



Buenos Aires Community Center

Summer Camp Kids head to Mustang Island State Park

The Buenos Aires Community Center camp kids were treated to a day long trip to Mustang Island. Everyone arrived very early on Friday, July 17, 2009 ready to take part in an adventure. All the children were dressed in their white Buenos Aires Community Center t-shirts with their names on them, while staff wore orange t-shirts. Each staff leader was in charge of chaperoning 5-children. As each child boarded the bus, they were given a complimentary goodie bag which was donated by Commissioner Jerry Garza. It was a special treat they were able to enjoy during the ride to Mustang Island. A movie was also shown during the ride. Our first stop upon arriving to Mustang Island was the beach. An informational lecture was given by one of the Park Rangers in charge of the island. They learned a lot about the different aspects of the island as well as the different kinds of sea shells. Afterwards, the kids were taken to the beach where they were able to soak their feet in the ocean and play in the sand. After our visit to the beach, the children were taken to Whataburger on Shoreline Blvd., for lunch. Everyone enjoyed a delicious burger along with fries and a nice cold drink. After lunch, we proceeded to continue our journey to the Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History. The kids enjoyed a self-guided tour and were able to see many different things during the time they were there. One of the groups even enjoyed making a doll using "tamale" leaves. After the tour, the kids were given some free time to buy souvenirs for their friends and family back home. Our last stop was Mr. Gatti's Pizza where everyone enjoyed the pizza buffet and some fun and games. The ride back was fun-filled as well as everyone signed each other's t-shirts to keep as a memento of their trip to Mustang Island. Thank you to Mr. Juan Vargas of Economic Development and his staff for making this trip possible.



Kid's at Mustang Island State Park

Wrestlers invade Buenos Aires Community Center



During our week-long summer camp the kids were treated to many different events and special guests. One that took center stage were a team of Laredo Wrestlers. The wrestlers put on a spectacular show. Each child was given a folder which included the wrestlers autographs and a picture with them in it. Thank you to De Anda Promotions for bringing this great group of young wrestlers to the center.

Special Points of Interest

- Mustang Island Trip
- Wrestlers Visit Buenos Aires
- Quote of the Month
- Special Tips for Road Trips



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Quote of the Month

“Tears are the Summer Showers to the Soul”

Alfred Austin

4 ways to make road trips fun for kids

- **Do a Little Prep Work:** Download books from free websites. Fill your iPod or theirs with kids' audio books and games. This is an imaginative way to pass the hours.
- **Unplug, at Least Part of the Way:** Passing the hours without being “plugged” in (referring to game boys, DVD players, cell phones etc.) is a challenge, but it's worth it. A great conversation starter is “KidChat”; which includes questions such as “What trait about yourself are you most proud of?” You can really learn a lot about each other. Car rides are one of the few chances you have to spend time together without distractions, take advantage of them.
- **Invite them to Document the Journey:** Give your kids disposable cameras and ask them to take photos of whatever catches their eye, then invent stories about the places or people. Also keep a journal with everyone adding entries as you go. This will be a great souvenir.
- **Get out and Stretch:** Take advantage of the rest areas and not just when someone needs a bathroom break. Bring a ball or Frisbee along to expend some energy.

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