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HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU...

The Wait Is Finally Over!



Howdy Pardners!

After many long months of waiting, the barn doors were finally flung open today on what is sure to be the best summer ever. Excited Pardners and Ranch Hands eagerly galloped onto The Ranch as Summer 2010 at Coleman Country kicked off.

The fun began Sunday with Get-Acquainted Day where Pardners played icebreakers and name games, met their counselors and groupmates, and toured The Ranch.

Today was a fun-filled day of new friendships, team building, and loads of activities. While each group followed its own personalized schedule, everyone participated in the “Swim Challenge.” Pardners stepped out of their comfort zones and found their courage as our supportive swim staff assessed their skills. Some were thrilled to receive their “red bracelet” which allows them to swim in the deep end, while others committed to the goal of achieving it sometime during the summer. One thing we know for sure: every Pardner will improve their strokes and confidence as the summer progresses.

Each group also began drafting its Code of Living, a set of agreed-upon rules of how they want to live together this summer. All members of the group sign the document, which includes common themes such as respect, fairness, tolerance, and patience.

We also started living our theme, “Stand Up.” Pardners are learning how to stand up for themselves and for others—lessons not just for this summer, but for life. They are practicing being “Upstanders” instead of bystanders, and remembering to “stand up” in the face of personal challenges—all this while having the most fun imaginable on our fields, courts, pools, and craft areas. Can you beat that?

We’ve got three more amazing days this week, and then Pardners and Ranch Hands will have a three-day weekend in honor of our country’s birth. Meanwhile, don’t forget to dress up in red, white, and blue gear this Friday as we transform The Ranch into a country fair.

For the rest of the summer Kinfolk (parents) will be receiving a *Chronicle* every Friday; but you don’t have to wait. Log on daily to Coleman Town (ColemanTown.com) to see photos, video, blogs, and news articles each and every day!

Today was just the first of many great days here at The Ranch! So saddle up, Pardners—it’s going to be the ride of a lifetime!



CODES OF LIVING...took shape on The Ranch today. Zoe, Julie, Paige and Grace of the G1-2 Alabamas, along with their other groupmates, got together to discuss and draft a set of rules and guidelines that they agreed to follow for the rest of the summer. All groups were thoughtfully deciding on their group rules today and will each take home a signed copy when they are completed.

New York Yankee Brett Gardner



Visits The Ranch July 22nd!

Yankee Star Brett Gardner To Coach On Field Of Dreams

Outfielder Brett Gardner will make a personal appearance on The Ranch on July 22. Campers will meet the Yankee starter who also will conduct a baseball clinic right on our own Field of Dreams.

Considered one of the fastest players in Major League Baseball, Gardner currently is hitting .320, is second in the American League in triples, fourth in stolen bases, and sixth in runs scored. He also will be wearing his World Series ring when he visits Coleman Country.

It wasn't always like that, though, for Brett; and that's one of the reasons we invited him to visit with Pardners. In 2001, the star outfielder attended the walk-on tryouts at the College of Charleston and was told that he'd be contacted if the coach was interested. Without hearing a word from the coach, Brett put on his high school uniform and went to practice the next day. When the coach asked him why he was

there, he explained that he knew he was capable of playing at the Division 1 level. Coach Pawlowski let him stay for practice but warned that he would be off the team if he saw that he wasn't capable.

The 5'10" college freshman went on to become a three-year starter at the College of Charleston, where he wrapped up his career as a Third-Team All-American with a .382 career batting average, mostly from the lead-off spot. He was then drafted by the Yankees as a third-round draft pick.

Whether you're a Yankees fan or a Mets fan or not even a baseball fan, Brett Gardner is proof that you can Stand Up, Dream Big, and Make it Happen! The 27-year-old who believed in himself now is best known for stealing bases and being very disciplined at the plate. He makes contact with 93 percent of his swings which is third best in the American League.

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 620-4300, or e-mail us at mailbox@ColemanCountry.com

Who Is My Supervisor?

Pioneers: Anna Coleman and Michelle Koslow

Scouts: Felicia Simon and Lew Siegel

Explorers: Susan Schwartz and Andrew Richter

49ers: "Big Bob" Ednick, Margie Noble,

Dimitri Bernadel and Gary Spitzer

ON THE HORIZON

- July 2: Great American Country Fair
- Bowling Trip for G7/8
- July 5: No Camp! See You Tomorrow!
- July 6: Wild & Wacky Challenge
- July 7: Picture Day
- July 8: Bingo and a Movie Night
- July 9: Wet 'n' Wild

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Great American Country Fair

Friday, July 2nd



Celebrate Our Nation's Independence
Wear Your Red, White and Blue!
Coleman Country will be closed
Monday, July 5th