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RAWHIDE TRAIL RIVALRY ERUPTS

Early Monday mornin', before the rest of the south was stirrin', a motley band of masked cowpokes saddled up to head for the Rawhide Trail. They'd heard rumor of a precious parcel of prosperous property, the "Cayenne Valley," up for auction after the passing of the late owner, "Texas Pete" Lindsey (made famous by his infamous hot sauce.) Aimin' to raise the most cattle to sell for beef bucks and bid for the purchase of the land, it seems that one blue Crazy Cowboy, Trailboss Michael Schaedel,

had challenged his red Rowdy Rancher pal, Trailboss Jared Rush to a contest. They rounded up the very toughest, bravest, and cleanest of their pals to risk everything and stake their claim to the land. The competition launched with a flurry on the Chuckwagon pastures

with Stockyard Scramble. Prairie Pictionary helped to hone the cowpokes' rusty social abilities: we had a crash course in western' vocabulary, learned that Ian Santiago is the most popular kid in the youth group, and that a number of cowhands need to more thoroughly read their trail guides (ahem.) Drover Drenchin' gave Madeline Brazeal, Ashley Moffitt, Peter Labadorf, Jonathan West, and others a wet head when their answers failed to meet the stated requirements. With dawn, more competing over the coveted herds for auction will ensue. Stay tuned...



THE WEATHER'S
LOOKIN'...

High of 76°
Sun's up! But prob'ly a thunderstorm. Hope ya brought yer slicker.



EVENIN' TRAIL MEETIN' REPORT

Pastor Joel Huffstutler gave an earnest introduction to our theme, "Live in the Fear of the Lord Always." From Proverbs 23:15-19, he challenged us to not be related to God as slaves to sin, but as *sons* in an affectionate reverence, bending to God's law in an earnest desire to please Him. The fear of the Lord is to be the thing we most covet! With these things in mind, Pastor Joel asked us to examine ourselves: are we wise in our heart? Are we pleasing our parents? Are our lips speaking what is right? Are we expecting eternal reward? Are we listening to Scriptural wisdom?





On the trail to the Cayenne Valley

Some minor injuries reported on the journey: Kyle Moffitt got a bloody nose wrestlin' those dogies (...or playing catch at a rest stop.) Isaac Vincent lent a hand to his brother, Trail Boss Asher, who ended up gently using it as a window stop. And a pit stop high-falutin' coffee machine ate Marshall-Pastor Rush's travel mug but shared an over abundance of coffee with the Marshall and a number of campers.

Meanwhile, Daniel Doyel brought 7 fishing poles, a net and 2 bricks to camp. (Apparently it takes a lot for him to catch a fish.) Lydia Andrews isn't interested in fishing, but she wins the prize for most-adapting napper: on the floor in the aisle of the bus. When asked if many other girls slept on the bus, Donna Boyd chirped: "Are you kidding? We haven't seen each other since February. We TALKED."



What are you most looking forward to this week?

Carl Yount: Ummmmmm....everything?

Jeremiah Keck: Fishing.

Camp Cookie staff **Sophia Vincent:** SEEING PEOPLE!

Rebekah Reyes: I am really excited about all this spiritual encouragement. I really am! We get this all week??

Sven Loeffler: Well, I've never been here before, so ... I don't know yet.

Dr. Dan Dahlhausen: A week with *healthy* teens and other believers!

Pastor Huffstutler: I'm really looking forward to spending time with everyone here!



"Who's Who" of Packin' fer the West

Madeline Brazeal brought a whole wagonload of parcels but gets some points for being able to gracefully drag it all to her cabin without a packmule.

After all of the luggage-locatin', one tiny little bag remained with the bus driver.

"Boy, do these girls pack light," he chuckled and winked.

Credits to Joy Andrews for distracting the driver with her tiny bag while the rest of the girls miraculously stored half of South Carolina into 4 cabins.

Andrew Sanders managed to bring himself...despite a fractured tibia. Kudos.