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HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU...

Coleman Country Pride Fills The Ranch



Howdy Pardners!

It's hard to believe that a week has already passed – there has already been more fun than we could have imagined! The recap alone could make you tired: we wrote our Code of Living, found out our swim group, started activities, and depending on our grade, we also signed up for Clubs, Selectives, and started Intramurals. Amazingly, we still found time to make new friends, and we even practiced becoming Upstanders instead of Bystanders. Whew, there was a lot to learn this week!

Speaking of the Code of Living, the 49ers had a Pow Wow with Big Bob, Margie, Gary, and Dimitri, where they discussed the importance of the documents they were creating. Pioneers were led through their Code of Living Pow Wow by Anna and Michelle. The Scouts, with Felicia and Lew, and the Explorers, led by Susan and Andrew, also had their own ceremonial acceptance of their Codes.

In the specialty areas, campers learned some key skills that will help them throughout the summer. In Yoga, it was basic stretches, positions, and breathing. At Horseback Riding, we practiced holding the reins and steering; at the Challenge Course, the Trust Fall was a fitting opening activity, along with Macho's "Challenge Works," a game of brainteasers that challenge both body and mind. Mrs. G. was reading "City Dog, Country Frog" in her tipi this week, a story about friendship and accepting others' differences. At Dance, Pardners were stepping out of their comfort zones, getting pumped to the Wiggles' song, "The Animal," where they took on different characteristics for each animal. And speaking of differences, Ceramics was filled with dog bowls, jewelry holders and more, all having sprung from pinch pots. Martial Arts is carrying the theme of "Stand Up" to the max, doing a "Stand Up" exercise that builds stronger bodies and minds. There will even be "Stand Up" competition at the end of the summer, where we'll no doubt be setting a new Coleman record!

In Music, you could hear familiar songs such as "Siyahamba," "Popcorn," and of course "Coleman Country." A new hit selection with Diane this summer is "Everybody's a Star," with lyrics that point out that we all have different strengths. One of the songs we'll be singing – and signing – this summer is "Don't Laugh at Me," a folk song made famous by Peter Yarrow of Peter, Paul, and Mary, which reminds us to be tolerant of other people's differences. "Don't Laugh at Me" because I may be different... a great song for us to remember to "Stand Up" for our friends.

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STARS AND STRIPES AND FLAGS DAZZLED THE RANCH... as Pardners got into the holiday spirit. Scouts Brady, Avigail, Jesse, Emma, and Griffen were decked out for the Great American Coleman Country Fair today, featuring relay races, tug-of-war, barbecue, and patriotic projects.

BINGO and Movie Night

Thursday, July 8th 7 P.M.



Join us on The Ranch for an evening of "Big Bob BINGO" and "Toy Story 2!"

Bring your blanket and come anytime after 6:15 with a picnic dinner



Today we had a giant birthday party for our nation, celebrating the 4th with a gigantic All-American picnic. Hot dogs, hamburgers, corn, chips, and watermelon, along with old-fashioned, traditional games like boxball and tug-of-war were among the many highlights of the day. Pardners and Ranch Hands were decked out in their red, white, and blue, "flagging" how much spirit there is on The Ranch! Check it all out on ColemanTown.com.

Pocono Party!

An optional overnight for 49ers in 7th and 8th grade will take place July 15th-16th. The trip includes Camelbeach Water Park which has over 20 slides as well as a wave pool; body water slides, Triple Venom, a 6-story platform with 3 slides; Vortex and Spin Cycle, and Kahuna Lagoon. They will also visit the knights at Medieval Times. 49ers will enjoy an authentic medieval dinner and jousting tournament! They will be staying at the Great Wolf Lodge, which has an indoor water park, arcade room, and wave pool. Enrollment forms can be downloaded on our Web site, ColemanCountry.com.

Final Call For Pocono Party

7th & 8th Graders

Sign Up By

Tuesday, July 6th



Wet 'n' Wacky & Wet 'n' Wild

Saddle up Pardners: two special events next week will have you wild with joy! Get ready to be silly on Tuesday when the Wild 'n' Wacky Challenge rolls into town. The game show will leave you laughing and pretty wet with all kinds of fun goo. And speaking of wet, next Friday is definitely a highlight day when our Swimmin' Holes turn into a giant water park. From dance parties on the deck to gigantic inflatables in the pools, you won't want to miss this annual adventure!

Happy Trails!

Have you checked out the Coleman Country blog, *Happy Trails!* Marla posts entries several times a week, giving you the inside scoop on life on The Ranch. Some recent posts are: Magic Questions (how to get more than one-word answer [even if that word is "awesome"] when you ask about camp, and Camp Photo Insight (how to get the most out of viewing the hundreds of photos posted daily).

You can access the blog at ColemanCountry.com/blog. While you're there, subscribe by e-mail so that you don't miss any posts.

ON THE HORIZON

- 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
- Margie Invitational Bowling (MIB) Championship
- July 12 Parent Visiting Starts

BINGO and Movie Night

Looking for some good Coleman Country family fun? Come join us on The Ranch for a night of BINGO and a movie! We'll be playing "Big Bob BINGO" and watching a special showing of "Toy Story 2!" We are reunited with Woody and the gang in the second installment of the Toy Story trilogy. Andy's moving, and it's up to his toys to ensure they reach the new place in one piece.

The festivities start at 7 p.m. but Pardners and their Kinfolk are welcome to join us on The Ranch anytime after 6:15 with a picnic dinner. BINGO will begin at 7 and the movie will start at dusk. Bring blankets and/or chairs, and we'll see you there!

Coleman Country Records

It's time to put on your thinking caps, because starting next week Coleman Country starts breaking records! Records can be anything, from most baskets in a row (110) to lowest golf score (25). Records are both on an individual and group basis. (There are no food records!)

Some Current Records:

Largest Group Hug: P5-3, 18 people

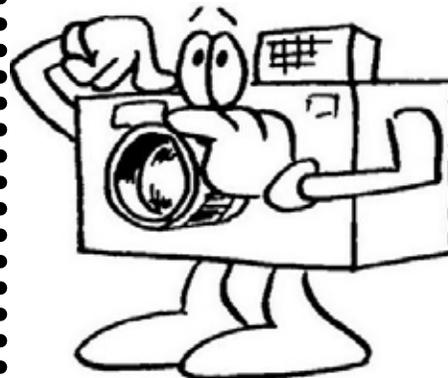
Most Sand Castles Made at the Waterpark: B1-3, 48 castles

Highest Cup-stacking Tower: Mike, 25 rows

Tennis Breakfast Club

Another summer tradition returns to The Ranch with the Tennis Breakfast Club. Coleman Country's resident tennis pro, Corey Varga, invites 49ers to join him Thursdays at 6:45 a.m. for a morning of breakfast, tennis, and fun! The breakfast of cereal, bagels, and orange juice combined with the great small group tennis lessons with Corey and his staff are certainly worth the early wake-up. Interested 49ers need to complete and return a permission slip (sent home today) by July 8th. This complimentary club starts Thursday, July 15th. It's a great opportunity to improve your tennis game and start off your day with an extra bit of Coleman Country fun.

Picture Day!



Wednesday,
July 7th
Wear your
camp shirt
and a smile