

# Echo Hill Ranch Review

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Our 58th 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

## Fourth of July Pageant Dazzles Ranch

By Rosie Bernstein



Echo Hill's array of 4th of July activities began at third period with fun on the flat. Activities available to ranchers were kite flying, Frisbee, sand art, tie-dye, apple scramble, face painting, and softball. Things picked up

even further after free swim at flag lowering. The CIT boys deliverance of their bunk yell was followed by a 21-gun salute. It was a solemn

flag lowering, accompanied by Ian

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## The '90s Invade EHR

The first official social of the session kicked into gear as Echo Hillers young and old watched with amazement as the entire camp, donning retro nineties garb, fit under the beautiful, newly remodeled pavilion. DJ Chris and J.C. of N'SYNC joined the audience to MC, tailed by crazed fan Tiffany and her mother, Gloria. Campers enjoyed skits imitating some of the decade's most noteworthy bands. While dancing and jumping was one option at the social, ranchers could also play Bingo to take a break and get a chance to win some fun

prizes. After about an hour, snacks (cinnamon rolls and lemonade) were distributed. After everyone finished eating, dancing recommenced. The social came to a close with the Backstreet Boys' *Love is All I Have to Give* and Deana Carter's *Strawberry Wine*. The social not only served as an exhilarating nostalgia trip for older campers and counselors, but as an opportunity to enlighten younger ranchers of the artistic triumphs produced by pop cultures past. *By Abby Eastman*

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## Fourth of July (Continued)

### Abby Eastman and Emma Singleton

Sugerman playing Taps on the trumpet. Evening program featured a very important guest, who came to learn a little bit of American History: Future President Evan Mitzner. Every bunk taught their fellow ranchers, counselors, and Mitzner’s presidential cabinet about American history

through skits both funny and serious, covering well-known American events ranging from the American Revolution to Woodstock. Bunkhouses sang several patriotic songs. Delicious cake was baked by Rosie in the kitchen, and decorated by Rosie Bernstein, Baeren Rubenstein, Max Schein, Abby

Eastman, Savannah Markman, Savannah Zeff, Harley Graber, and Joaquin Moore. The night drew to a close with another rendition of *Taps* on the trumpet....fabulous fireworks that we all watched from the tennis court and friendship circles. It was a 4th of July to remember!

### All-Girls Cookout: Inside an Echo Hill Tradition

By Rosie Bernstein

After a fun-filled game of red rover, Echo Hill Ranch’s girls sat down on the tarp to enjoy homemade Echo Hill Burgers. Girls in older bunks were given an opportunity to bond with and get to know girls in younger bunks. Following our meal, we were split into groups to perform skits led by CIT girls Samantha, Melanie, Lena, and Lindy. We performed what we thought counselors did during orientation, what the horses think, and what EHR will be like in 2045. Following the presentations we had S'MORES! We cleaned up and had one big all-girls friendship circle. The evening was brought to a close with our walk back from the South Flat, during which we discussed the wonderful experience we enjoyed that night.

*“Most men pursue pleasure with such breathless haste that they hurry past it.”*

—Soren Kierkegaard

*Friday night’s sermon, delivered by Rachel Bucher and Savannah Markman, was a poignant reminder that young and old campers always have fresh, exciting things to experience at Echo Hill.*

#### Ranch Officers—Week Two

**Foreman:** Helen Grace Long, Daniel Barona  
**KP:** Rachel Evans, Jamie Penn, Hallie Bucher, Adam Rosen  
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**Laundry:** Savannah Markman, Mitchell Davis  
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# NEWS FROM THE BUNKHOUSES (Continued)

## Cedars (Sophie Askanase)

I love horseback riding with my bunk. Jesse James is my favorite horse. Everyone had a lot of fun. We played Red Light Green Light with our horses to practice starting and stopping. That was my second time. We love horseback!

## Mustangs (Natty Askanase)

The first day of camp was really exciting! A camper in our bunk named Sam brought giant marshmallows for us to eat. We managed to eat all of them. Our bunk tied the Range Riders in soccer. We were the Cowboys and they were the Eagles. I made a goal where the goalie caught the kick and dropped it into the goal. In archery, Isaac Ableman got to 20 yards and made 6 pins. I made one pin on the 15. All in all, it was a fun week.

## Bronco Busters (Daniel Eastman)

The bunk really likes riflery, including loading and shooting. We climbed up Mount Baldy—it was the hardest climb we have done so far. It can be hard here, but that's part of the fun.

## Range Riders (Jake Horwitz)

This week the Range Riders have had a great time. We had 90s night where people dress up in 90s clothing. Some people in our bunk danced with girls. Activities we've had are swimming, archery, drama games, soccer, and riflery. At swimming we've been working on freestyle. At archery, Zach, Nathan, Noah, and Jordan are on 15 yards, Brendan and Daniel are on 20 yards, and Jake is on 30 yards. At soccer one time we played against the Mustangs. At riflery our bunk is shooting well. We've had a lot of rain here but it all paid off because we got \*fireworks\* on the 4th of July. We also did a skit on the moon landing. The next day at nature study we climbed Mount Baldy. We tried to make a bigger rock stack than the mavericks, but ours col-

lapsed. We've had a great time at camp. We hope the greatness lasts.

## Valley View (Abby Eastman)

This week Valley View got six new campers. Now we're the biggest bunk. We've had some leaks in our bunk and a flood, but the leaks have been fixed. The rain both has and hasn't been fun. It's stopped us from doing HBR, but we'll do it again. Our bunk had a bunch of care packages and has ate almost all the food. We went on a nature hike to the blackberry bushes and got a bunch of delicious blackberries. So far camp has been good and we can't wait for more.

## Mavericks (Baeren Rubenstein)

This week at camp my bunk went on a cookout in the rain. We ate burgers off a grill instead of a pan, and it was tasty. We told stories by the campfire. For the Fourth of July we helped President Mitzner learn about Earth Day. We had a siesta swim and our very strong counselors played Marco Polo with us. We're all very excited for Hoedown.

## Wildflowers (Rosie Bernstein)

The Wildflowers consists of 11 sisters. That's the only way to describe us. We are truly a bunk of sisters. The 3-weekers came on Wednesday. June 30th. We love going to activities as a bunk together. We love going to activities together. We especially enjoy playing the newly established activity of Minute to Win it. We even (sort of) enjoyed the rain, because it gave us an opportunity to bond while making friendship bracelets. Our three counselors, Rosie, Sarah, and Liz, all make sure camp is our home away from home. Making up our dance to Barbie Girl for the '90s Social and our 4th of July skit about the Boston Tea Party gave us a chance to put our heads together and exchange ideas. We have already had a great time, and we have so many

amazing things to look forward to. Watch out, because here come the WILDflowers!

## Boleros (Sofia Michaelides)

This week was a lot of fun. We had a few dance parties. Everyone took turns being DJ so we got a little taste of all kinds of music, from Aretha Franklin to Rihanna! The dance party continued during Bunkhouse cleanup as we made cleaning fun with a few dance moves. Altogether, this week was a good one.

## Stars (Lauren Distler)

This week the Stars were joined by two new campers, one of which, Tamar, is brand new to the little green valley. Despite, or perhaps because of the rain, we all had lots of fun at activities such as long-range riflery, handicrafts, and charcoal drawings. We had a blast at our first social and our first cookout of the session. However, my personal favorite part of the week was bonding with my bunkmates, new and old.

## Spurs (Mickey Maher)

On Wednesday, the three-weekers arrived at Echo Hill. On my first night here I experienced a dance party, which was interesting enough. So far we've been to archery, HBR, and handicrafts. Also, on July fourth, because of all the recent rain it wasn't too dry to have some fireworks this year, for the first time since my first year, 2005. This week, we also had Eco-skit Night. On this night we all come up with different skits that show how we could help protect the environment.

## A Hike to Remember

by Lauren Hoffman

I don't think we, as a bunk, had ever been this excited. We were going on our very first backpacking trip! As we packed up and said our goodbyes, we couldn't contain ourselves. We knew this was going to be an amazing trip. Or so we thought. As Ben Meador led us through the trees, and Natasha Schepps entertained us with her singing of "Ding, Fries are Done!" from Family Guy, we were laughing and having a good time. But, when we got up to Mount Min, we could see huge rain clouds coming towards us. So, we decided it would be better to just camp out on Min, instead of continuing. We set up our tents and unloaded, when out of nowhere it started raining. After setting up a tarp-tent to cover us, it stopped! "Thanks Mother Nature," we all thought. To cheer us up, Ben decided to take us on a hike. Sadly, that hike didn't go too well, due to everyone slipping and it possibly being the steepest, most extreme hike ever. So, we decided to head back. When we got to the camp site, we decided to start up dinner. And of course the minute

our one-match fire was up and burning, it started to pour. While some girls went in their tents, and others hid under the safety of the tarp, Cassidy Kaye, Beth Grant, and I stayed with the fire. We were determined to keep this fire burning. So, with the shirts off our backs and a lot of teamwork, we held the shirts over the fire and kept a blazing fire going for two hours in torrential downpour. Thankfully, when it was time to quit with the fire, counselors had made us all dinner with little gas stoves. Best meal I've ever had. Though all of this sounds horrible, it was so much fun, with us giggling and singing the entire time. But in the end, it was sad, due to us not getting to stay and having to hike back, wet and tired. Thankfully, the rain had stopped, but it was still a difficult hike back, with slippery rocks and a dark path. It took us about an hour to get back to the main road, the entire way spent talking. When we got back to the bunk, we were exhausted, but excited. We all finally had a grand story to tell in Echo Hill History.

## Ode to Ice Cream

By Olivia Meyers

Oh Ice cream

Oh Ice cream I love  
you so much you're  
the World beyond my  
World. you taste like  
heaven. you are my  
favorite thing ever.

If you were gone

I would weep.



# Fourth of July Pageant

*In order of performance*

Flag Lowering: CIT I Boys

21 Gun Salute: Jackie, Alex, Cory, Ben S., Evan M., Mike D., Edan;

Performance of *Taps* on trumpet: Ian Sugerman

*Star Spangled Banner*: Hannah Luedke, Claire Burrus, Lauren Distler, Mikayla Herman

American Revolution: Bronco Busters

*God Bless the USA*: Mitchell Jacobson, Alex Ivey, Evan Mendelovitz. Guitar accompaniment by Jake Roberson

Boston Tea Party: Wildflowers

Lewis and Clark: Mustangs

*Fifty Nifty United States*: Elle Zambarano, Mary Kathryn Charles, Rachel Feine

Civil War: Valley View

Emancipation Proclamation: Stars

*The General*: Stars

Industrial Revolution: Boleros

*America the Beautiful*: Valley View

Roaring Twenties: Cedars

*God Bless America*: Emma Singleton

Space Race: Spurs

*When I Come Around*: Spurs

Earth Day/Environmental Movement: Mavericks

*One Tin Soldier*: Stars

Moon Landing: Range Riders

Woodstock: CIT Is

*Purple Haze*: Vocals- Alex Atlas, Guitar: Aaron Pomerantz

**Masters of Ceremonies**: 'President Mitzner,' Presidential Advisors: Maxie and Edan

**Program Coordinator**: Sarah Magelky

**Music Coordinators**: Jake, Gwen, and Kevin

**Logistics**: Steve and Kevin **Fireworks**: Chuck, Katie, Brett, Cory

## The Art Gallery

