

Echo Hill Ranch Review

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Our 57th Anniversary
Summer

Facts About Our

Little Green Valley

- Over 400 acres nestled in the Texas Hill Country
- 2,000 ft elevation above sea level
- Founded in 1953 by Uncle Tom and Min Friedman

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Summer Begins and We Keep Up Our Ecology Program!

After waiting all year, summer is finally here! At Echo Hill we're keeping up our ecology program by recycling all plastic and cardboard. We've also totally stopped using Styrofoam cups and plates and only use compostable paper products. We have closed our landfill dump and along with several other neighbors are putting our trash in dumpsters that are then emptied in the Kerrville Central Recycling

Center. It's fun, good for the land, and helps kids learn to take care of our beautiful little green valley.

Interview: Emily Lawson

By: Daniel Eastman

Camp is full of fun activities, but bumps and bruises are inevitable. When they happen, Emily is right there to fix you up. Emily is a Registered Nurse who completed her degree at Yale University this year. We caught up with her for a few minutes during her busy schedule to ask her a few questions about what it's like in the life of an infirmatory counselor.

Q: How do you like your work?

I love it. It's lots of work, but lots of fun. It feels good to help everyone

stay healthy at camp.

Q: What do you do in your spare time?

(Laughs) Well, there's usually somebody here who needs something. But I do bunkhouse inspections, read, or maybe take a nap. Last night I went on a cook-out and had my 1st Echo Hill burger.

Q: What's inspection like?

If it's clean, it's fun and happy. But if it's not, sometimes I cry. I talk with the counselors about how they can cleanup better.

Q: How do they know if they passed inspection?

I tell Steve [Samet] and he announces them.



Q: How often do you do inspections?

Twice a day. I visit each bunk and check out the cabin, bathroom, and front and back yards.

This Week’s Sermon: The Ranch is Unique

By: Noah Goetz & Will Willenzik

This week’s Torah portion states that everyone is unique. We especially find this here at Echo Hill. Echo Hill is a collaboration of many different people with many different objectives. One person comes to ride horses while another comes to climb hills. But part of what makes Echo Hill so special is that we can understand each other’s uniqueness. No one comes here just to ride horses or climb hills, we

come here to embrace all that Echo Hill offers. Besides the activities, we have relaxation, peace, teamwork, and family. Each person at Echo Hill brings something unique to their bunk and to Echo Hill as a whole. Every bunk has its loud person just as it has the quiet person—all bunks need that balance so we can help each other in different ways. Although we are all different, we are all able to enjoy the

reach and embrace everything it offers. That’s why we should appreciate every activity because every activity is unique.

NEWS FROM THE BUNKHOUSES

Sunflowers (Olivia Golub)

Some Sunflowers helped early in the morning at the corral. We really like horseback riding though because the horses are so big. We also really liked siesta, friendship bracelets, and nature studies. We climbed Echo Hill during free swim and ate supper on top! It has been a fun week.

Bigfoot (Daniel Eastman)

This is my first time at Echo Hill and it has been a blast! My favorite activity so far has been archery because it is so exciting. I’ve made friends with everyone in my bunk as well as lots of other campers. The food is delicious too! We went on a great cookout! We caught a huge fish in the river and threw it back. Then we went on a truck ride all over camp.

“The shortest distance between two points is walking with a good friend”

—Cowboy Saying

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Ranch Officers—Week One
Foreman: Maxwell Singleton, Chloe Lewis
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NEWS FROM THE BUNKHOUSES (Continued)

Happy Hollow (The Whole Bunk)

“Why do you like camp?”

“It’s so fun and exciting, and peaceful” - Macy

“You get to do new things and experience different things. You can also make new friends and have fun” -Abby

“You get to swim, the food is good, and you can ride horses.” - Hannah

“Because you can always make new friends, and check out all the cool games like volleyball and soccer! And especially horseback riding.” -Barry

“You get to hang out with all your friends and make new ones. You can also play games you wouldn’t get to play in the city.” -Cella

“I like making friends!” -Liza

“Because you get to meet new friends and do new activities.” -Mia

“Because it’s fun and you get to ride horses.” -Cathryn

“You get to swim and ride horses.” - Emma

Prairie Dogs (Eli Minsky)

This week at Echo Hill we did archery, swimming, Riflery, water games, and we even climbed the hill. We watched “Homeward Bound” for our movie night, but before the movie we did sports spectacular. We had a lot of fun at the cookout on the second night! We really liked the Echo Hill burgers! All of us that are leaving this week are really sad to go home we are looking forward to coming back next year! Oh, and also we are really excited for HOE-DOWN!

Echo Inn (Elle Zambarano)

So far Echo Inn has been having a GREAT time at camp! A few day ago we went on our first cook out, where we shared burgers and s’mores. Not

only did we have TONS of fun, but we also broke the camp record for marshmallows stuffed in your mouth. Mary stuffed 13 of them in her mouth and said chubby bunny. We all have been having such a great time and can’t wait until our next cook out!

Bronco Busters (Michael Davis)

We had a great marshmallow roast and also a cookout where we made Echo Hill burgers. The Bronco Busters were first up Echo Hill this year, and made it up in less than 11 minutes, and we slid down the face of Echo Hill. We won inspection almost every day and we loved Rosie’s challah!

Range Riders (Andrew Kalmans)

After this one week at camp a lot of new friends have been made. A lot of fun has been had and personal records have been broken. We took a truck to 3-rivers and had a great cookout! We play a lot of Frisbee, baseball and love our hammock.

Wildflowers (Lauren Distler)

Siesta Swim: Saturday, June 27, 2009, 2:30 P.M, fourth day of Echo Hill; Twelve bathing suit-clad girls snuck down to the cool waters of the deep end. Our counselors watched amused, as chicken fights were fought and water wars waged. We danced on the white float, it tipping from side to side as we moved across it. A great time was had by all and a dunk in the cold river water distracted from the boiling heat of a Texas summer day. We can’t wait until my next siesta swim.

Crows Nest (Adam Rosen)

Our bunk went to the south flat for a cookout on Saturday. On the cookout we decided to look for the shack. We started to go up the hill. Halfway up we thought the counselors were lying to us about the shacks but we kept going. When we made it to the top we saw a white saucer-like thing. Then

we saw the shack. We weren’t expecting it to be true, so then we slid down the mountain and went back to the campfire.

Stars (Claire Burrus)

For bunk activity night on the second day of camp we had a dance party on the basketball court. Our counselor, Callie, taught us the single ladies dance and we had a great time. We had a great cookout and love riflery .22.

Spurs (Caleb Kroll)

Being a spur is fun for many reasons. For starters, we can do more than any other bunk because we’re oldest. Also we can do activities that younger bunks can’t do like long range riflery. We do fun stuff like chilling, playing sports, listening to music, ping pong, and we’re looking forward to our backpacking trip.

CIT Boys (Mitchel Cohan)

So far camp has been amazing. Getting off the bus and seeing my old counselors and friends brought a huge smile to my face. Being a CIT is hard but the extra responsibility is rewarding. Our CIT advisors Shawn and Phil are teaching us a lot. We have had an amazing cookout as well as great CIT training with Bigfoot Bunk and activities. I am really excited to be a CIT and know it will only get better.

CIT Girls (Katie Grohe)

Being a CIT is great! Last night we had our first cookout of the session and Zoe and Harley made the best Echo Hill burgers ever. Our new roles at camp are exciting and challenging. Right now we are all thinking of CIT projects to do. Shawn and Phillip ROCK!