

The Shampoo High Girls  
at  
**Camp Run-a-muck**

The sign hung over the entrance of the camp and boldly states “Welcome To Camp Run-a-muck”. Then someone wrote in chalk under the sign “where minds are lost as well as campers.” Some of the campers are from Shampoo High School (Niceley, Nebraska). They have been sent to this camp as a reward by their school for their good grades, service projects, and their athletic accomplishments of the last year. Their parents think it is a great opportunity for the girls to spend some quality time, relaxing and enjoying the two weeks right after school ends for the summer. Also many of the parents went on a school sponsored trip to Portugal, to study raisin growing for two weeks.

The Shampoo High School classmates were rewarded for two activities that were completed in the last school year. Those assigned to Toad Cabin collected 3,624 pounds of food in 10 days for a local food bank drive. Those assigned to Lizard Cabin were on a team of students that picked up miles of trash along the road leading into town, and using a matching fund from the County, planted 600 small trees and spread 308 pounds of wild flower seeds between the trees.

When they got to camp, they were told that the real reason for the girls being at camp is that the camp is going to be closed next year if the Board of Directors cannot solve the problem of the ghost sightings. The camp closure has been dictated by the State Environmental Agency. They had many complaints from local inhabitants that the ghosts are being disturbed by the girls at the camp. You are some of the best in the school at problem solving.

Eight girls were selected to come to the camp to help with the problem. There were two Junior Counselors assigned to the two cabins. They are not from your school, but are College girls. The camp director has all the compassion of one of the tennis balls that she always carry in her hand. If you don’t pay attention she throws it at you. Rumor has it that she was an Officer in the Chilean Paratroopers. Most of the girls are sure that she was the one who was in charge of throwing the recruits out of the plane if they didn’t want to jump. Her name is Octavia Rodney. The girls call her Octopus and Sour Puss, but not to her face. None of the campers know how old she is or how long she has been the director.

Camp Run-a-muck (Nearly, Nebraska) offers swimming, volley ball, tennis, lawn bowling, hiking, archery, basketball, golf, singing around the camp fire, kite flying, conservation projects in the camp area (Camp Run-a-muck has 415 acres), rock climbing, a hi-tech computer laboratory, and beautiful scenery.

Right from the first things started to disappear. Each set of two cabins is set apart from all the others by at least 200 yards. Someone in your Cabins must be the prankster/thief that has been “borrowing”.

One mile East of Camp Run-a-muck is a rival girls camp, Camp Where-the-heck-are-we. This is a camp for girls that also gives make-up classes much like a summer school. You feel that they are a bunch of rowdy girls. They are very envious of the girls at Camp Run-a-muck, feeling that they are eating too good, sleeping in too nice of cabins, and don’t work as hard as they do. Also located nearby on the lake is a boys camp - Camp Porky Pine.

The pride of Camp Run-a-muck is a midget horse who is your mascot. The horse ( named “Archie”) is 25 years old and has been the mascot since it was rescued from wild dogs as a pony. It was nursed back to life and brings good luck to all the campers. There have been no deaths or serious injuries since “Archie” arrived. He loves to be fed carrots and fresh fruit by the girls. Now he has not been seen for the past 2 days!

During the game, you should look for clues that help you solve the following questions:

- \*\* Did someone really steal “Archie” and if so, who and why?
- \*\* Is there really a ghost or ghosts at the camp?
- \*\* If there are ghosts, what can you do to help solve the problem and keep Camp Run-a-muck open for future years of campers?
- \*\* Who is responsible for the items missing from the girl’s cabins?