

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

Confessions of an Echo Hill Actor

By: Emma Singleton

Everyone knows that we had a play on dance and drama night. Everyone knows that we had an awesome cast and crew party (okay, maybe not everybody knew that). But what people don't know is how I was feeling backstage.

My friend (who also happens to be my friend back home, since we go to the same school) Abby, who was playing Captain Sludge, and the head of the Mama Monster (you heard me right, the head, because Lyle was playing the butt, which

meant Abby was sitting on top of his shoulders under a sheet) was giving me a pep talk before the play. "Relax Emma, you're performing in front of your family. We're like brothers and sisters, no one's going to make fun of you. Don't be so nervous."

But I couldn't hide it, I WAS nervous, even though Abby was right. I could feel my dress sticking to my own chest, even though I had goose bumps all along my arms.
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Honor Patch & Bunk Song

By: Brett Samet

The results are in the following bunks have won the proceeding awards for their fantastic songs.

Instant Classic: Crows Nest

Funniest: Mavericks

Best Performance: Happy Hollow

Echo Hill Spirit: Stars

Most Beautiful Lyrics: Bronco Busters

Honor Bunks 2009:

Bronco Busters

&

Stars

1-2-3 How! for all the good work this summer!

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This Week’s Sermon

By: Mary Nell Disman & Sabrina Weinstein

Shabbat Shalom Ranchers!

These past few weeks have been challenging, but great. We have learned to cooperate with each other, and like the saying: Make new friends, but keep the old, one is silver and the other gold. We are thankful for all the friends that Echo Hill has brought us.

But at times we have had arguments. We have four weeks with each other, so why spend them

fighting? Our counselors have taught us to put aside our arguments and differences and make the rest of the summer last. We know that being a family in the bunk is so much more rewarding than competing with each other.

With only a few days left of camp, we must remember all the good times we’ve had and appreciate being away from the city in the hills the surround us and blues

skies above. This land is your land, this land is my land and our memories are blowin’ in the wind. So shake my hand and say “good Shabbos” as the hills and stars watch patiently.

All is well, safely rest. Green Trees ranchers.

NEWS FROM THE BUNKHOUSES

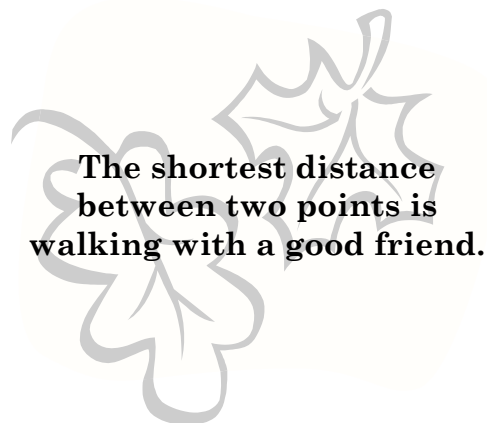
Prairie Dogs (Evan Turner)

I’m sad that it’s the last week of camp, but this session was great. Our bunk has done a lot of fun things like raising the flag, pillow fights, and building our rock fort. Today we had BBQ chicken and it was very messy. I’m going to miss camp a lot.

Green Trees

Sunflowers (Aliya Swanger)

This session has gone by so fast! I can’t believe it’s the end. We’ve done so many wonderful activities from socials to cookouts to overnights and Emily’s Quinceañera. It was so much fun to do the salsa! I can’t wait to come back next year.



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Ranch Officers—Week Four
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Camp Council 2nd Report!

Fruit Bowls and Chapter Books Big Topics at final Council Meeting

The Camp Council had its final meeting for the summer on Sunday, July 19th and the following campers were present: Savannah Zeff, Abby Eastman, Ellie Metni, Max Schein, Natty Askanase, Mitchell Davis, Emma Grosser, Noah Goetz, Baeren Rubenstein, and Natalie Greenberg. Roger led the meeting and Rayne brought us a pitcher of ice water. There was interest in ordering more Lucky Charm cereals in the dining hall, having bowls of fruit available to snack on during the day and after evening programs,

and to bring back coca colas instead of having only PowerAde, Vitamin water, and water bottles for cold drinks after lunch. The rule about having only 1 care package a week was a concern, though everyone admitted that they wouldn't be allowed to have so many sweets at home---but at camp they should! Many Council members wanted us to have a better selection of books in the Camp Library and they mentioned getting chapter books by authors like Judy Blume, Raold Dahl, Louis Sachar, R.L. Stine, Jerry

Spinelli, and of course the Harry Potter series. Finally several Council members brought up that on movie night we should have a 'G' movie for the younger kids and an older movie for the older kids. Someone said the Council is a 'Human Suggestion Box," and we sure got lots of good suggestions for next summer! Thanks to all the Council members for their good ideas and taking the time to make Echo Hill an even better camp!

Thoughts on Friendship

by Natty Askanase

To be a true friend you must:

Never lie to anyone, even if you did something wrong. You should control your anger and never take it out on anyone. Don't get into fights. Don't hurt anyone, and if you do, apologize quickly. Be kind and generous. If they are feeling bad, try to cheer them up. These tips should help you make friends.



Hugs

By Rosie Bernstein

Today at third period, there was an activity called hugs. It was supposed to be a joke, but so many kids showed up that they decided to make an actual activity of it. They went to places on the ranch, and gave hugs to the people there. We gave hugs to Emily, the people in the Annex, we air-hugged Cory, and so many more people. We made the days of so many people. I think that it was the best activity of the entire session!



Summer Reading

Book Reviews by Ranchers for Ranchers

The Devil's Arithmetic was really one of the best books I have read in a while. The ending took me by surprise, and I was literally speechless. I can really relate to the main character in some points in the book. I highly recommend this book.

— Lauren H.

The best book I ever read is the *Gollywhopper Games*. I read it in most of my spare time and out of all the books I read this one is the best.

Throughout the whole book the author tries to mislead you. This is a great book that I recommend to all ages!! READ READ READ!!!!!!

—Rosie Bernstein

I personally don't read that many books, but I can say without a doubt that *Kidnapped* was one of the best books I ever read. Usually I get bored with books that don't grab my attention right away, but with this book I can't say that. *Kidnapped* is a great book for all the adventure book lovers out there. I would totally think about putting this book on your summer reading list.

—Jacob Michel

Confessions of an Echo Hill Actor (con't)

By Emma Singleton

I've been in a play before, I've just never played the lead part. Plus, it was really just one part that I was nervous about. There's one part in the first scene where I'm supposed to sit down, and cry my heart out. Now, during rehearsal, I had sucked at this moment. At first, I tried just laughing into my hands, but Jaclyn told me I wasn't being loud enough when I did that. "You need to get sad," she said. "You also need to be louder. Now, try that again."

So, as you can imagine, I was pretty nervous by the time we had to go on stage. Actually, I was pretty hysterical by then. As I went on the stage, I could feel myself shaking and my heart pounding. Suddenly, the lights went on, and everyone was staring at me. I felt myself freeze, my mind go blank. I could feel numerous eyes staring at me waiting for me to say something. After what seemed like hours, which was probably only a couple of seconds, I actually looked at the faces that were staring at me, and I realized that these were faces I knew and loved. The fear drained out of me, and I felt myself perk up. I realized that I needed to say my line, and let the play continue.

Now everyone says that I did a good job, and I feel proud of myself. I get a few teases here and there, but I don't let that put me down. I feel good about myself, and that's what counts.



NEWS FROM THE BUNKHOUSES (Continued)

Bronco Busters (Isaac Ableman) better than Echo Hill!

This week was very eventful in the Bronco Busters bunk. We got a new counselor, Ben Boral. He's awesome and we're really excited he's here. We went on a mallow roast at the beginning of the week, and Zach Murrmann sang us sailor songs. It's been a great last week.

Happy Hollow (Rosie Bernstein)

It's the last week of camp! The saddest week of the session. Everybody must say goodbye to all of their friends. But Happy Hollow put all of that behind them and got ready to sing on bunk song night. We wrote our song to Hollaback Girl and named it Hollowback Girls! Then most of the girls participated in the rodeo! Maybe some even won! We had an exciting week!

Range Riders (Jacob Wisch)

This week was great, because we had an Echo Hill birthday. We also went to Emily's Quinceñera party. It was great. My bunk is sad because camp is almost over, but good things come to an end sometimes. This is one of the best sessions yet.

Echo Inn (Elise Eisenberg)

This week at Echo Inn thankfully no one had to be sent home. As camp comes closer to its end much has and will be happening. For example, Awards and Banquet nights are coming. People are making memory books and everyone is preparing to pack up. This is what's happening at Echo Inn.

Mavericks (Hunter Blythe)

The Mavericks went to the best cook out ever. We also did salsa and it was very fun. No camp is

Wildflowers (Sarah Horwitz)

I can't believe camp is over! It went by so fast! We had so much fun! The best part was ending it with a good barbeque sauce fight! It was so much fun!

Crows Nest (Joey Grant)

This week we have been having fun. The social was awesome. Although we have lost 3 people due to the flu we have still managed to have a good time. Also the rodeo was awesome. Overall, its been good 4 weeks.

Stars (Samantha Schepps)

This week was amazing for us. We had a great last cook-out and social last night. Camp flew by and we are all going to miss it here so much. Our bunkmates were the best.

Spurs (Stevie Monaghan)

On Saturday the Spurs went on an amazing backpacking trip. We climbed over every hill and saw a lot of cool things on the trip. Also the Spurs did the same trail as the Stars, and Ben Meador said that we took less time to climb the hill than them. Also all the spurs climbed a hill that's not named, but then Ben said that they named it Starry Night Hill. All in all I think it was the best backpacking trip in the world. I know that the whole bunk liked the back packing a lot.

Boy CITs (Harley Graber)

What a week! We wrote the best bunk song ever and I'm pretty sure that we are going to win first place at banquet night! (even though we are a non-competitive ranch camp)

We have all finished our CIT projects and feel really accomplished and that they were really successful. Thanks to Shawn and Phil for all their help.

Girl CITs (Zoe Stanley)

This week was quite a week! Our beautiful CIT advisor Shawn got the flu!! We missed her so much. She had to live in the white trailer until she wasn't contagious anymore and it was such a challenge to be without her guidance and leadership everyday. We are so happy that Shawn's back that we had a dance party around her and hugged her a lot when she got out. Kokey and Ofelia had to go home because of the flu and we really miss them too. We are so happy that Shawn is back she is so great and we love her so much.

Winning Bunk Song Lyrics

Instant Classic: Crows Nest

Some people call us the crows nest-ers. Some call us the ranchers of yore. Some people call me Walter? Cause we speak of Echo Hill lore.

Some people send us letters. Say I'm having a good time, having a good time. Well don't worry momma don't worry. Cause I'm right here, right here, right here at EHR

Chorus: Cause I'm a player. I'm a archer. I'm a shooter, and I'm a painter. Playin soccer in the sun. I'm a climber. I'm a swimmer. I'm a meal time singer. I get my quarters after lunch. OOOOOHHH! (Solo Guitar)

It's the best ranch that I ever did see. I really like the camp, wanna go to activities. I walki, walki, walki, walki, walki, walki, all the time. OOOOH baby I sure have a good time.

Chorus

V2: Slower

V3: Fade Out

Funniest: Mavericks- "Like a Mav" (to Like a Boss)

Louie: So Mr. bachrach, what is the daily life for a Maverick like?

Daniel: Well, It goes a little something like this.

Nathan: Wake up! (like a mav)

James: Be drowsy (like a mav)

Hunter: Go to breakfast (like a mav)

Mickey: Eat French toast (like a mav)

Lyle: Throw it up (like a mav)

Max: Clean the bunk (like a mav)

Sam: Fail inspection (like a mav)

Ben: Go to first (like a mav)

Mitchell: Break some pots (like a mav)

Louie: Study nature (like a mav)

Daniel: Climb the hill (like a mav)

Nathan: Trip on rocks (like a mav)

James: Go to the bunk (like a mav)

Hunter: Double dump (like a mav)

mickey: Do KP (like a mav)

Lyle: Eat lunch (like a mav)

Max: Sponge the table (like a mav)

Sam: Epic fail (like a mav)

Ben: Get a drink (like a mav)

Mitchell: Go to bunk again (like a mav)

Louie: Write this song (like a mav)

Daniel: H.O.P siesta (like a mav)

Talk about squirrels (like a mav)

Write a letter (like a mav)

Go to snack (like a mav)

No more fudge bars (like a mav)

Go to third (like a mav)

Shoot some hoops (like a mav)

Go to free swim (like a mav)

Buddy check (like a mav)

Go to dinner (like a mav)

Go to services (like a mav)

Sing this song (like a mav)

Go to bed (like a mav)

Louie: So everyday, you trip on rocks and fail inspection?

Daniel: Chyeah

Louie: What about the part of breaking pottery?

Daniel: Nope, definitely not me.

Best Performance: Happy Hollow- Hollowback Girls! (to Hollaback Girl)

Uh-huh this our song

All you ranchers put your hands like this

CHORUS:

A few times I've been at this camp
But it's never been as great as this
'cause I'm in Happy Hollow
and we like it here.

I love going to HBR
archery and riflery
'cause I'm in Happy Hollow
and we like it here.

Oooo- this my bunk, this my bunk

Oooo- this my camp, this my camp

Oooo- it's a ranch, it's a ranch

Oooo- it's my ranch, it's my ranch

I really like camp this year leaving it
will bring a tear
People hear us singing at meals getting
everybody pumped up
Ready for a social, gonna get dressed
up, gonna shave our beards, leave the
boys behind

That's right we'll be getting down
Happy Hollow's in the house!

CHORUS:

Cookouts and overnights and nature
pees and marshmallow fights
'cause we're in Happy Hollow
and we like it here.

A few times I've been at this camp
But it's never been as great as this
'cause I'm in Happy Hollow
and we like it here.

Oooo- this my bunk, this my bunk
Oooo- this my camp, this my camp
Oooo- it's a ranch, it's a ranch
Oooo- it's my ranch, it's my ranch

So that's right y'all meet me at bunk 4
Think you have fun? Well we have
more!

Everybody wanna get honor bunk
--Oh wait we really don't care!

So I'm gonna leave my clothes on the
floor
eat food in my bed, can't see the porch
That's right we never had soap
AND NONE OF US GOT THE FLU!

CHORUS:

Every night we have dance parties
put your hand in front, slap your boo-
ties
'cause we're in Happy Hollow
and we like it here

A few times I've been at this camp
But it's never been as great as this
'cause we're in Happy Hollow
We'll dance and you all follow!

Oooo- this my bunk, this my bunk
Oooo- this my camp, this my camp
Oooo- it's a ranch, it's a ranch
Oooo- it's my ranch, it's my ranch

Let me hear y'all say
This camp is a ranch R-A-N-C-H. It's
ranch!
This camp is a ranch camp R-A-N-C-H.
Ranch camp!
We are Happy Hollow H-A-P-P-Y. Hol-
low!
This camp is a ranch R-A-N-C-H. It's
ranch!

CHORUS:

Every year we've had memories
but none of them as golden as these
'cause we ARE Happy Hollow
and we LOVE it here.

A few times I've been at this camp
But it's never been as great as this
'cause we love Happy Hollow
and we love it here.

Oooo- this my bunk, this my bunk
Oooo- this my camp, this my camp
Oooo- it's a ranch, it's a ranch
Oooo- it's my ranch, it's my ranch

HOLLOW OUT!

(walk off with attitude)

Echo Hill Spirit: Stars

Woke up this morning, sun on my
face. Happy to be here, we love this
place. Time for flag, our bunk is rais-
ing. Today's breakfast ta-
cos...Amazing. The ranch...This place
is for me. We clean our bunk, then go
to first. X-treme nature hike, got cov-
ered in dirt. That night at Hoedown,
we sang and we danced. Made memo-
ries forever, we laughed and we
pranced. The Ranch...Green trees
and blue skies. The Ranch...Close
friendships and ties. Friends all
around us, blue skies above. We join
hands together, with people we love.
We're sad camp is ending, we don't
want to go now. Let's give this sum-
mer, a big 123 How.
The Ranch... This burgers on fire.
The Ranch... Zach Prager's on fire.
The Ranch... this stick is on fire.
The Ranch...Best friends brought
together.
The Ranch...We'll love camp forever

Most Beautiful Lyrics: Bronco Busters

Hey little camper, are you at it
again? I heard the TV turn off and
the house door slam.

He's gone to camp, to see his friends,
He won't be back till summer ends.

Bus pulls around, and he steps down,
Sun shines high, his spirit flies.

Yeah his spirit flies as he steps
down, he sees smiling friends all
around.

Say I hope I never go home again, I
love this place thanks to Tom and
Min.

This is the place to make those
friends, Through the smooth times,
the twists and bends.

Now it's 3rd day of camp, maybe 3rd
week, Can't tell'em apart once they
really get going.

They climb Echo Hill, raise the flag,
A sense of pride grows deep inside.

He's going to camp to see his friends,
Won't be back till summer ends.

Say I hope I never go home again,
I love this place thanks to Tom and
Min.

This is the place to make those
friends, Through the smooth times,
the twists, and bends.

Horseback riding is such a ball,
It's never too late to answer that call.

Fried chicken makes him feel just
right, That crispy crunch cast a
bright warm light.

He's gone to camp to see his friends,
He won't be back till summer ends.

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