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HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU...

Laps, Leaps & Lifts, Laughs, and Luau's!



Howdy Pardners!

While the Baltimore Bonanza overnight for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders lived up to its name, it turned out to be a bonanza of a week right here on The Ranch also! The older campers who chose to hit the road had an absolute ball. Besides dinner at the Hard Rock Café, they got to cheer the home team to victory at Camden Yards, and they had a glorious day at Six Flags America, where they virtually had the park to themselves! It was two days of nonstop fun for the 49ers.

Not to be outdone on The Ranch, the week kicked off with flutter kicks galore – more than 16,000 laps of them as Pardners took to the pools to raise money to send underprivileged children to camp. They racked up \$2,000 for Morry's Camp, since the Colemans rounded up the 10 cents/lap donation on behalf of Coleman Country campers. Even campers who aren't quite swimming laps yet got into the action with the assistance of barbells and/or swim instructors!

And that was just the beginning of the week! Explorers presented their karaoke show. One group was cuter than the next as each of the girls performed their choreographed dances with full costuming. Hoo! Haa! The Scouts followed the next day with their Scout Super Showcase. Outfits and rehearsed routines were clever and confidence-builders at the same time.

Mbali and Mdu, our visiting counselors from South Africa, also kept us hopping – and singing – check out the back page for details of how they have added voice and spirit to The Ranch. One thing we know: the Pioneers were ecstatic when Mbali and Mdu introduced themselves with the "Jump In" song they've been singing all summer in Pioneer Station

And if you wanted to see spirit, you should have been here yesterday when The Ranch was transformed into a lavish luau. From limbo to hula, from leis and flowered shirts and skirts, from pineapples to Big Bob's coconut-splitting act, it was a breezy day on the Island of Coleman... The highlight was the Maui Wowie Smoothie Bar where each camper got to order their favorite frozen beverage!

Pioneers learned about enthusiasm this week with their Give-a Get-a card, and that came in handy as they enthusiastically searched for and found the missing Wiley Coyote, Mrs. G.'s furry friend.

The 49ers had their usual whirlwind of trips: the 5th grade girls went deep sea fishing, and the 7th and 8th grade girls and boys



HAWAIIAN LUAU FEVER...took over Coleman Island and everyone felt the heat (for the first time actually all summer!). Sammi of G2-4, Devon of B2-2, Justin of B2-5, and Cassandra of G2-3 got into the spirit of Hawaiian Luau Dress-Up Day, along with so many Pardners who showed up yesterday with colorful leis, Hawaiian shirts, and grass skirts. Hawaiian-themed activities and music were everywhere, and we all enjoyed sipping our tropical smoothies.


Filthy Friday
 Friday, August 13

 Next Friday, wear a white t-shirt and old sneakers - see just how dirty you can get by the end of the camp day! Don't worry, we'll make it easy for you to get dirty. Trust us to come up with the most fun possible!



Enrollment 2011

 Register by August 20 for early enrollment savings!

got to go to the movies or the beach – now that's what we call a real camper's choice. Hard to go wrong on that call.

Rest up, Pardners – we're far from finished with the Summer of 2010!

Broadway Productions

Broadway Productions Club has been hard at work all summer preparing for today's performance of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." Charlie Bucket, a sweet boy from a poor family, dreams of going to Willy Wonka's amazing chocolate factory. The adventure begins when Wonka puts 5 golden tickets into his candy bars; the five lucky kids who find the tickets get a tour of the factory, and one kid walks away with a special prize. The club brought Violet Beauregarde, Veruca Salt, Augustus Gloop, Mike Teevee, Grandpa Joe, Charlie, the Oompa Loompas, and Willy Wonka himself to life in Wonka's wonderful chocolate factory! Campers had a great time performing, and we had an equally terrific time as an audience!

Rock Star Camp

Get ready to rock, Coleman Country...literally! Wednesday, August 11, Julius C Rock Camp is coming to The Ranch! Interested Partners will be given the opportunity to join a real rock band for the day. Groups get to pick their song, practice with Julius C, and at the end of the day perform their rock song! Whether you plan on rocking out on stage or in the audience, it's sure to be a "rocktastic" day! Are you ready to be a rock star?

Scouts Build Character

This week the Scouts are learning all about responsibility through athletics. Partners are learning several lessons on this topic such as: when you join a team, or get placed on a team, you have a commitment to be a team player. They also talked about not blaming others for their mistakes.

Explorers Late Night

The 4th grade late night was incredible last night! Partners had a blast night swimming, searching The Ranch in a super fun scavenger hunt, and getting down at an awesome dance party on the soccer field under the stadium lights!

ON THE HORIZON

Cooooooooooooolemania?????

August 9	Splish Splash 5th grade
August 10	Boys' Nite Out 6-8th grade New York Mets Game Parent Pick Up 11 p.m.
August 11	Julius C Rock Star Camp Michael's 5th grade
August 12	Deep Sea Fishing 6th grade Q-Zar 8th grade
August 13	Filthy Friday

Meet Mdu and Mbali

We welcomed two new counselors to our Coleman Country family this week. Mbali and Mdu come to us from South Africa and will be with us for the rest of the summer. Ross, Office Manager Pam, and Maintenance Director Tony met them last year when they went to South Africa to volunteer at their camp, Camp Sizanani, in Soweto, where Mbali is the camp director and Mdu is one of the assistant camp directors.

While Mbali and Mdu are learning about the Coleman Way, we are catching the South African spirit, which is brimming with song and dance. This week we have been captivated by Mbali and Mdu who have taught us many songs, cheers, and chants. We have been breaking into spontaneous sessions of celebration in the Chow Hall, in the Big Top... just about anywhere there are groups of people and Mbali and Mdu!!

Cooooooooolemania....

...is coming... sometime next week!
Colemania is an extravaganza not to be missed, because your favorite staff members will be costumed to face off in a ring of JELL-O! Yes, that's what we said - nonstop laughs await as one act after another plays out their story in a ring full of cold, wet slime! You'll laugh so hard that you'll shake like a bowl of JELL-O as counselors and supervisors choreograph their routines!

Swimming Levels

Wondering about levels at the Swimmin' Holes? Here's your guide:

- Frogs, Penguins, and Alligators all are incremental for the Pioneers in their introduction to water skills
- Seals, Sharks, and Dolphins progressively qualify as levels towards fundamental aquatics skills for the Pioneers

Scouts, Explorers, and 49ers work to achieve these stages as part of the American Red Cross program:

- Level 2 - fundamental aquatics skills
- Level 3 - stroke development
- Level 4 - stroke improvement
- Levels 5 & 6 - stroke refinement



Stroke levels are continuously assessed, and flexible grouping is part of our program so that children may progress at their own levels of comfort and challenge. A very visible achievement is, of course, the "red bracelet" which identifies a deep-water swimmer; campers who are striving for their bracelets get lots of encouragement from the swim staff, their own counselors, and their group-mates. "Picture success" is the mantra at the pool and everywhere else on The Ranch!