

# THE CAMPER

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Summer Director

Dear campers, family, and friends,

Week 4 of 2015 has passed and been added to the wonderful history of Camp Notre Dame! I know we will certainly look back at Week 4 as one of the most memorable weeks of our summer! I hope that our week at camp reminds you to appreciate 'smallness' in all of its forms and to grow in community, faith, and fun! We thank Fr. Shane for celebrating Mass with us on a beautiful day in the Cathedral. Adam's Best Big Event Ever had us racing against (or with time) to finally end Chicken Pox. We had a great time at programs, tracking down Bubbles, being big brothers and sisters, singing, laughing, and having an all around amazing time! We loved our meals with Theresa and Paula in the Dining Hall and a great week with volunteers, visitors, and staff. May our memories from the week stay with us whether they were from the pond, Fr. Larry's Frontier, the Cool Pool, in Archery, or any of our beautiful areas of camp! So from the desk of the Summer Director my task for you; to bring what you love about camp to the world and bring yourselves back next summer!

Peace, a baby Shark, and Blessings,  
Joel

From the RAC desk,

Week 4 is now in the books and it has been a constant adventure for everyone! We had some great times, and some even greater times! We learned how to love one another, and how to be patient with one another. Most of all, we were able to see Christ in one another throughout the week.

Spread God's love always!  
Michelle

From the Desk of the Assistant Director:

GOOOOOD EVENING CAAMPPEERRRSSS!!!!

I hope that everyone had a wonderful week here at CND! We certainly had a fun filled week full of long lasting memories. A special thank you to our staff for creating programs and caring for every camper this week to their full ability. Our campers had the opportunity to participate in awesome programs created by our specialty staff. At one of our newer program areas, Father Larry's Frontier, our campers made their very own pickles with Amanda. I heard from many they were delicious! At Nature Crafts our campers learned how to make maracas from our Spanish counselors, Irene. At outdoor nature Stacey taught us all about invasive species in the work and even in our own backyard. We were really thankful for Corban at the cool pool this week when the sun was shining bright. On Wednesday we had a camp wide BIG EVENT followed by a massive dance party! Overall, our campers and staff created a week to remember. I will leave you with a beautiful quote, "Where there is no love, put love. And there you will find it." -St. John

All of my love,  
Ally Vorsheck

# CABIN REPORTS

## Broken Arrow

To my ladies of Broken Arrow,

What a wonderful week we had! On Sunday night I could tell it was going to be a fantastic week! From gymnastics to amazing Bubbles hunts with Chris, this was a week I will never forget. Kiersten, Bae-lyn, you impressed me all week with your awesome gymnastics moves! Josie and Kathleen, you two totally rocked it at The Ropes Course with Ron this week. Bella and McKenna, you two were wonderful helpers this week. Thank you so much for everything you did—you're amazing! Ava, you got so muddy on the hike and who could forget how much you loved ninja! Kiersten, my bunny whisperer, you really loved beading and I want to say thanks again for my bracelet and necklace! Last but certainly not least Aleciya and Alysa, I am so happy you two got to experience camp together in a cabin as sisters. Thank you girls again for a great week and making my first Broken Arrow a memorable one!

Love,

Rachael (and Larry the fanny pack)

## Circle B

Circle B

This week for circle b had its ups and downs. All in all, it was a good week. Lots of laughter and even more energy. Tommy, you are so fun to be around. And I could see from day one how excited you were to make the transition from Kids Kamp to the big leagues. Keenan and Chase, I almost lost track of you guys on the mud hike because you blended in with the mud so much. I did not see an inch of skin on either of you. Scott was easily one of the most adorable little kids I have ever seen and was always cracking a smile. On day one Aiden H. sat in front of the door waiting eagerly for his best friend Logan to arrive and were inseparable since. Same with Charlie and Aidan C. Throughout the whole week I don't think I saw Nick not smiling. Bobby, you were the bomb at night guard. Not a flinch out of you. Owen, seeing you play the birdie in a cup game at Father Larry's Frontier was making me laugh so hard my stomach hurt. And last but not least, Nasiem, I'm gonna miss you. You were pretty rambunctious but it was all in good spirit. I'm going to miss all of you guys and I hope you had a memorable week. Have a great summer!!! :)

Jake



# CABIN REPORTS

T-T

Dear ladies of T-Bar-T,

This week has been unbelievable! Olivia, you were such a joy to have this week. I loved your P.J.s. When I'm done with camp, I'm going to buy them. Thank you for always volunteering. It made things easy for me. Michelle, I loved all your fun facts about Indians. You truly knew what you were talking about. Alyssa E. and Coco, you two are so sweet and helpful. Thank you for always being understanding. I loved hearing you guys read at night. Also, thank you for always volunteering to be waiters. You two helped a lot by just doing that. Kylie, you were quiet in the beginning of the week, but you opened up and you are so smart. Zavajannay (Nay-Na) for being so little you were full of energy. I loved your hugs. Micaia, I knew you were willing to try anything including touching all the animals at The Nature Lodge. You were always smiling and laughing. Janissa, I'm so happy you opened up with the cabin and made some pretty cool friends. Thank you for always trying things even if you were scared. I'm glad you overcame some of your fears. T-Bar-T ladies, I was beyond blessed to have each and every single one of you in my cabin. We made so many memories in just one week. The mud hike was great. I loved that I couldn't tell or even see any of you because of all the mud on you all. The dance was pretty cool. Everyone had some wicked P.J.s. The scavenger hunt is also something I won't forget. I can go on forever, I'm going to really miss everyone! I can't wait to see you all next year! Have a good summer and a blessed year.

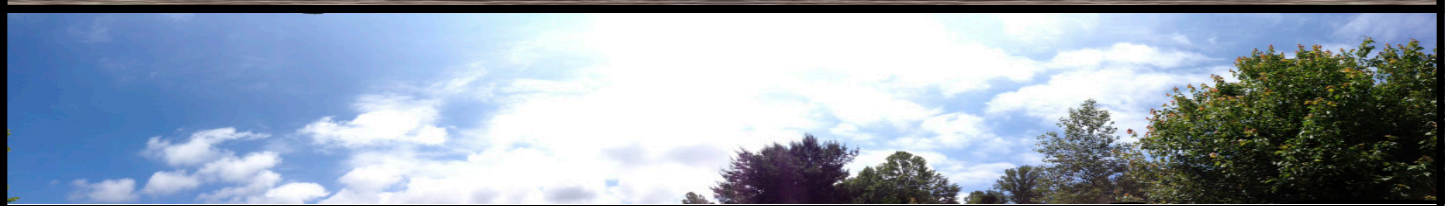
Love always,  
Janet.

Crooked Creek

Dear the boys of Crooked Creek,

It has been an amazing week. I really enjoyed spending time with all of you. Real bonds formed this week between friends. It's great thinking of all the memories we made this week. Our cabin talk in the garden. All the time we spent on the blacktop. How we were the biggest cabin. The pool on that cold Wednesday. The awesome bed time stories. Roasting marshmallows on the fire. The awesome tractor rides. Playing capture the flag with Longhorn. The cabin song at meals. All the dancing we did at the Big Event. This has been a week for the history books. Camp Notre Dame will remember you guys.

Sincerely,  
A.J.



# CABIN REPORTS

Diamond Bar

Dear Diamond Bar,

Thank you for being such an amazing group, for being my biggest cabin so far you worked together so well! The momentum of the week built up so much that I could feel the adrenalin change from Sunday until Friday and the rush of energy was insane. Bella and Maddie, you two were inseparable all week and there was never a dull moment when I was with you. Olivia, you definitely killed it on that mud hike and won the “muddiest girl” award. Catherine I hope your first week at camp was all you ever wanted, and for your first time boating you were a pro. Isabel, so proud of how well you did at archery and for catching a fish in the last few minutes of fishing! Meghan, you loved the pool so much I could mistake you for a mermaid, you were a big help for us during capture the flag. Sophie and Robynn you two danced your butts off during the Wednesday night dance. Z'arya, you brought so much spunk to the cabin. I loved how much you got into the activities at outdoor nature. Maggie and Jane, you two rocked the minute to win it games at archery. Overall, this week was definitely all that I had hoped it would be and more. Hope you all have a good rest of your summer, remember to spread the love of camp to the world!

Love, lots of water, and mud hikes,  
Caroline (:



# CABIN REPORTS

Longhorn

Hello Longhorn!

From playing “Statues” to “Mafia,” from capture the flag to the “Dining Hall Jams” this week has been a blast! I’ve seen a lot of awesome stuff from you guys! Connor, I’m really happy with how you were always helping out the waiters—I appreciate it a lot. Charlie, you rocked being the Mafia—way to win the game! Lance, I enjoyed your enthusiasm and imagination when it came to activities. Ben, you also got so excited about everything you were doing, and that was great to see. Thomas, it was awesome to see you get into The Nature Lodge games and be helpful more than once. Speaking of The Nature Lodge, I was so happy to see you so excited about getting to hold the animals, Logan! Garret, I’m so happy you enjoyed the pool and “Statues” so much, and Braeden, I remember way back on Sunday when you volunteered to sit out during the football game to let someone else in. I’m really proud of you for that. Santino, you were really fun to be around all week—I enjoyed your smile and your willingness to have fun. Nick, you were my rock all week—always being ready to travel from programs to program and for being such an awesome listener. Will, you were just so fantastic at coming up with creative answers to the name games and for being motivational to the rest of the cabin. Last, but not least: Peyton, of all of us, you had the greatest sense of wonder and awe when it came to being involved and learning new things. That is truly a gift. I am proud of all of you and I hope that all of you have a wonderful rest of your summer!

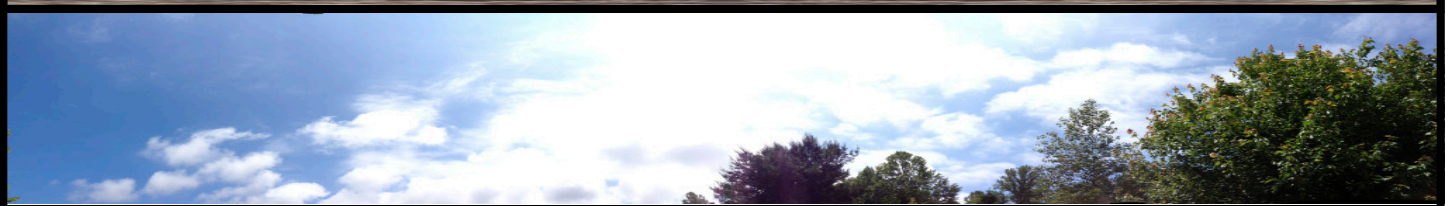
Peace to you,  
Nate

RP 10

Dear RP Tenders,

You girls are wonderful, thank you for an amazing week full of laughter and fun! We danced in the rain, beat Lazy S in pool capture the flag, and covered ourselves in paint or mud whenever we an opportunity. We went to wilderness, blindfolded, made a trail, and then retraced our steps. We made pickles at Fr. Larry’s Frontier, shot arrows like Katniss at Archery, and ate lots of snacks! We went on a scavenger hunt that led us to a piñata, survived the mud hike, and danced the night away on Wednesday night! Everyone conquered the Tension Traverse and Fidget Ladder at The Ropes Course! Ariel, Bacon, Cinderella, Duck, Emu, Flounder, Grismal, Hello, Isolated, Jasmine, Katniss, and Lollipop! Great job this week!

-Erica



# CABIN REPORTS

Lazy S

Lazy S

We may have stayed in Lazy S this week, but it turns out we weren't so lazy. The energy was high almost everywhere we went. Seeing Ryan, Cameron, and Hayden laugh at Nature Crafts made me laugh myself. And it was so exciting that Cayden lost his tooth the first day! Andrew Martin did a great job holding Tilly at The Nature Lodge. Christian, Gabe, and Josh has an extremely fun time on the Amazon hike (mission). Ben definitely improved his skills at archery. And one of the big highlights was when Connor and Andrew Burton helped Frankel be courageous and go boating. All in all, this week was the opposite of lazy.

-Nathan DelMaramo

RP 11

Dear RP11

To all of my girls in Ranger Post 11 week 4, I would to say thank you. As I have told you so many times this week you were all so perfect and I feel like we had a fantastic week. I loved seeing all of you take part in every single activity this week. I was able to make some amazing memories and I hope you did too. Monday was a little slow for us but after we went to Ropes I think we started to break the ice a little. We were all cheering when Calleigh was the first person to finish the maze Ron created and I feel like that was when our week really started. Tuesday was a strong day for us. We started at Target where both Amanda and Chloe were able to hit their targets all three times. Next we had an adventure at Boating but first we had to answer some riddles and boy were we lucky that Ainsely and Christie were there to help us because those girls were on fire. To continue our day we went in the pool and I loved how Emily and Julianna were always so excited to go in and the first to go completely under water while encouraging others to join them. As our day progressed we eventually made it to fishing and we were all very excited and impressed when Gabby caught the only fish for our cabin. Also, in my opinion, the best part of spending all the time with the girls is seeing the improvement throughout the week. Both Andie and Evelan made me so proud when we returned to archery because they were happy to notice their own improvement. I had an amazing week with all of you and you girls are honestly the best cabin I could ever hope for.

Nikki



# CABIN REPORTS

Single Spur

Dear Single Spur,

It's been a great week fellas. Each one of you contributed to the fun and excitement of the week. G and Connor showed us how to shoot archery with skill. Jacob, Dylan, and Patrick were amazing at moss. You guys didn't flinch at anything. Mason and Joe got the muddiest on our hike. Joe also taught us its not a good idea to try and use mud as a slip and slide. Kyle and Alex were the two that were always smiling and kept the whole cabin's spirits up. Roman at Nature Crafts created a pet rock who we brought around everywhere. Nathaniel was the first to catch a fish. He made fishing look simple. We had some awesome and crazy experiences like being chased by a swarm of bees. Twice!! All together we had a wonderful and memorable week. I will remember you guys forever!

Thanks for making this week awesome!!

Sam "Chris"

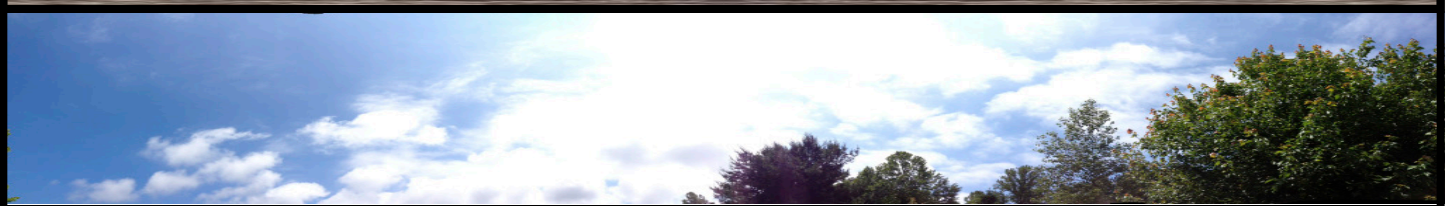
RP 12

Dear RP12 ladies,

What a spectacular week! We had so much fun this week and I'm so glad I got to meet all of you . Abbey, you were so cool at wilderness and playing "Night Guard" this week. I've never seen anyone whistle like that without moving. That was awesome! Georgia, you did a great job balancing the cup of water during the relay at fishing! You were definitely the MVP of the relay race. Emma, it was lovely to see how much fun you had at Target. You were so good and hit the target every time! Lily, you were like a magnet at the Frontier during the games. Everyone always picked you! Not to mention, the bunnies loved you! Julia, it was crazy to see how much fun you had this week at The Nature Lodge. You were so good with all the different animals; it was phenomenal. Johanna, you were a bracelet-making star this week! You're very talented and it was cool to see the bracelet take shape Tyra, we were all so impressed when you managed to finish The Tension Traverse at The Ropes Course! It was awesome to cheer you on and see you go all the way to the end. Hanna, how cool was it when you caught that snapping turtle at fishing?! You're just so good at fishing and it was a lot of fun. Nya, you're always the life of the party! You're so upbeat and cheerful and I'm so happy you could be in my cabin again! Laurynn, you were so good at bringing the entire cabin together as a team. It was wonderful to see how muddy you got on the hike and you really made the hike an exciting experience. I couldn't have asked for a better group of girls to spend my week with. I hope you all come back next year so I can see you again!

I love you all!

Jackie S.



# CABIN REPORTS

Double Z

Dear Gentlemen of Double Z,

What a week we had. You guys definitely had a ton of fun this week. Hunter, you were crushing it at Archery on Thursday. Andrew, your enthusiasm for camp and life is infectious! Patrick, you have boundless energy. That's awesome, and don't let anyone tell you otherwise! Sam and Larell, you guys were great at Amanda's jumping game at the Frontier. Allan, everyone loved all your stories. Ian, you never stopped having fun. I hope your first year was a great one! Zack, thanks for all your help this week. Colton and Logan, you guys were awesome at Moss. Jon, thanks for being helpful as a writer. All in all, I think we had a great week. We had some challenges, but we made it through as a cabin. I hope you can take some of what you learned here and use it in life. Have a great year, and I hope to see you all next summer!

-Aidan

