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HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU...

"Be The Difference..." Until We Meet Again!



Howdy Pardners!

The Ranch was a sea of red and tan on Monday as the games of friendly competition began for our 2013 Olympics. Red Royalty and Tan Turbo started the day with an Assistant counselor "Face-Off" in the Grand Playhouse. The entire camp cheered on their teams with chants of "Let's Go Red" and "Let's Go Tan" as the participants competed in this Apache-style race. Rock wall climbing, bouncing a tennis ball on a racket, heading a volleyball into the basketball hoop, a half court shot, and the completion of a rainbow loom bracelet were just some of the events that led to the waving of the team flag at race' end. This first day of Olympics for campers consisted of The Gallop, group athletic events. Campers competed in volleyball, GaGa, Basketball, and soccer, to name a few.

Tuesday's CIT and Ranger (oldest campers) "Face-Off" out on Coleman Yards and the Field of Dreams got the competition started for the second day. Catching a water balloon thrown from the top of the Dream Dome, a football throw, a soccer ball headed into the net, and running the bases were just some of the events. The Showdown then took place throughout the day, showcasing individual skills in each camper's choice of activity, such as a soccer shootout, cup stacking, and soccer. Also, up at the Swimm'n' Holes, The Splash kicked off. Events included freestyle races, noodle and paddleboat races, and kickboard relays.

Wednesday showcased the counselors in the "Face-Off." The event started with counselors taking care of pretend Pioneers-in-Training (teddy bears!) in the Ranch Rovers! Next, watermelon eaters polishing off a wedge of watermelon without their hands with musical interludes of "Gangnam-style" dancing and the "Coleman Shake." This led to tandem rock wall climbing, three-legged races, basketball shootouts, and much more! The Stampede followed with campers facing off in relay races. The conclusion of Olympics 2013 took place on the field with the Closing Ceremony – the rope burn, plaque presentation with narrative about the meaning of camp, tug-of-war, and Hoedown (sing). It was a great competition spotlighting personal best and team effort to the end, and campers and counselors alike showed what true sportsmanship, spirit, and dedication look like.

Today, we entered The Ranch and looked toward the Dream Dome to see the familiarity of the combined red and tan flags once again flying high, and we celebrated as a united community. The Rodeo, a true extravaganza that transforms The Ranch into a vast carnival of rides, booths, prizes, cotton candy, popcorn, and an arcade, was the focus of activities. Tradition has it that the last lunch of the summer is pizza, followed by a rousing dance party right in the Chow Hall!—and that's exactly what took place! We look forward to being right back here 10 months from now!

We never say goodbye at Coleman Country... Until we meet again... HAPPY TRAILS!



ON THE HORIZON

Camp Fun Lasts All Year

Mark your calendars for Fall Harvest Festival and Spring Fling
See you there!

Sunday, October 27
Sunday, May 18

Fall Harvest Festival
Spring Fling



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Remember When...

- We put this summer's theme, "Be the Difference" into action? Campers created backpacks in Arts and Crafts and tried to "Be the Difference" on and off the fields.
- We returned to The Ranch for a night of "Big Bob" BINGO and watched Dr. Seuss's The Lorax on BINGO and Movie Night?
- We showed our national pride at the Great American Country Fair all decked out in red, white, and blue and had an All American BBQ?
- The Explorer girls showed off their incredible dance moves in Explorer Karaoke?
- We welcomed our newest and littlest members to The Ranch, the Pioneers-in-Training," as they cruised around the camp in their Ranch Rovers?
- The Scouts performed highly costumed and adorable routines in the Scouts Super Showcase?
- The Scouts participated in Mini Murals?
- Intramurals concluded with the winning teams receiving royal blue "Champ at Camp" t-shirts?
- The Broadway Productions Club wowed us with the cast and crew debut of their rendition of *Mary Poppins*?
- The 49ers competed in the MIB, the GIT, the PIT, the Rosscup, and the DIT?
- We loved the spirit shown for Disney Superhero or Disney Dress-up Day? When Ross was GaGaMan?
- We danced with "Mix Master Mike" and on the pool deck during Wet 'n' Wild?
- We were decked out in kooky outfits and outrageous hairdos on Frivolous Friday?
- The 49ers ventured to Splish Splash, Adventureland, Great Adventure, bowling, Dave and Busters, deep sea fishing, Long Island Ducks, Citi Field, Monster Golf, Heartland Golf, Matilda on Broadway, and the optional overnights to the Poconos and Boston?
- Pioneers went with the Grouchy Ladybug on an adventure where they met Rhinoce-a-Ross, KangarooKelli, a skunk, a gorilla, a whale, a praying mantis, and many more animals as they taught her to Be the Difference by sharing and caring?
- Soccer superstar and number one player in the world Abby Wambach visited The Ranch, gave a "heading" tutorial, put a few "in the net," answered questions about herself, and then gave everyone a high-five?
- Explorer Cares collected school supplies to donate to children in need?
- Pioneers celebrated during an "Unbirthday Party" with Supervisor Ed leading them in song and dance?
- Pioneers, Scouts, Explorers, 49ers, Staff, and Parents put their GaGa skills to the test in GaGa Tournaments which included elaborate entrances into The Pit and signs and cheers of support from friends and group mates?
- Visiting Night Pow-Wows with Dance parties? Each group created beautifully decorated posters that described how they could and would "Be the Difference?"
- Slip 'n' Slide, Water Cannons, and misters went off when we didn't expect them and kept us cool, regardless of the temperature? (It's never hot at Coleman Country!)
- We came back to The Ranch for Coleman After Dark?
- After a week of hard work and determination during rehearsals, we were floored by the amazing performances of campers during the Circus of the Kids performance?
- We went "Around the World in 80 Degrees," where campers and counselors dressed to represent different countries as they rode a camel, got a henna tattoo, had their hair braided, plus so much more? Campers had their passports stamped as they visited each country?
- We enjoyed the talents of campers and counselors as they performed in the Grand Playhouse during the Coleman's Got Talent show that ended in an Olympic FAKEOUT?
- The Pioneers-in-Training (PITs) celebrated their last day with a teddy bear picnic, complete with song and dance, stories read, giant teddy graham cookies, a teddy bear picture frame, and stuffed teddy bear wearing a Coleman Country shirt to take home?
- The 49ers took The Ranch by storm as they performed their "Lip Dub" by lip-synching, dancing, swimming and more to "Feel This Moment" and "Don't You Worry Child" which led to the breakout of Olympics 2013?
- The Grand Playhouse exploded with excitement as the leaders of the Red Royalty and Tan Turbo entered through the large doors waving their team flags, to signify the start of Olympics 2013?
- Olympics concluded with a rope burn, team sing, and the presentation of the plaques?
- We reunited for the last day of unforgettable fun during Rodeo and Closing ceremonies?
- Once again, the red and tan flags hung from the Dream Dome, signifying a united camp?
- The burndown of 2013? See you in 2014!!

"Truly great friends are hard to find, difficult to leave, and impossible to forget." *Happy Trails!*



HOLDING ON TO MEMORIES... Olympic Plaques representing the Tan Turbo and Red Royalty will proudly take their places on the Chow Hall walls and become part of Coleman Country history, where more than 30 years of red and tan are displayed.

