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Discover the Spirit!

HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU...

Gushing Over GaGa!



Howdy Pardners!

Parent visiting “Colemanated” this week. During the day, parents watched as Pioneers belted out tunes, swam, tumbled in gymnastics, and showed off their athletic abilities on the fields. Under the lights for Scout and Explorer visiting, campers were also involved in swim and group activities that concluded with a ceremonial “Pow-Wow” with Ross emceeing and DJ Mix Master Mike playing popular camp hits. Campers presented their plaques, complete with an adjective to describe their group, showing that they “Dare to Care.” Look for them on display at the Sawmill.

The annual, much-anticipated GaGa Tournament transformed The Ranch this week! Preliminary rounds began last week. Those winners progressed to the semi-final round. On Wednesday, the Dream Dome became a smoke-filled, poster-laden GaGa hamlet for the Championship Day. DJ Mix Master Mike turned up the tunes, and Ross hosted the event with play-by-plays on the mic. Campers and staff cheered on their friends and group mates. Eye black, decorated shirts, GaGa gloves, and body paint made their grand entrances through the Pit doors. At the conclusion of the tourney, the champions’ names from each division joined the others on the Wall of Fame! Those winners collected their personalized GaGa balls yesterday!

On Thursday, Pioneers took to the Pit. They, too, strutted through the grand entrance Pit doors with game faces on! The action in the Pit continued on Thursday night with the Parent GaGa tournament. Pardners came back to The Ranch to cheer on “the big kids” as they competed for a spot on the Wall of Fame and a coveted GaGa ball!

Fortyniners had a busy week on and off The Ranch. Seventh grade boys and girls spent Monday morning at Dave and Busters. They arrived back at The Ranch with more than just smiles—carrying big stuffed bananas, small cuddly creatures, and other assorted items! The threatening rain didn’t keep the ducks away! Fifth grade boys and girls took to the field at the Long Island Ducks game on Monday night. Their names were up in lights on the scoreboard as they led the arena in a rendition of the National Anthem. It was a home run of a



GOING GAGA...Makayla G2-4, Jack B2-3, Gianna G4-4, Cory B3-2, Peyton G8-1, and Hunter B6-2, the reigning GaGa champions, get a grip on their personalized victory balls.

On Friday, August 3rd, campers should wear a white t-shirt and old sneakers because the object of the day, *Filthy Friday*, is to see just how dirty you can get by the end of the day! Don’t worry, Pardners will have plenty of opportunities to get dirty! Trust us to come up with the messiest fun possible!



night! Sixth grade boys and girls were luminescent at Monster Golf during a round of miniature golf on Tuesday. With the black lights on and the regular lights turned off, campers were all aglow! On Tuesday and Wednesday nights, girls and boys in grades 5, 6, and 7 came back to The Ranch for a night of fun! Campers were placed on teams, and they participated in Olympic-style activities. Relay races, basketball and soccer were some of the favorites on the agenda. Fortyniner girls in grades 6, 7, and 8 are off to enjoy a night in The Big Apple, seeing a performance at Radio City Music Hall of the famed Cirque du Soleil’s “Zarkana.” This acrobatic rock opera combines circus arts with the surreal. A story is woven throughout the performance with many “twists” and “turns” throughout the adventure!

Party In The Pit



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COOOOOOOOOOOlemania.... is coming!... This extravaganza is one worth waiting for! Your favorite staff members will get into costume and team up to face off in a ring of JELL-O! You will watch it wiggle and watch it jiggle as counselors and supervisors show off their choreographed routines! Nonstop laughs await as one act after another plays out their story in a ring full of cold, wet slime!



Big Apple Apparel Abounds

What defines New York? Get out your "New York-wear" because on Wednesday, August 1, Partners and Ranch Hands will get into style sporting New York-themed couture! Sports teams, blue and white/ blue and orange, The Big Apple, and The Statue of Liberty are just some things that come to mind when we think of our melting pot, where "dreams do come true" (both on and off The Ranch!)

On The Horizon

- Mon., July 30 August Camper Picture Day
Dave & Busters B6, G6
- Tues., July 31 Camper's Choice B7/8, G7/8
Beach or Movies
4th Grade Late Nite
Home on the Bus
Drop off @ camp 6:30 p.m. / Pick Up 9:00 p.m.
- Weds., Aug. 1 New York-Themed Dress-Up Day
Broadway Productions
Peter Pan - 10:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.
- Thurs., Aug. 2 Deep Sea Fishing B5, B6-1
C.I.T. Trip - Adventureland
- Friday, Aug. 3 Filthy Friday

Explorers Care

Beginning Monday, July 30, through Friday, August 3, our 3rd and 4th graders are having a "School Supplies Drive" to support Long Island Cares, Inc. Campers from all divisions are encouraged to bring in school supplies on the bus that will then be deposited in a labeled bin as they walk to their morning meeting location. These supplies will be donated to needy children in our community. What a great way to "Dare to Care" with a gift of giving from the heart--from one child to another. Notebooks, backpacks, folders, pens, pencils, and binders are just a few of the most requested items. We have an opportunity to help others while learning to Dare to Care for ourselves.