

# Echo Hill Ranch Review

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## Our 59th Anniversary Summer

### Facts About Our Little Green Valley

- Over 400 acres nestled in the Texas Hill Country
- Founded in 1953 by Uncle Tom and Min Friedman
- The highest point at Echo Hill is 2093 ft above sea level.
- The coordinate points of Echo Hill are 99 W degrees longitude and 29 N degrees latitude

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## 1st Camp Council of 2011: Playground, Diving Board, Italian Night, and sushi?!

Camp Council representatives from all bunkhouses met with Roger for the first time this summer, on the front porch of the log cabin after lunch on Sunday. Each Council rep talked about what their bunk was enjoying about camp and what chat and changes they would recommend. Lots of great and creative ideas were brought and discussed. The Council is an important source for new programs and fun changes at the ranch, including our children's li-

brary in the Office which was proposed two years ago by the Council. Participants in this week's meeting were: Sarah Horowitz, Kathryn MacLeod, Ellie Zambarano, Anna Rosenbaum, Gabriel Lewis, Zach Willenzik, Harrison McMahan, Avery Jefferson, and Noah Jefferson.

Everyone thought this camp session was going really well and new programs everyone said they liked

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## Special to the Ranch Review: Late Night ECHO RADIO is on the Air!

On FM frequency 103.9, ECHO began broadcasting a late night radio show from 9:30pm to 10pm. The limited power of the broadcast can be received on FM radios on the ranch, but not beyond the hills circling the valley. 1-2-3 How to ECHO Radio Technical Specialist, CIT 2 Sam Feine, who got the broadcast working. The late night broadcast will be a mix of calm mostly country music, live musical performances, interviews, some sports updates and storytelling.

Monday night, June 27th was the first broadcast with Roger as the DJ with special guest David McDonald, who played his guitar and sang two songs, and was interviewed about how he got into songwriting. It was a big hit as older kids stayed in their beds and listened on bunk radios. The show will continue 4-5 nights a week, with different counselors popping on and sharing their various talents. Bring it on!

## 1st Camp Council (Continued)

a lot were: fossil hunts, nature art, and early morning nature study. Everyone was really happy about the 'deeper' deep water, since it was dredged out this spring. Meals that got special kudos were grilled cheese sandwiches, French toast, hot dogs, fried chicken, PB & J sandwiches, spinach lasagna,

spinach/strawberry salad, and the favorite breakfast tacos (can we have them every day?) New ideas introduced included a diving board for the deep end; a playground with swings, a slide, and monkey bars near the soccer field; rope swings into the deep end; a shady cover over the .177 range; a

trampoline; horse or bike races; Italian night; and sushi rolls for lunch sometime! Oh yeah, and the yearly requests for a zip line from the top of Echo Hill to the flag ring were once again discussed then shelves for safety reasons!

### Benny the Dog

By Benny the Dog

*The Ranch has a new dog named Benny. We asked him to take a minute from his busy day to sit down and tell us about his first week at camp.*

Hi I'm Benny. I've lived with the Friedmans for 4 months. I'm the new ranch dawg. The new dawg on campus. I like to chase deer and eat horse doodoo. I also enjoy swimming. I like to cool off in the pond in front of the dining hall, in the shallow end, or just in a puddle of mud. If you see me, Michaela encourages you to take out the sticker burrs that cover my body. I took a manners class in the spring. I didn't do so well, but camp is really teaching me how to get along with others. I run around the ranch all day long, so if you see me, feel free to give me some water. ROOF.



Benny's first year at camp & Jennifer's too!



Big Foot has 'gone fishin' and everyone in the bunk caught a little perch! Those fish were hungry...1-2-3 HOW for Big Foot. What's your fishing secret? Ask McD!

#### Ranch Officers—Week One

- Foreman:** Morgan Rosenbaum and Chloe Lewis
- KP:** Abigail Navon, Ezra Hackler, Adam Rosen and Mitchell Jacobson
- Mail:** Nathan Stein and Debbie Lederman
- Laundry:** Abby Eastman and Austin Beebe
- Librarian:** Noah Jefferson, Jennifer Mitchell and Grace Gailbraith
- Ecology:** Evan Turner and Nathan Stein
- Camp Council:** Anna Rosenbaum, Gabriel Lewis, Kathryn McLeod, Harrison McMahan, Avery Jefferson, Zach Willenzik, Sarah Horwitz, Noah Jefferson

- Executive Editors:** Roger Friedman, Roz Beroza
- Editor:** Anya Rowinsky, Edan Lee Kriss
- Head Reporters:** Jamie Penn and Daylyn Gilbert

# NEWS FROM THE BUNKHOUSES

## Cedars by Adele Beebe

We had a fun cookout. We ate lots of marshmallows. The Cedars and Happy Hollow and Big Foot had a dance party outside the double bunk with flashlights. It was really fun.

## Happy Hollow by Daylyn Gilbert

Last night we had a watermelon scramble in the Shallow Water with butter on the watermelon and we tried to push it into our goal to score a point. When we were done we dropped it on a rock and ate it! It was a lot of fun and we put the shell on our heads and made it a hat.

## Valley View by Mia Clonts

We are excited to be here! We love Benny the dog and the horses! We all love the people in our bunk and bunk activity night was a blast.

## Echo Inn by Jamie Penn

My favorite memory so far from camp was seeing all my friends who live in Austin and Dallas and Taiwan. It was so great to see my long distance friends. It was also fun going back in the lake!!!

## Boleros by Elle Shaw

On bunk activity night the Boleros and the Spurs had a marshmallow roast at Big Foot. A funny part was

that Elle Clonts, Kearie Lee Berry, and Elle Shaw tried to scare the people at the roast. It was a lot of fun. We also went to the Snake Pit. Elle Zambarano and Seth Sugarman made up a story about an armadillo. We had a lot of fun!

## Stars by Natasha Schepps

For bunk activity night, our bunk had a game night. While jamming out to some amazing music, we played a very fun card game. During this time we got to know each other better, making the friendship between our bunkmates much stronger. We ended the night with playing some Frisbee and World Cup with Stevie Jalnos.

## Big Foot by Jennings Wilson

I had fun at archery and soccer. I also had fun skipping rocks at the cookout. I had a great game of ping pong. We're climbing Echo Hill tonight.

## Range Riders by William

Last night for bunk activity we went on a cookout. I brought back two cool rocks I found. The rocks were heavy in my pocket. We had hamburgers for dinner and s'mores for dessert. Instead of hiking back we rode in the

back of the truck and brushed our teeth and took a shower, then went to bed.

## Mustangs by Bryan Sulistiyo

Yesterday night we went marshmallow roasting with Valley View. Everything was great. We've won bunk inspection and generally had a great week. I love camp!

## Crows Nest by Jake Horwitz

The Crows Nest has had a great time the past week. We have all said it feels like we've been here for the past few weeks. Our bunk is into all sports, riflery and archery. Zach Wilenzik and Hunter Smith got perfect bull's eyes and I was the first person on the ranch to get to 20 yards in archery. I got it in 4 rounds. On bunk activity night we got our first cookout of the session. The echo hill burgers were amazing, even though they are from a grill, not a real fire, because of the Burn Ban.

## Spurs by Ezra Hackler

Last night for bunk activity night we went on a marshmallow roast with the Boleros. We swam in the Snake Pit, ate marshmallows, told stories, and had a great time.

## Interviews with New Staff Members

Ranch Reporter Jamie Penn interviews Trevor Brown

JP: How did you hear about Echo Hill?

Trevor: Ben Meador and McD told me about Echo Hill because we are housemates in Austin. Being that I am from Kerrville and they always told me awesome stories about Echo Hill, I had to come and experience the magic for myself.

JP: What do you do on the ranch?

Trevor: I am a waterfront lifeguard and also co-counselor of Big Foot. I

also help with water chores and trash chores.

JP: What are your favorite things about the waterfront?

Trevor: The fact that I get to go swimming every day. And that I get to do a belly flop the other day.

JP: When was the last time you cut your hair?

Trevor: December of 2009.

## 10 facts you didn't know about Trevor

Favorite Color: Echo Hill green

Favorite Veggie: Onion

Favorite Board Game: Definitely NOT monopoly. I like checkers.

Siblings?: Older brother (10 years older) and older sister. I am the baby.

Flap Jacks or Griddle Cakes?: Flap Jacks

Dream Vacation Spot: Bali, Indonesia

DJ or Live Band?: Live Band

Favorite School Subject: History

Bean and Cheese or Potato and Egg?: Double Decker!