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Discover the Spirit!

HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU...

Wacky, Wild, and Wet, Wet, Wet



Howdy Pardners!

The week started out Wild and Wacky, and it ended Wet and Wild; in between we had an amazing week of fun. It was a memorable week to be sure, bracketed by two fun-packed days.

The Wild'n'Wacky Challenge game show was just that. Pardners and Ranch Hands got into the game with crazy relays and tosses that showcased their spirit. Rubber chickens in a pot, pies in the face, "llama boogers" on the toes... it was an event of epic proportions. Of course, the air-conditioned Grand Playhouse was also a delightful interlude on a day when the mercury topped 100 degrees.

Speaking of the heat wave, we didn't miss a beat. The air-conditioners were whirring, the pools were refreshing, the misters were energizing, the extended swims exhilarating... there wasn't a better place to be this week. Well, we might be a little water-logged, but wow did we have a blast!

Wednesday, right at the mid-point of the heat blast, the entire East coast was sweltering, but we were slipping and sliding! Every camper, every group, giggled and slithered along the red mats as they were sprayed and cheered on! (Check out the photos and the video if you want to smile, too!)

Wednesday was also Picture Day on The Ranch. Group and individual photos will be sent home to you in a few weeks – as a memory of this spectacular Summer of 2010.

The MIB (Margie Invitational Bowling) tournament for the 49ers concluded today. Every group enjoyed a trip to the bowling alley, and the winners earned their "Nothing Could Be Finer Than To Be a 49er" shirts. The GIT (Gary Invitational Tournament in basketball) continues through this week and next.

We concluded the week with still more water fun – we couldn't have chosen a more perfect time than today for Wet 'n' Wild. That's when the Swimmin' Holes were transformed into the Pools of Dreams. From water slides to giant inflatables to walk-on-water mats, and dizzying water mazes, the fun in the water was matched only by the deck-side dance party hosted by our own Mr. Pool Party, Explorer Supervisor, Andrew, who was assisted by DJ Matty Free. You've got to see it to believe it, so make sure to log on to ColemanTown.com.



WET AND WILD... and endless water toys marked one of our favorite camp days. Rachel and Jolie of G3-2 and Najee and Max from B1-5 were more than knee-deep in water fun. Inflatables, slides, toys, and walk-on-water mats rounded out the refreshingly cool fun, alongside a rocking deck-side dance party.

You're Invited!



Parent Visiting Nights- July 12, 14, 19
6-8 p.m.

Pioneer Visiting Days- July 13, 14, 15, 20, 22
2-3:30 p.m.

49er Visiting Night- July 21
6-8 p.m.

**Specific information will be sent out
prior to your group's meeting**

49er Frenzy

As the shirt so aptly says, “Nothing Could Be Finer Than To Be a 49er.” Our senior campers participate in a quintet of competitions, earning first a shirt and then a stamp for each additional victory. While it may sound like Alphabet Soup, our 49ers have a blast winning a T-shirt with any combination of champion checked off: from the MIB (Margie Invitational Bowling) to the GIT (Gary Invitational Tournament - basketball) to the PIT (Paul Invitational Tournament – tennis) to the DIT (Dimitri Invitational Tournament – soccer) to the culminating RossCup (hockey), the spirit is immeasurable. Of course, each tournament is named for a beloved staff member or camp director! Details are posted daily at ColemanTown.com.

Scouts Stand Up

The Scouts have been keeping their eyes out for ways to stand up for themselves and others. At Lineup, they have been sharing “success stories” for being an upstander. Two campers overheard another saying something inappropriate, and they stood up at Lineup to explain why what they heard was wrong. The Scouts are practicing understanding how the camp theme affects each group and camper. Part of that education centers on making new friends and trying new things. A favorite activity this week was each group’s creation of a group cheer, which Felicia and Lew explained to them, helps build spirit and creates awareness for treating each other with respect.

Frivolous Friday!

Trying to figure out how to win prizes on Frivolous Friday? Just dress “crazy” from your head to your toes! To prepare for Coleman Country’s kookiest day, think polka dots, stripes, animal prints, multi-color, and mismatched. Think outrageous hairdos, funky shoes (but please make sure they are safe for athletics!), wild outfits, and creative accessories. You know what they say – you’ve got to be in it to win it! Get ready for extreme fun – and hilarious knock-knock jokes! Be as frivolous as your imagination allows.

Cheer On The Home Team

Our staff intercamp softball team plays weeknights at 6 pm at local parks; they would love to have their fans – Coleman Country campers – there to cheer them on! Bring a picnic dinner on Tuesday, July 13, to the Jerusalem Avenue School in Merrick when our sluggers take on South Shore Day Camp.

In the meantime, this week’s opener was a great start to the season as Coleman Country cruised to an 11-1 victory behind stellar pitching from John Revelant and outstanding team hitting from David Powder, Kristin Sandberg (starting catcher of the University of Georgia Bulldogs), David Siegel, Gerry Armengau, Corey Varga, and others. Coach Kevin Rall had two homeruns.

Hope to see you at a future game!

Give-a Get-a

Pioneers are learning that they have to “give” in order to “get.” To help them understand this concept, each morning at Lineup, Anna and Michelle play the “Give-a, Get-a” game with a deck of giant cards that each promote a kindness. This week’s focus is “Give-a High Five, Get-a High Five.” Opportunities to give a high five that Anna and Michelle have pointed out are: congratulating a friend on a success, saying hello to a friend, making a new friend, trying something new, being an “upstander,” or overcoming a fear. They’ve had lots of practice so far making new friends by singing songs and playing games to learn everyone’s name. One of the favorites is Wonder Ball – when the ball stops, you say your name, and your favorite activity at camp.

Explorers Care

The Explorers are talking a lot about outstanding upstander random acts of kindness as part of their “Caught in the Act of Caring” initiative. Here are some of the actions that Susan and Andrew commended certain campers who were “caught in the act” for:

- always having a smile for fellow campers
- reminding fellow campers to recycle (standing up for the environment)
- giving a friend a sticker because she was sad
- gave words of encouragement to a friend who was upset
- inspired her teammates to cheer on the team

Acts of Caring are one part of a fun-packed daily lineup, which also includes “Showcase Your Talents,” and a continuation of the Wild & Wacky Challenge, which involves campers and counselors in hair-brained relays! The spirit meter is off the charts each morning at Lineup!

ON THE HORIZON

July 12	Splish Splash 6th-8th grade 8:30 p.m. Parent Pick-up Paul Invitational Tennis Tournament (PIT) Starts
July 13	Fun Zone or Adventureland 7th and 8th grade
July 14	Splish Splash 5th grade 8:30 p.m. Parent Pick-up
July 15	Pocono Party Optional Overnight 7th and 8th grade Tennis Breakfast Club Starts
July 16	Frivolous Friday