on by their counselors and supervisors. Unbelievable costumes, teamwork, and great spirit made for an exciting "tail!" Ross-a-saurus (Ross) sang a rap about caring and sharing.

Scouts followed each other through TEAMWORK this season. They were Taught new skills, showed Enthusiasm/spirit, Always had fun, Made new memories, Worked together, had an Optimistic attitude, Respected each other, and were Kind to each other. These are lifelong values that they will take with them and incorporate both in and out of camp.

Intramurals finished up this week. Third graders and up played basketball, GaGa, soccer, baseball, and many other sports throughout the season. The winning



STARS OF TOMORROW...Circus of the Kids performers "smiled and styled" as they acquired valuable skills such as resilience, focused effort, and teamwork. With only 5 days of preparation, they have shown will and determination to prepare for the "Greatest Show On Earth!" Stunts on the trapeze, a human jump rope, balancing and walking on a large ball, juggling different objects, hanging from a triple trapeze, a human pyramid, and jumping through fire were just some of the acts! Congratulations to our stars!

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teams from each age group received the brand new royal blue "Champ at Camp" T-shirts.

Throughout the week, many campers spent a part of their days and evenings at camp rehearsing for the Circus of the Kids show, which took place today during camp (with another performance set for 5:30 tonight). Everyone expected the arrival of Olympics today, the circus being the perfect venue... but apparently it was just a fakeout of sorts! With only one week left, big things are still sure to come!

Olympics Countdown

A sure sign that Olympics is on the horizon: the red and tan Coleman Country flags have been missing since Tuesday, fueling speculation about when breakout would occur! The first time a red flag and a tan flag appear separately, they are in the hands of the Sheriffs and the Marshalls at breakout. They are then hung from the Dream Dome, signaling the separation of teams, and that Olympics has officially begun!

Olympics is one of the most anticipated times during the summer. These fun-filled, action-packed days are brimming with spirit and excitement. Partners engage in days of friendly competition, showcasing teamwork and personal best. Each day highlights a different event: the Showdown (individual activities), the Gallop (team field events), and the Splash (races at the pools) are featured on three separate days.

At the conclusion of Olympics, each of the flags will be both red and tan again, signifying a united camp community. From the swimming pools to the playing fields, the Olympic spirit spreads everywhere! Cheers of "Let's go Tan... Let's go Red!" will be heard throughout The Ranch. Spirited campers and counselors will adorn themselves with face paint and bandanas, and shirts of red and tan, while songs are belted out to help show their pride for their Olympic team.

Keep searching for those red and tan flags! Olympics 2011 has got to break out at any moment. We cannot wait for the sports, spirit, sportsmanship, and fun of Olympics on The Ranch!



SUPERSAURUS DINO SHOW ROARS... Pioneers met Try-Ceratops, Ross-A-Saurus, Soccer-Saurus, and many others as they watched the play about caring, sharing, and bucket-filling. The musical was filled with rap, rhymes, songs, and dances. Ross was rapping to *Dynamite*: "I'm Ross-A-Saurus and I care, care. Everyday I'm sha-a-r-r-ing," were just some of the lyrics that were Dino-mite!



Rodeo Roundup

Coleman Country's annual Rodeo takes place next Friday, on the last day of camp! Campers have a unique schedule for this last day in which they move to all the different amusement areas set up around camp. The soccer field is transformed into a Carnival! Rides, a big slide, and all different booths are set up. A marriage booth, a pinewood derby booth, nail polish, face painting, and a tattoo booth, and so much more cover the turf during this celebratory day. Of course, there are prizes galore!

In Pioneer Station, campers can enjoy cotton candy and popcorn, along with a dunk tank. Under the Big Top, campers play a wide variety of games. Coleman Yards and the Field of Dreams are blanketed with rides and mazes. Campers also go to the gym to participate in a Jeopardy-style game show with trivia questions about Coleman Country.

Closing ceremonies will end the day with the ritual burndown of the number 2011. It is a day of celebration and sadness that symbolizes the end to another great season! If it's even possible, we look forward to an even better 2012! In the meantime, though, we still have one amazing week to go before we have to say farewell to 2011!

Coleman Country, The Update coming soon to your home!



CAMP GIVES KIDS (AND DOGS) A WORLD OF GOOD... Denver and Ringo had a special visitor at camp – Bea, the 7-month-old guide dog puppy-in-training, spent this week on The Ranch practicing her skills. Many campers met her both while she was wearing her yellow jacket and practicing commands, and when she was just being a frolicking puppy.

ON THE HORIZON

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Mon., Aug. 15

Counselors' Got Talent

Wed., Aug. 17

5th Grade Late Night

Pick up 7:30 p.m.

Thurs., Aug. 18

Hip-Hop Night B6/7/8, G6/7/8
7-9 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 19

Rodeo
Last Day of Camp