

Echo Hill Ranch Review

The Final Round-Up Issue of 2011

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The 60th Anniversary Echo Hill Alumni & Family Reunion will be held July 20-22 2012! Watch for details....



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FUN FACTS :

We served 450 falafels for lunch!

The fossils campers found are 300 Million Years old!.

This was Benny's first year at Echo Hill.

There were 16 sets of siblings this summer.

6 guys were named Ben at camp.

We had 3 new and terrific men counselors: Trevor, Ben Mo., and Jeff.

Most of our women's staff had been Stars together years ago!

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Smokey the Bear's Dance

The Mustang's Fort

Crowsnest Magic

Valley View in the Lion King

The Amazing Boleros Energy

Big Foot gets to Deep End

Wildflowers get to Deep End

Range Riders are ranch!

Echo Inn's Backpackin' Trip

Happy Hollow's Special Song

The Spurs Beautiful Service

The Stars wonderful chorus

The amazing Carnival by all the CITs!

Echo's spirit & playfulness

Benny's love for everyone

Cedar & Shadow get a home

Building the garden...

were about two special people, Sam & McD. Here's Debbie Lederman's Sermon: I chose to talk about Sam Atlas. She is always looking out for all the kids, making sure everything is ok. Once when someone accidentally hit my head with a kayak paddle and my head hurt, she let me in the infirmary and she gave me an ice pack. Sam is very nice and she always helps to make kids feel safe and cared for. I don't know what we would do without Sam at the ranch. She makes the infirmary a welcoming place. We love you Sam! Here's Ezra Hackler's Sermon: For Counselor Appreciation Night, I chose to talk about the all known, McD. He has been my counselor for six of the seven summers I have been Echo Hill, so I know him pretty well. Over the years McD and I have had some really good talks and he has always been a good friend to me. He has told some amazing stories to my bunks and is just a very calm guy to be around. Cont'd on page 4

And the winners of the Honor Patch are...

By: Ben Silberman

In Echo Hill's 59th year of ranchin', three count 'em three, broom bustin', mop floppin', laundry loadin', trash can dumpin' bunks took home the most anticipated award of the session...HONOR PATCH! The gentlemen of the Spurs and Crow's Nest as well as the ladies of Echo Inn were able to come together as bunks to do the dirty work necessary to keep their stompin' grounds clean and Sam the Gatekeeper impressed. These bunks took great pride in their appearance and hygiene and the payoff in the end was well worth the effort. I know from experience that keeping a bunk house clean is no simple task, it takes every individual working together

everyday as a team to win the honor patch . 1-2-3 HOW to: THE SPURS: Ben Brody, Lee Davis, Michael Davis, Ezra Hackler, Nick Kemp, Jonah Levine, Max Hofheinz-Montrioul, Baeren Rubenstein, and Seth Sugerman. THE CROWSNEST: Isaac Ableman, Natty Askanase, Daniel Barona, Jake Horwitz, Jordan Jacobson, Nathan Lederman, Max Schein, Brendan Whyburn and Zach Willenzik. ECHO INN: Emma Ableman, Hallie Bucher, Abby Eastman, Emma Grosser, Liza Kaye, Alissa Levin, Helen Grace Long, Savannah Markman, Jamie Penn, Savannah Zeff.

Counselor Appreciation Night Services

The last Friday Night Service was a time to give appreciation to our counselors. Every bunk presented their counselors with a 'Kudo' Book & the sermons

Letter From the Editor: Banquet Night

By: Brett Samet

As I sit in the dining hall this mournful post camp morning, I can't help but think of the beautiful ceremony we had just two nights ago. Banquet Night is always a heavily anticipated event by every one on the ranch. We all put on our finest whites and make our way to the dining hall; however, what we were welcomed with no one could have anticipated. For the first time in ranch history, every bunk on the entire ranch was a part of the creation of this momentous night. Stars

and Girl CIT's did a wonderful job of their traditional waiting of the tables, and Spurs with their helping to prepare the dining hall. We also saw some new traditions emerge. Some of these activities included boutonniere making for CIT's and Staff, by Big Foot, Range Riders, Happy Hollow, Wild Flowers, Mustangs, Echo Inn, and Valley View. Crow's Nest decorated the walls with some lovely banners, and Boleros created some fantastic center pieces for the event. This

beautifully decorated dining hall helped in enhancing the already beautiful night. As we look forward to a historical year with the 60th anniversary of camp, we witnessed a piece of history already. At the end of Banquet Roger reminded us of all the people who helped make Echo Hill great in the past: Aunt Min & Uncle Tom, Doc and Hilda Phelps, Aunt Joan & Uncle Floyd, Slim and Hattie, Earl Buckelew and Cab Cabiness. Summer is over, but the memories will linger on.....

RANCHERS RECEIVE AWARDS FOR THE SUMMERS THEY'VE

BEEN AT ECHO HILL.....

THIRD YEAR RANCHERS & STAFF RECEIVE PERSONALIZED BELT: Shea Doty, Jamie Penn, Zach Bernstein, Austin Beebe, Liza Kaye, Morgan Rosenbaum, Rachel Evans, Savannah Zeff, Lee Davis, Mitchell Jacobson, Noah Jefferson, Daniel Eastman, , Ellie Zambarano, Michael Davis, Ben Brody, Rosie Bernstein, Elise Eisenberg, Chloe Lewis, Isaac Ableman, Silvia Vaca, Gwen Arriaga, Daniel Bachrach,

FOURTH YEAR RANCHERS RECEIVE A PERSONALIZED PEN SET: Mia Clonts, Hunter Hurst, Savanah Markman, Hallie Bucher, Abby Eastman, Rachel Bucher, Natty Askanase, Max Schein, Brendan Whyburn, Arianna Segal, Kathryn Macleod, Emma Grosser, Gabe Lewis, Emma Singleton, Helen Grace Long

FIFTH YEAR RANCHERS RECEIVE A PERSONALIZED BULLETIN BOARD: Jordan Jacobson, Evan Turner-Mendelovitz, Noah Shaw, Lauren Weinberger, Baeren Rubenstein, Rachel Feine, Jake Horwitz

SIXTH YEAR RANCHERS RECEIVE A PERSONALIZED LEATHER WALLET: Lauren Herman, Sarah Horwitz, Max Hofheinz-Montrioul, Daniel Barona, Seth Sugerman

SEVENTH YEAR RANCHERS RECEIVE A STERLING SILVER ECHO HILL CHARM: Elle Shaw, Elle Clonts, Kearie Lee Berry, Mary Nell Disman, Natasha Schepps, Ezra Hackler.

RANCH OFFICERS FOR THE 4TH WEEK:

Foreman: Remi Clonts and Baeren Rubenstein

KP: Ezra Hackler, Rosie Bernstein, Savannah Zeff, Abigail Navon

Mail: Liza Kaye and Alex Ivey

Laundry: Hunter Hurst and Helen Grace Long

Librarian: Maya Cortez

Ecology: Samara Abrams and Anna Rosenbaum

Camp Council: Samara Abrams, Jennifer Mitchell, Shea Doty, Savannah Zeff, Rachel Feine, Lauren Winberger, Max Hofheinz-Montrioul, Daniel Barona, Elliot Schein, Jimmy Ray .

The Lion King—an Echo Hill adaptation is a Smash Hit!

On Sunday night, July 17th, The Pavilion was transformed into a theatre, and an adapted version of The Lion King was presented. There were rave reviews, much laughter and applause. The Cast and Crew celebrated after the show with ice cream sundaes in the dining hall.

Directors Alex and Gwen worked with the ranchers for only 4 days, and yet the play was fantastic. Lines and songs had to be learned, and choreography had to be worked out. Original animal mask costumes were molded to each cast member's face with the help of Crafts Corral Counselors Michaela, Bess and Nora, and several painted back drops created by the crew, were neatly pulled up and down by pulleys as the scenes changed.

It was an excellent performance and let's give a big 1-2-3 HOW to the Cast and Crew for all their hard work.

THE CAST:

Hunter Hurst—Animal Chorus
Samantha Shipp—Animal Chorus
Brendan Whyburn—Animal Chorus
Abby Navon—Animal Chorus
Debbie Lederman—Animal Chorus
Remi Clonts—Animal Chorus
Rachel Evans—Animal Chorus
Anna Rosenbaum—Animal Chorus
Jenny Mitchell—Animal Chorus
Kathryn MacLeod—Animal Chorus
Hallie Bucher—Animal Chorus
Alissa Levine—Animal Chorus
Sophie Askanase—Animal Chorus
Maya Cortez—Animal Chorus

Jessie Doty—Animal Chorus
Seth Sugerma—Animal Chorus
Micah Bernstein—Animal Chorus
Chloe Lewis—Dancing Animal
Olivia MacLeod—Dancing Animal
Nathan Lederman—Mole
Jamie Penn—Sarafina
Shea Doty—Hyena
Elise Eisenberg—Hyena
Rosie Bernstein—Hyena
Savannah Zeff—Hyena
Max Schein—Rafiki
Emma Grosser—Zazu
Ellz Zambarano—Sarabi
Jonah Levine—Mufasa
Natty Askanase—Timon
Baeren Rubenstein—Pumba
Mia Clonts—Young Nala
Emma Singleton—Older Nala
Jordan Jacob—Scar
Elliot Schein—Cub Simba
Austin Beebe—Young Simba
Zach Willenzik—Older Simba

Crew:

Joseph Dowdall
Hudson Morris
Noah Shaw
Lee Davis
Max Hofheinz—Montrioul
Ben Rosen
Samara Abrams
Corinne Francois

Daylyn Gilbert
Chloe Lewis
Hunter Hurst
Abigail Navon
Hallie Bucher
Abby Eastman
Alissa Levine
Savannah Markman
Rachel Bucher
Lauren Herman
Arianna Segal
Natasha Schepps
Katie Grohe

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE CREW:

Noah Jefferson
Daniel Barona
Jake Horwitz
Adam Rosen
Nina Parafina
Elle Shaw
Sarah Horwitz
Sam Feine
Hannah Luedke
Kevin MacLeod,
Nora Hansel,
Michaela Friedman,
Bess Reisberg,
Jenna Streusand,
Any Rowinsky

**Bunk Song Winner: Happy Hollow
(To the Melody of the Circle Game)**

Weeks ago seems like it was forever,
Since we boarded on that faithful bus.
Tearful when we find that camp is ending,
But cheerful to return each coming year.

CHORUS

And the friendship squeeze goes round and round
And the sun and moon go up and down.
We're walking in the footsteps of past ranchers
We will return to our homes once more,
But our hearts will always stay
In that little green valley in the south land.

CHORUS

The hills watch all the children grow as flowers,
Watered by our Big Foot Wallace Creek.
Words like "when your counselors" makes us happy,
And promises of one day make our dreams.

CHORUS

So the years spin by and the camp is nearly 60
Though this ranch has lost some heroes to the breeze,
There'll be new ones,
Yes the legacy keeps turning,
Before the hills have sang their last green trees.

CHORUS

Ezra Hackler's Sermon, continued from page 1.....

I love how he plays music on his guitar. I enjoyed going with McD on nature hikes when he used to lead nature study. He taught me what it means to "trust your weight" when hiking. With his advice, I am able to climb down mountings easier. McD has been a big part of my experience at Echo Hill and I feel lucky that I have gotten to spend so much time with him. I am happy we are able to take the time to appreciate all of McD's hard work over the years.