



Tam's Front Porch Ponderings
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My sister and I recently helped a friend move. The clue as to how successful we were is in those first four words—my sister and I! I figured I had a truck; I had Beth; what else did I need? Oh, I might need that tarp from the garage

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and...let's see, a hammer! I don't know why I was compelled to grab the hammer but I did. What I should have grabbed was some rope or at least the duct tape!

All I needed to load up was a mattress and box springs; head board, foot board and side rails; corner desk; and a floor lamp and we could be on our way, simple right?!? Beth guided me as I backed up to the door and it was then that it began to drizzle. Here's where the tarp would come in handy. Beth helped me unroll it and we tried to cover the bed of the truck for the mattress and springs to lay on. We unrolled and unrolled and unrolled AND unrolled, well you get the picture, until finally Beth

asked, "Did you bring a tarp or a Slip and Slide?" Little did I know that I'd loaded Corky's sixty foot tarp. "Leaves us plenty to cover the furniture up with", I yelled over the rattling sound of folded plastic. Dodging the floor lamp, we managed to get the mattress and springs loaded, next we'd slip the bed in between them and be ready to go. Not so fast!

Back inside, I moved the floor lamp out of the way, AGAIN, and I grabbed the side rail to pull the bed apart. It wouldn't move! Upon closer inspection I saw it was put together with an Allen wrench. I checked the truck's toolbox and returned with two but they were the wrong size. "Now what?" I said

out loud. "Let's just run over to Wal-Mart and get one, it's only a couple of blocks", Beth suggested. Turning to go, I bumped the lamp and nearly squished the shade, but I caught it in time and moved it inside the empty closet. Before we could go for tools there was the mattress and springs already in the truck, hmmm, nothing left to do but unload them. We left them sitting against the building and headed to Wal-Mart but passed Lowe's on the way. I figured it would be quicker to check out at Lowe's and we were in and out in no time with two different sets, surely one of them would work. Back at the house, we managed to get the bed apart, reload the mattress and box springs, load the headboard and footboard and everything else we needed to.

The only remaining task was to tie everything down and head out. Oh foot! Where was that floor lamp? I headed back in to remove it from the closet. We carefully loaded it in the back, wedged safely between the mattress and springs but that left us with the job of juggling the lamp shade in the cab of the truck. We'd deal with that later but for now, whew...it was freezing cold out and I was pouring the sweat, I was more than ready to be on the road.

We began the task of covering everything with the tarp and soon discovered we had lots and lots of leftover material to deal with! We tried shoving it in the tailgate and around the toolbox, and UNDER the toolbox and over the mattress AGAIN but still it was hanging out of the bed of the truck. We were laughing so hard at the mess I'd managed to get us in, that we weren't

quite sure what to do with the remaining tarp. I pulled a huge ratchet strap from the toolbox and starting balling up the tarp and cinching it. All was going well until I got the ratchet tangled! Beth took over and started just tying the strap, pulling it as tight as she could.

We pulled onto Man-of-War and crept along until we saw how our load was going to ride. Careful not to smooch the lamp shade, we both kept a close eye on the tarp and hadn't gone far at all when we noticed it had become a huge parachute. The wind had whipped the 'extra' tarp out of the truck and we were beginning to trail the make-shift Slip and Slide along behind us. I swerved into a shopping mall area and found a Family Dollar where I promptly purchased three, fifty foot bundles of nylon rope and a package of zip ties. With the lamp shade carefully perched in the cab, Beth and I climbed all over that truck, zip tied everything we could and wrapped everything else with the nylon rope and started out again.

By then we were starving and I slipped through Burger King's drive-thru

for a couple of Whoppers. You should have seen us trying to eat, drive, keep an eye on the tarp and balance that stupid lamp shade! At one point, Beth gave up and just wore it awhile as a hat! We made it as far as Old 25 and I felt very uneasy about hitting the Interstate with my load, (and my sister wearing a lamp shade hat!) so we quickly made the decision to take the back roads.

Four hours after our journey began, we reached our destination. Again Beth guided me as I backed the truck up to the door and we began the daunting task of unloading everything. Careful not to get the lamp shade dirty, we gingerly laid it on a table on the porch. We had just gotten everything out of the truck and the lamp re-assembled, complete with bulb, shade and finial in place, when the friend arrived that we were helping. "How's that?" I asked, fairly pleased with our job.

"That's great", said the friend, "but why did you bring that lamp? It doesn't belong to me...it's my roommate's."

Arrggghhh!!!

ESTILL COUNTY SCHOOLS MENUS

Milk is included with every meal; plus assorted juices included with breakfast

MONDAY January 12	TUESDAY January 13	WEDNESDAY January 14	THURSDAY January 15	FRIDAY January 16
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SOUTH IRVINE BREAKFAST

Mini Cinni Rolls Apple, Juice	Toast, Cereal Grapes, Juice	Pancake Porky Syrup, Applesauce	Funnel Cake Blueberries, Juice	Muffins, Juice Pineapples
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SOUTH IRVINE LUNCHES

Chicken Pattie/Bun Mashed Potatoes Baked Beans Applesauce Milk	Pepperoni Pizza Corn Normandy Blend Veggies Apple, Milk	Chili, Crackers Grilled Cheese Sandwich Carrots/Dip Fresh Oranges	Bosco Sticks Marinara Sauce Romaine Salad Glazed Carrots Fruit Cocktail	Hamburger/Bun Potato Wedges Lettuce & Tomato Pork & Beans Pears
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ESTILL SPRINGS BREAKFAST

Mini Cinni Rolls Apple, Juice	Toast, Cereal Grapes, Juice	Pancake Porky Syrup, Applesauce	Funnel Cake Blueberries, Juice	Muffins, Juice Pineapples
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WEST IRVINE BREAKFAST

Mini Cinni Rolls Apple, Juice	Toast, Cereal Grapes, Juice	Pancake Porky Syrup, Applesauce	Funnel Cake Blueberries, Juice	Choc. or Cinn. Muffin Pineapples, Juice
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ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Mini Maple Waffles Lucky Charms Cereal Apple Juice Milk	Toast w/Jelly Cinnamon Toast Crunchor Scooby Doo Cereal Peaches Strawberry Pop Tart	Biscuit w/Gravy or Trix Cereal Brown Sugar Cinnamon Pop Tart Applesauce Juice and Milk	Reese Puff Cereal Frosted Flakes Cereal Strawberry Pop Tart Fresh Pears Juice & Milk	Blueberry or Banana Muffin or Raisin Bran Cereal Brown Sugar Cinnamon Pop Tart Pineapple Tidbits
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ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH

Chicken Pattie or Mr. Rib on Bun Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Apple	Pepperoni Pizza or Chili Cheese Wrap Steamed Broccoli Corn Pineapple Grapes	Hamburger or Deli Turkey on Bun Potato Wedges Lettuce & Tomato Peaches Strawberry Cup	Chili & Crackers Grilled Cheese Sand., Carrot Sticks Broccoli & Cauliflower Bits, Oranges, WG Cookie	Taco or Chicken Fajita w/Shell Let./Tom. & Cheese Refried Beans Salsa, Pineapples Fresh Oranges
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ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Trix Cereal Cocoa or Reese Puffs, Pop Tarts Cereal Barnes Raspberry Rainbow Cherry Yogurt Apples & Oranges	Lucky Charms Cereal, Fruit Loops Pop Tarts, Apples Maple Waffles Cereal Bars, Orange Strawberry Banana or Cherry Yogurt	Frosted Flakes Cinnamon Toast Crunch, Pop Tarts Cereal Barnes Sunrise Hot Bread Strawberry Banana or Raspberry Yogurt	Honeynut Cheerios Trix Cereal Pop Tarts Chicken Biscuit Chocolate or Banana Muffin Apples & Oranges	Ap. Cinn. Cheerios Cocoa Puffs Pop Tarts Cereal Bars Mini French Toast Cherry or Raspberry Yogurt
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ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH

Hamburger or Chicken Pattie/Bun Lettuce, Tomato Potato wedges Peaches, Juice Tropical Fruit Milk Choices	Taco or Chicken Fajita w/Shell Let./Tom. & Cheese Refried Beans Salsa, Pineapple Side Kicks Juice, Milk Choice	Chicken Tenders or Spicy Chicken Tenders, Roll Sweet Potatoes Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Pears, Juice	Pork BBQ or Fish on Bun Baby Bakers Pork and Beans Red Pepper Slices Oranges, Apples Juice, Milk Choice	Chicken Pot Pie w/Biscuit or Chicken Pattie on Bun Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Pineapple Pears
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Attention Veterans

A Veterans Benefits Field Representative will be at the National Guard Armory, 335 Cow Creek Road, Ravenna, on Friday, January 9th and normally the first Thursday of each month. The hours are 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

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