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HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU...

Trips, Visits, and Frivolous Frocks!



Howdy Pardners!

Parent Visiting, both day and night, were highlights for half of our campers this week; the other half get to show off their skills and new friends and counselors next week. Each group of Scouts, Explorers, and 49ers either has or will participate in a Pow-Wow, preceded by a mini dance party, in which they pledge to “Stand Up” for each other and for themselves. During daytime Pioneer Visiting, skill achievement was highlighted during the visit and punctuated by handpainted frames “starring” photos of themselves to take home as mementos.

The 49ers were extremely busy, as always, this week with outings to Splish Splash, Fun Zone, and Adventureland. Many of our oldest campers (7th and 8th graders) are wrapping up an amazing optional overnight to the Poconos, where they stayed at Great Wolf Lodge and enjoyed both indoor and outdoor water parks as well as a feast and a joust at Medieval Times.

Today of course was a Coleman Country tradition of the “funnest” and “funniest” sort – Frivolous Friday, brimming with outlandish colors, wild costumes, and of course lots of “knock-knock jokes.” Prizes were given out in record numbers, showing once again how much spirit there is on The Ranch!



FRIVOLOUS FRIDAY...featured frolicksome friends showing off their creativity. Ross, AKA Elvis, along with Denver's and Maverick's puppy pal, Ringo, who was also impersonating Elvis (hmmn!), joined in the frivolity with Pioneers Alex, Reece, Jack, and Ava. We were giddy with silly fun all day today!

Next Thursday, July 22...



...Brett the Jet on The Ranch

Coleman Country Blog: Happy Trails Dispatches from The Ranch

Several ways to log on to get dispatches from The Ranch:
ColemanCountry.com -- home page
ColemanTown.com/blog
 Coleman Town home page (once you're logged on for photos)

2011 Enrollment!

Watch your mail next week for the familiar Coleman Country logo – inside the envelope you'll find your re-enrollment information for 2011! You can take advantage of early enrollment savings by sending in your deposit (refundable until March 1) by the last day of camp, August 20. Meanwhile, we still have lots more fun to go for the Summer of 2010!

Brett Gardner's Legacy

Brett Gardner has been dubbed "Brett the Jet" by fans for a reason! He is the fastest player in the entire Yankees organization and can run from home to first in an astonishing 3.9 seconds! He's not only a baseball hero, but a role model. The 5'10" outfielder is proof that we can conquer adversity with hard work and confidence in our own abilities, and he'll be on The Ranch next week to show us a thing or two about baseball, too.

Gardner grew up in a small town in South Carolina and attended the College of Charleston. Originally, he didn't even make his college team, but once he donned the uniform as a successful walk-on, he proved that he was a true talent. In the next three years of his college career, he saw his team in both the SoCon championships and repeat NCAA Tournament successes. In his last year, he had the most hits in all of college baseball and had the third-best batting average in the country.

Brett made his official MLB debut on June 30, 2008. He was named the Yankees' starting center fielder for the 2009 season on March 29, 2009, and has the leading on-base percentage on the Yankees team. One of the best in baseball today, some experts felt he should have been placed on the All-Star team. But it wasn't always that way...

He has stood up to several set-backs in his career. He was sent back to the minors in 2008, benched after having been named the starting center fielder in 2009, and broke his thumb sliding into second base which caused him to miss six weeks of the season!

Gardner is a return to old-fashioned talent and determination. A true inspiration, he taught coaches to not take walk-ons for granted, and aspiring players to believe in themselves, even when others question their skills.

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ON THE HORIZON

- July 19 GaGa Tournament Starts
Splish Splash 5th Grade
Parent Pick Up 8:30 p.m.
Dave and Busters 7th grade
Parent Visiting Night 6-8 p.m.
- July 20 Great Adventure 7th and 8th grade
Parent Drop Off 6:30 a.m.
Parent Pick Up 10 p.m.
Pioneer Visiting Day 2-3:30 p.m.
- July 21 Fun Zone 5th grade
Dave and Busters 6th grade
49er Visiting Night 6-8 p.m.
Pioneer Visiting Day 2-3:30 p.m.
(rescheduled from July 14)
- July 22 Brett Gardner Visits The Ranch
Pioneer Visiting Day 2-3:30 p.m.
- July 23 GaGa Finals
8th grade Overnight
Parent Pick Up Sat 8 a.m.
Last Day of July Session

Nature's Garden

Everyday we enjoy the simple pleasures life has to offer – from fresh cookies from the bakery to a new piece of art. Coleman Country's Mother Nature, Lori, explains that here at camp, campers and counselors experience a different kind of pleasure – the joy one gains when they see something go from nothing to something right before their eyes! In this spirit of growth, the Nature Club, with the help of the Woodworking Club/Selective, is planting its very own "Stand Up" garden. The small acts of mixing the soil with nutrients, planting the vegetable and flower plants, and hopefully gathering the delicious "real" homegrown produce, will help us grow as a group. Together, we can discover how cooperation and a little effort can produce strong, proud individuals with a "can do" spirit, enabling each one of us to appreciate our ability to see the beauty in the whole and know that we each have something to contribute – start to finish.

Baltimore Bonanza

Overnight

August 3-4

6th, 7th, and 8th Graders

Deadline for Sign Up

Monday, July 19th

Six Flags America Baltimore Inner Harbor Science Center National Aquarium

Download enrollment forms at:

<http://colemancountry.com/baltimore>

For credit card information check out:

http://colemancountry.com/cc_auth

Ga Ga For GaGa

Get ready to enter The Pit, Coleman Country! Next week is the start of this summer's annual GaGa Tournament! Scouts, Explorers, and 49ers are invited to bring their finest game to the Dream Dome in hopes of winning a customized GaGa ball and a coveted spot on The Pit's Wall of Fame. The GaGa Tourney isn't just about playing though. A far more important aspect of the tournament is the entrance and the audience. Choreographed moves are the tamest part of the elaborate entrances essential to the GaGa Tournament. Banners and posters cover the walls of The Pit as the players battle it out for the title. Preliminaries will take place Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Each group will compete in three games, with boy and girl winners from each division progressing to the semi-finals on Thursday. The winners from Thursday's games will compete in the finals on Friday. So Partners get ready for the excitement, and Kin-folk, be sure to check ColemanTown.com for updates and photos of the action! And Pioneers, your turn is coming; yours, too, parents!