



BEST WEEK EVER



Dear Camp Family,

Welcome to the final issue of the 12-week-long Best Week Ever program. We are thrilled at the positive response, and are happy to announce the newsletter will continue on a monthly basis. We hope that this continues to be a fun way to engage with camp, and more importantly play as a family. Please continue to share what you enjoy about the Best Week Ever! We hope you will share videos, photos, and thoughts on our social media.

We look forward to continuing to connect through our monthly publication, Here We Go Online, and Joy Delivered. Plus, be on the lookout for Virtual Camper Reunions!

Here We Go!



Sterling Nell Leija
Executive Camp Director

Here We Go

turn **YOUR** world
around!



CAREGIVER'S CORNER

As summer settles upon us, now is a great time to explore the nature, animals, gardening and more! As time flies by, be sure to make time for some summer fun. Here are some great ideas of ways to enjoy the summer while socially distancing.

-  → Grow your own vegetables! Do you know how to regrow lettuce from the grocery store? Or how to bring back green onions? [Consider exploring some of these small container gardening ideas.](#)
-  → [Take a virtual tour of a zoo!](#) We just love the flamingos at the San Diego Zoo!
-  → Love the stars and outer space? [Learn more about NASA through NASA Live!](#)
-  → [Explore previous issues of the Best Week Ever Newsletter.](#) Share them with family and friends!

BEST DAY EVER

Who's ready for the best day ever?

Every day at Roundup River Ranch is the best day ever! To kick off the day, our campers gather first thing in the morning! We sing songs, dance, tell jokes, and recite fun quotes. Click on each section below to start off your Best Day Ever. **Don't forget - you can't camp sing or dance wrong!**



"You're off to great places. Today is your first day! Your mountain is waiting, so get on the way!"

- Dr. Seuss



This game allows us to draw and share the positive events from the past weeks.

DRAW AND TELL

CLICK HERE FOR GAME INSTRUCTIONS! >



This is one of our favorite camp songs...

STARS IN THE SKY

CLICK HERE FOR LYRICS >



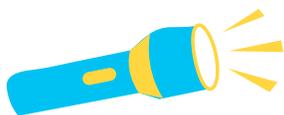
I fly without wings, and cry without eyes. What am I?



Why did the student eat their homework?

Riddle of the Day Answer: Clouds
Joke of the Day Answer: Because the teacher said it was a piece of cake!

DO YOU LOVE THE BEST WEEK EVER?
YES, YES, YES, WE LOVE IT!



CLICK HERE TO RE-EXPERIENCE ALL PAST ISSUES!





CAMP ACTIVITIES

ASTRONOMY

The night sky is full of stars, more than we could count. They have played important parts in our history, from the north star Polaris helping sailors travel at night, to the creation of constellations. **Stars also play an important role at camp!**



[CLICK HERE TO GET STARTED LEARNING ABOUT THE NIGHT SKY!](#)

CLOSING CEREMONY PREP

On the final night of camp, we gather in the Cookhouse to celebrate the wonderful week we've had together. Each cabin shares what their week looked like to the rest of camp! In today's activity, we'll have you work with the people around you to share what the last several weeks have looked like for all of you.



[CLICK HERE TO GET STARTED PREPPING FOR YOUR OWN CLOSING CEREMONY!](#)

P.S. We want to see our incredible camper families! Share pictures of your family participating in this week's activities on Facebook and Instagram. Be sure to tag us using [@RoundupRiverRanch](#) and [#BestWeekEver](#) so we can see!

PICK-IT! WEB OF KINDNESS

At camp, one of the ways we celebrate everything we've done throughout the session is through the web of kindness. We bring out a large hoop, and for each celebration someone shares about them, about others, about the kindness they saw during the week - we pass yarn to the other side of the hoop in order to make a web. This web serves as a collection of everyone's thoughts and celebrations - and you can do the same thing at home with the people around you!

[CLICK HERE FOR INSTRUCTIONS.](#)



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Camp is a great place to foster connection and community. While we are all spending more time at home, we know that you can start conversations, make connections, and build community right where you are! Here are a few conversation starters and small group activities you can use with your family and friends around you. Roundup River Ranch uses curriculum from Sanford Harmony to support our Community Connections social and emotional resources. Sanford Harmony is a social-emotional learning program designed to foster communication, connection, and develop kids into compassionate and caring adults.



What is your favorite thing from the Best Week Ever newsletter these last several weeks?



What is something you've learned in the last two months and how has it changed you?



What is a wish you can make for yourself? Someone else? Everyone who goes to Roundup River Ranch?

Candle Chat is a reflective activity that happens at the end of each day. This activity provides a space for campers to share their thoughts and feelings while being heard and valued. Candle Chat promotes bonding between members of a cabin and provides opportunities to reflect on individual and group accomplishments. We want to give you the opportunity to have a Candle Chat with the cabin group you are with right now... your family!

CANDLE CHAT

WHAT IS YOUR WISH AND WHAT WILL YOU DO TO HELP IT COME TRUE?

If you'd like to share your answer with us or submit a question idea for next week's Candle Chat, [click here!](#)



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