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Summer Director

Dear family, friends, and campers,

Week 7 of 2015 was a fantastic week! We made some awesome memories, shared some wonderful community and helped end Summer 2015 with a resounding thumbs up! Here are camp we are happy and proud to say that Week 7 was one of the finest in CND history. We learned about finding joy here at camp so that we can share it in our community, schools, homes, and churches. Thanks for settling the confusion with Zorkie Tree during Big Event (now future campers will be able to participate in all the Zorkie Day Glory for years to come)! We thank Fr. Mark for celebrating Mass and sharing a Cook Out meal! We had a great time at programs, on our amazing Hikes, on the Pond, tractor riding, on the blacktop, in the sun, at our campfires and Camp Outs, singing, and having an all-around amazing time! We loved our meals with Theresa, Paula, and Mary in the Dining Hall! Our memories will most definitely fill us with joyful and happy thoughts until next summer. So from the official clipboard of CND my task for you is; to bring what you love about camp to the world and bring yourselves back next summer!

Peace, a Waldeoughtcha, and Blessings,
Joel

From the RAC desk,

Dear friends of Camp Notre Dame:

Week 7 was a tremendous week for everyone. I saw so many campers and staff learn new things about faith and God, and also so many of us were able to grow spiritually and as a camp. I was really blessed to have the position of Religious Activities Coordinator, and I was so happy to be in that position. The theme of the week was 'Joy', and I can assure you that it was a beautifully joy-filled week. From the programs to Mass, joy was present all around us. I told each of the campers that they have the choice to be joyful, no matter whatever is going on around them in their lives, and it is my hope and prayer that each one of us can have joy in our lives. May God bless you, and have a wonderful rest of your summer!

Peace, Nate

From the Desk of the Assistant Director:

Dearest campers,

It is hard to believe that our week and summer have come to an end. We definitely went out with a bang this week! Our campers and staff have had a wonderful week filled with so many memories that will last a lifetime. Our campers had a blast this week with Sam and that Nature Lodge racing our tortoises. At the Frontier, Emily taught us all how to square dance. Jack taught us all about birds that live in our areas. Overall our specialty staff helped make this a week to remember. As we close camp for the summer and I reflect on these past seven weeks one word comes to mind; love. Camp Notre Dame is a place where love is created, shared, received and given. There are not many places like this left. I hope that you all take a little piece of love you got here at camp and share it with the world. Thank you campers, staff, families, volunteers and many more for making this an unforgettable summer! I can't wait to see you all again next year. So long farewell to you my friend, goodbye for now until we meet again :)

All of my love,
Ally
Assistant Director, Summer 2015

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Broken Arrow

Dear Broken Sparrow,

We had an awesome week! At the pool, we learned how to use pants as a flotation device, and that's how I got my nickname: "Erica, will you be my pants?" We went canoeing, caught fish at fishing, shot BB guns at target, tie-dyed a cabin flag with squirt guns, and shot arrows at archery. At night we had "Bully shows," we sang Fight Song and a lot of T-Swift!! We won Honor Cabin for being neat and clean, so we got to raise the flag! We had a tortoise race and held some cool animals in the nature lodge, went gem mining at Fr. Larry's Frontier, and made paper mache lanterns at nature crafts. We found Mr. Fuzzy the caterpillar at the pool and Mr. Rockybobbyjobob, our pet rock, under a tree. We released a snake named Mr. Iggy and we survived our campout at the Tree Village. Thank you for being so much fun!!

Sincerely,
Erica (Pants)

Circle B

Circle B,

You have shared a week with me that I will never forget. Thank you for that. I will truly never forget any of you. You were my first Circle B and I could not have asked for a better group of guys. We had so much fun all week at everything from Fishing and Boating to Target and Archery. We can't for-get things like the dance—you guys are party animals!—and the awesome hike. I have never seen a muddier group! I will miss all of you and I hope to see you all again next year.

Forever your friend,
Matt



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T-T,

Dear T-T,

From hiking to swimming to tractor riding, we did so many activities, and we had such an awesome week together at CND! Ana, you were so talented at target. I can't believe you shot two balloons at our very first program. Alexa and Lydia, you two really enjoyed the ropes course, and completing all the elements the second time was really fun! Stella, thank you so much for all of the cool hairstyles and braids this week! Emily and Lauren, you two were inseparable this week, and I'm so happy both of you had fun roasting marshmallows on our campout. Sydney and Ashley, I'm glad you guys enjoyed all of the animals in the nature lodge, especially Dusty the fluffy bunny. Marin, you had a blast at boating at Jade's ultimate frisbee program. Eva G and Maren, your lanterns that we made with Cait at nature crafts were really cool! And finally Eva D, aka Mushroom, you impressed everyone with your fishing skills and all of your daddy long leg friends. Thank you all for such a great week, and enjoy the rest of your summer!

Love,

Amanda

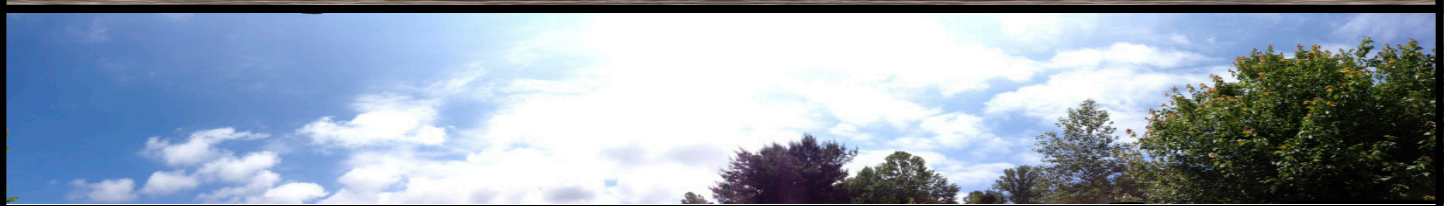
Crooked Creek

Dear Crooked Creek,

This week has been amazing for not only myself, but for you too, which is the whole point and my goal for this week. The Wonder Twins, Alex and Brady: I have never seen siblings build each other up and support each other as much as you two did. Ryan and Chris, you two are so great. When we were cleaning for honor cabin, you two were the most help. JJ and Michael, you two were quiet, but you would never say no to having fun and you never gave up on the Ropes Course! Chuck and Zack, you two were awesome all week. Peyton and Sam, both of you are super random and goofy and that's great. Finally, Mitchell and Ray, you two say whatever is on your minds and it was always funny; keep it up. It was fun being with you guys and I hope to see you all next year! Shokrun ("thank you" in Arabic) for the amazing week.

Love,

Ron



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Diamond Bar

Dear Diamond Bar Ladies,

Thank you for the most AMAZING week! I couldn't have asked for a better cabin for Week 7! The first few hours I could already tell that I had the best cabin. By Monday, I knew each and every one of you were special in your own unique way. When we went to the Nature Lodge, Sydney screamed so loud I could barely hear for the rest of the day! I have never laughed so hard! Tuesday and Wednesday were also incredible. The race at the pool was so funny. I'm still smiling over the fact that we beat the record by 2 minutes! Nature Crafts was so hilarious with all the paint all over us! The dance and the Big Event were also things we really enjoyed. I loved seeing everyone get out of their comfort zone! The mud hike was soooooo muddy. Thursday and Friday went SO fast! The memories we have created as a whole will last me a lifetime. Every single one of you holds a special place in my heart. Thank you so much for making my last year at camp an amazing one.

Love,

Janet

Longhorn

Longhorn,

This has been an absolutely fantastic final week at camp this summer and that is all because of you. I was so glad to know that Nick enjoyed the camp out. Isaac always kept everyone laughing. We all had a great time at the pool--there Ian showed kindness to our sister cabin and Toby was able to really start having fun even though he felt a little sick. Michael and Joseph really got into the papier-mâché at nature crafts. It was awesome when Connor Pierce showed us his dance moves at Fr. Larry's Frontier. It was great when Josh helped his friend get into dancing at the party. I was also glad to know that Alex had fun during the Big Event. Charlie did a great job holding the hamster at the nature lodge, and Connor Moritz and Jacob really got into the tortoises races. It's been so wonderful to get to know you guys this week. Here's hoping that the memories you've made here at camp this week will stick with you forever.

Peace and God bless.

Nathan



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Lazy S

Dearest Lazy S,

Well, Week 7 is in the books, and oh, what a week it was. We had some crazy adventures, from tearing up the pool basketball court to fun times with Single Spur at campout. Mason, you were lights out at target. Tom, I'm glad that you love camp as much as you love golf. Michael, I'm so proud that you held a snake this week! Glenn, for a first-timer, you had one great time at CND. Evan: seeing everyone cheer for you at the ropes course really warmed my heart. Jack B., I always saw a smile on your face! Jack F., your bucket hat brought an unprecedented amount of swag to Lazy S. Eli, I got two words for you: King Bob! Danny, I'm glad you climbed aboard the hype train for Zorkie Day. Noah, you had so much fun at the pool! Will, your mind game solving skills blow my mind! Gavin, your love for Tilly is rivaled only by Chris's. Gentlemen, I know that this week brought you laughs and fun. But above all else, I hope that it taught you to bring joy into your lives and into the lives of others. And if you ever get down, just throw a Lazy S nay-nay and remember our smiles from this week.

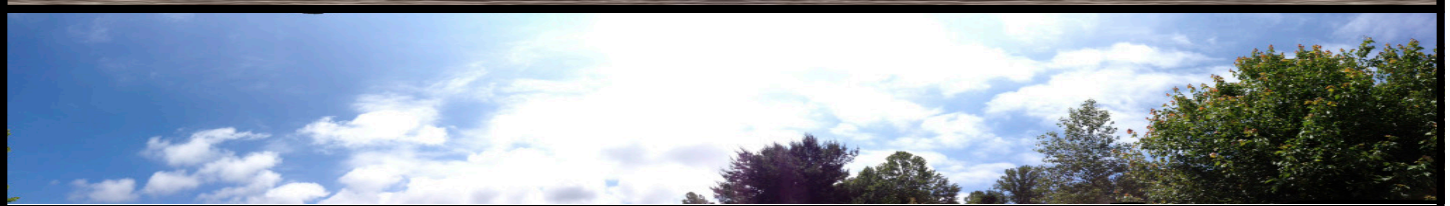
Love, peace and rock on,
Corban

Single Spur

Dear Single Spur,

You guys have definitely been one of my better and most fun cabins I've had here at CND. To start off, Harry, you are hilarious. You always made me laugh with your jokes and how you reached those two times. Nathan, seeing you at the Nature Lodge was the best. That day and the rest of the week, your laugh was contagious. JJ, you killed it at archery. Luke, thanks for being a trooper after a tough first night. Isaac and Noah, you guys were a little shy at first, but as the week went on, you opened up and became the coolest dudes. Nevan, you were the last one to get here on Sunday but always the first to participate in every activity. Sam and Drew, I know this was your first years at camp, but if you hadn't told me I never would have known. Andrew, you are the nicest kid I've ever met. So polite and your parents should be very proud. Kyle, I don't think I ever saw you without a smile on your face throughout the week. Last but not least, Tyler, you remind me so much of myself when I was a kid, and you're going to grow up to be a great man of society. I wanna thank you guys for giving me a week I'll remember my entire life. Don't reach, young bloods. Have a great summer.

Jake



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RP 10

Ladies of RP 10,

What a great week we've had. I feel so blessed to have each and every one of you in my cabin this week. We made so many great memories together that we will cherish for a lifetime. Ava, your archery skills were amazing; you always left me impressed. Maria, your smile always brightened my day, and it was so cool to get to see you experience camp for the first time. Taite, your outgoing personality was always welcome and you were so good with the animals at the nature lodge. Emma, you were the first camper I met this week, and I knew from the second I saw you we were going to have a great cabin. Margaret, we were so glad to have you back this week. You were so fun to have in our cabin. Anna, your interest in theology at Religious Activities amazed me; never lose that spark. Ella, your photographs were beautiful; you have a very artistic eye. Lydia, you are such a firecracker. You have the best sense of humor and such a fun personality. Caelyn, I'm so glad I got to know you this week. You were so good with the snakes at the nature lodge. Melanie, you have such a great mind. Never lose that thirst for knowledge. Last but not least, Tia, you are so funny. I loved talking to you and watching you have fun at all the programs this week. It's been a stellar week ladies, and I hope to see you all next year.

Your mermaid,
Sarah

RP 11

Dear Lovely Ladies of RP 11,

I have had so much fun with you girls this week! You all worked so well together and made this week memorable. Laura and Caitlyn showed me their awesome origami skills right before Outdoor Nature. Nya was so enthusiastic and always ready to try something new. Caroline, Liz and Megan showed us their really cool secret handshake and always new how to make the cabin laugh. Morgan was always helpful and willing to lend everyone a hand throughout the week. Corin knows how to draw amazing pictures, which always impressed me. Abby was so sneaky when she was "It" during gotcha. Avery and Alexa showed us some sweet moves at the dance and sang their hearts out. Halle and Ellie got the muddiest on the mud hike and got everyone to sing to High School Musical. Vega found a walnut during the hike and named it Shelly. She cared for the walnut for the rest of the week, which was hilarious. You all made this week special and I hope to see you all back next year!

Love,
Lexie



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RP 12

Dear Lovely Ladies of RP 12,

Wow, what an amazing week. I'm so happy we had the opportunity to meet each other and do so many things this week. I had a blast at every activity, but my favorite times were when I got to watch you guys bond as a cabin. I loved our nighttime hike to the beach for the sunset, and it was so funny to watch you go crazy at Swamp Ball. Your energy all week was off the charts, and so was the volume of our voices when we sang while walking from place to place. I wasn't even mad at you for staying up all night farting at the Tree Village. It was funny. With that, I hope you all had a week to remember,

Love you girls!
Elizabeth

Double Z

Dear Double Z Boys,

It has been an amazing week, and I think we have made amazing memories. I saw many friendships form this week. I know we will all remember: Santiago Martinez, when we won honor cabin on the first day, when I gave you a 5 minute nap time, when we pigged out after the hike, all the stuff we found on the Walnut Creek hike (including a note inside a bottle), when patrol didn't have to tell you to be quiet, and the fun times we had playing mafia. I know we will never forget the story of Jamar the magical chicken nugget. This has been an amazing week at camp. I am grateful that I got to know all of you.

Sincerely,
AJ

