

# 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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## 4th of July Bonanza Extravaganza!

America celebrated its 233<sup>rd</sup> birthday in style at Echo Hill Ranch with our annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July pageant. The event was kicked off with a special free swim party featuring Fun on the Flat.



The festivities continued that evening with a classroom of students from the future learning about various important events in America's history including the Civil War, the Boston

Tea Party, Emperor Norton, and the origins of the national flag.

Afterwards, there was a patriotic flag-lowering ceremony complete with a 5-gun salute and a solitary bugle playing "Taps."

## Talent Night

By: Zach Bernstein & Abby Eastman

On Tuesday, July 7th, Echo Hill Ranch held its annual talent night event. The show featured an amazing assortment of musical, juggling, comedy, and gymnastics acts.

The evening ran long because there were so many tal-



ent and old. There was a slight interruption when Schlomo had to stop and eat his bagel.

Overall it was a huge success.

ent acts. All the skits were cool and funny, especially the Soldier Boy part. The hosts were also very

## This Week’s Sermon

**By: Reese Drew & Claire Burrus**

We all know the saying “life is short”, but do we always think about how to fully live out the life that God gave us? We have all been blessed with this gift of life and no matter the length, we should try and make every second worthwhile.

Every time you see your parents, thank them for helping you. Every time you see your friends, let them know how much you enjoy their company. Don’t hold grudges. For-

give, but don’t forget. That is what got you here today. You should never be afraid to do what you love and express yourself, because when you do will find great friendships.

Camp is a great example of this because it’s only 3 or 4 weeks for us but so much happens and we have the time of our lives, because we’re showing our true personalities and sharing this little green valley with friends that we love. We may wish we had longer to be here, but hav-

ing just a small amount of time makes us appreciate the time we have together even more, and brings us closer to each other each year.

We should always remember to live every day like it’s our last, because you never know what might happen. But don’t be afraid to live out your dreams. Echo Hill helps us to find ourselves and prepares us for the obstacles in life.

## NEWS FROM THE BUNKHOUSES

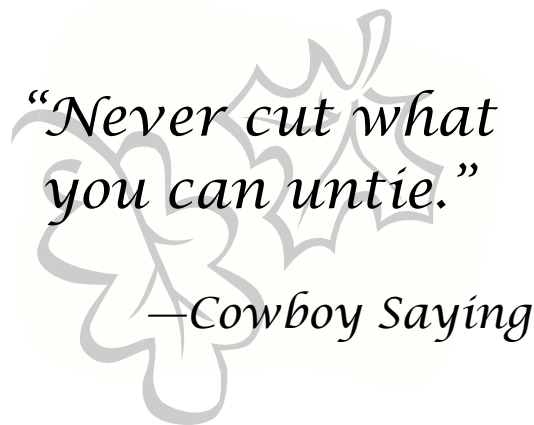
### Sunflowers (Jamie Penn)

Last night the Sunflowers went on a cookout and Nora lit a 1-match fire and it lasted for a long time and we swam and I had my first Echo Hill burger and it was awesome. I had so much fun!

### Prairie Dogs (Zach Bernstein)

In the last few days we’ve been doing a lot of stuff. One, early in the morning we skipped rocks. It was fun. Two, in archery Noah Shaw made a bulls-eye. Now these are the recent things. Last night we had a cookout and I ate my first Echo Hill burger. It was so delicious. The most recent thing is we won honor bunk, it was so exciting. That’s the Prairie Dogs report.

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<b>Ranch Officers—Week Three</b>
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<b>Mail:</b> Kelly Finnerman, Baeren Rubenstein
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## NEWS FROM THE BUNKHOUSES (Continued)

### **Happy Hollow (Abby Eastman)**

This week six one-week campers left and four three-week campers came. We've had a lot of fun especially on Sunday at our cookout. During our cookout we saw a baby fox which made us think of our question. Also, at the 4th of July Deep End Party, our counselor Alicia won the belly flop contest.

### **Echo Inn (Mary Nell Disman)**

Tonight we are having an overnight. We are doing banana boats (Split a banana in half, put chocolate and marshmallow on it, wrap it in tin foil, put it in the fire, then eat it!), red rover and swimming. It's going to be so fun. I can't wait.

### **Bronco Busters (Natty Askanase & Max Schein)**

The master cleaners of the Bronco Busters have the cleanest bunk on the ranch. They plan to keep it that way until banquet night! The honor patch is theirs! If you want it you will have to work harder because the race is on and the Bronco Busters are in the lead! Honor bunk, ho!

### **Range Riders (Baeren Rubenstein)**

I love camp. It's the best with all of the activities like handi-

crafts because you can make friendship bracelets. Also there's archery and riflery .177 and .22, flag football, football, basketball, tennis, volleyball, soccer, and all sort of things but the only thing that makes camp fun is your friends and counselors.

### **Wildflowers (Lauren Weinberger & Emily Whyburn)**

The surprise social was awesome. We all went to the tennis courts after sports spectacular. The truck drove up, playing music. The water was ice-cold. It was very fun.

### **Mavericks (Mitchell Davis)**

This week our bunk got attacked by the Bronco Busters in a shaving cream fight. It was all great until the counselors stopped it, and we had to clean our cabin because it got into our cabin. That fight was so much fun!!

### **Crows Nest (Isaac Roosth)**

Our cookout was fun. We ate burgers. We rode horses and shot guns. Mack has funny jokes. We love our counselors.

### **Stars (Lindy Disman)**

The last few days have been really exciting. We have had an EXTREME hike, an amazing cookout, found a snake and have just been hanging out

with each other. We are all really close!

### **Spurs (Adam Mitchell)**

This week was a lot of fun. We went on an overnight at the far side. Everyone tried to stay up all night but no one could stay up. We also had a surprise social after sports spectacular and dance for about an hour then went to bed.

### **CIT Boys (Stephen Barkan)**

This week of CIT training has been really intense. We have been assigned buddies in the Prairie Dogs and it is really fun hanging with them. Shawn and Phil are doing an amazing job and at one meeting Amanda came and gave us many words of wisdom. She is so wise. Can't wait to make more golden memories.

### **CIT Girls (Ofelia Reisweg)**

Our second week has been action packed! We have really been busy with activities, hanging out with our happy hollow buddies, and having a lot of fun. We have all really been bonding so much as a CIT class and Phil and Shawn continue to rock our worlds.