



# CHRONICLE

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Discover the Spirit!

## HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU...

## *Birthday Bash Bonanza Begins!*



### Howdy Pardners!

Three hundred eight days have flown by since the “burndown” of 2011, and now we have embarked on the Summer of 2012! New activities, new and special events, and of course new friendships await you here on The Ranch as we kick off our 30th summer!

Campers were greeted as they stepped off their buses with a high five and a “Howdy, Pardner.” Each division gathered in their respective meeting area for their daily morning pow-wow and began their ritual of traditions which are unique to each division.

Campers spent part of their first two days on The Ranch thoughtfully drafting their Code of Living. Each group discussed and developed statements that represented values that were important to them. Fairness, respect, tolerance, and patience were just a few of the ones mentioned in these agreements that would define how they decide to live together as a group this summer.

Campers were doing their “Swim Challenge” during one of their daily scheduled swims to see if they are ready to earn their “red bracelet,” giving them the ability to swim in the deep end. Some campers obtained their bracelets and others have set goals to reach success, in keeping with our philosophy of “Challenge by Choice.” Pioneers, the youngest campers, got comfortable in their pool splashing around and learning about proper pool protocol and safety.

With two days “under our belt,” we are gearing up for a summer where we “Dare to Care”. We can’t wait to experience what is in store for us for the Summer of 2012!

*Coleman Country is a physically and emotionally safe place for children to have fun and dream big.*

Check out our most recent blog post, Happy Trails, to see what we mean by our mission statement, and make sure to subscribe in order to get emails each time there is a new post:

[ColemanCountry.com/blog](http://ColemanCountry.com/blog)



**COWBOYS’ CREDO...** Counselor Ellen and Campers Ethan, Spencer, Jack, Dylan, and Ryan of B1-3 were all smiles as they created their Code of Living. These documents were drafted around The Ranch. Every camper discussed, agreed upon, and signed a set of values that will be upheld throughout the summer.

### BINGO and Movie Night

Friday, July 6th - 7pm

Join us anytime on The Ranch after 6:15 pm for a night of fun-filled activities. Bring your blanket along with a picnic dinner for a prime time viewing of



## RIO





**FRISBEE GOLF TEES OFF...on The Ranch!** Campers Zach and Ben from B6-2 try out the new 9-hole course in the Outback. The rules are the same as real golf (not mini), but you use a frisbee instead of a club. You tee off to start each hole (just like in golf). Each time your frisbee lands, that is where you take your next shot from. There is a basket that is the “cup” for each hole. When you get your frisbee into the basket, that is your score for the hole. Hazards in the Outback include Hampton’s Pond, two streams, lots of trees, the tipi, and more.



**JAMBOREE JUNCTION...** Partners will keep their vocal cords cool while they belt out their favorite songs in our brand new air-conditioned music room. From “Popcorn” to the Coleman Country song, Diane and her team are leading campers in this great new space up on JP’s Porch.

# Happy 30th Birthday Coleman Country!

It’s been three decades... so who’s counting how much fun that adds up to?! This summer Coleman Country will celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> birthday in style with an all-out birthday bash on August 16th.



**WE PAVED THE WAY...** for even more fun! Over the winter, the volleyball and basketball courts located outside Pioneer Station were completely resurfaced and regraded. Campers are sure to catch, bump, hit, and dribble their way to success on these new smooth surfaces.

**“Dare to Care,”** this summer’s theme, encompasses so much of the drumbeat of our community. Standing up for someone, spreading respect from the inside out, and recognizing differences are just three values that we incorporate into our daily lives here on The Ranch at Coleman Country.

## Final Call Pocono Party Overnight

**B5, G5  
Sign up by:  
Thursday, July 5th**



# Coleman Country Everywhere!

Every Friday, families will receive a *Chronicle*, our newsletter, which highlights all the exciting events of the week. Don't worry, you don't have to wait to find out what's happening on The Ranch:

- Check in with us every day on Coleman Town (ColemanTown.com), our one-way window into the world of Coleman Country. This daily posting gives you an update of exciting events and activities that take place within each division as well as the ability to view hundreds of pictures from The Ranch.
- If you are not yet a Facebook fan, "like us" (facebook.com/ColemanCountry) – this is the place where Ross posts up-to-the-minute news you won't want to miss!

• Click on the "Happy Trails" blog — it is here that parents will get an inside view of life at camp. Don't forget to subscribe by email so that every time there is a blog post, it will be delivered straight to your email inbox!

• Coleman Country is literally just a touch away on your iPhone or iPad with our new Coleman Country App. Download Coleman Country from the iTunes App store and stay in touch with everything going on here on The Ranch from wherever you are.

**You can see why we say:**  
*Coleman Country is everywhere – in our minds and at our fingertips!*



## What Division Am I In?

Pioneers: Three-, Four-, and Five-year-olds  
Scouts: First and Second Graders

Explorers: Third and Fourth Graders  
49ers: Fifth through Eighth Graders

*If you need to contact your child's supervisor at any time during the summer, you can call the office at 516-620-4300, or e-mail us at mailbox@ColemanCountry.com*

## Who Is My Supervisor?

Pioneers: Anna Coleman and Michelle Koslow  
Scouts: Felicia Simon, Lew Siegel, and Ed Stankewick

Explorers: Susan Schwartz and Andrew Richter  
49ers: "Big Bob" Ednick, Margie Noble, Dimitri Bernadel and Gary Spitzer

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## ON THE HORIZON

Monday, July 2	Bowling for B6,G6 Splish Splash for B7/8 and G7/8 (Parent Pick Up @ 8:30pm)
Tuesday, July 3	Great American Country Fair Bowling B7/8 Red, White, and Blue Dress-Up Day
Weds., July 4	No Camp: See you on the 5th!
Thursday, July 5	Wet 'n' Wild Bowling G5
Friday, July 6	Adventureland B5,G5 BINGO and Movie Night 7 p.m. (Picknicking anytime after 6:15)



**TOUCHDOWN!!...** *New York Giants Punter Steve Weatherford will visit us on The Ranch on July 16th. Besides being a Super Bowl champion, Steve promotes the "Always Positive" attitude when it comes to daily living! We can't wait for him to join us here to explain how this attitude helps him on and off the field! Campers are sure to be up for Steve's challenge to try to catch one of his punts!*

# First Day Fun!



## Facebook Friends

These are just a few of the comments and photos posted to Coleman Country's facebook wall yesterday. Share your own Coleman Country experience by leaving a comment or photo on our wall.



*First day at Coleman Country for the second generation of Coleman Campers*



*We have been waiting ALL year for today!! Have a great day everyone!!*



*3 very excited campers...*

On Tuesday, July 3rd, we will celebrate America's birthday here on The Ranch. So leave your Colemanwear at home and dress in your best **Red, White, and Blue**. Our day would not be complete without the Great American Country Fair featuring potato sack races, a bucket brigade, a BBQ, and so much more. As always, a day of great fun and great food— what more could a Pardner ask for!!