
◆ The 777 Ranch Report ◆

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Highlights from Spring and Summer Camps

It seems like the camping season flew by faster than it ever has before! The older we get the shorter the time seems to get. And there is still so much to be done for the Lord! Being involved in ministry on a day to day basis is certainly a privilege the Lord has given us. But without your prayers and support, the task would be insurmountable as we work with the variety of folks the Lord sends our way. We are thankful for the Lord's special strength and grace throughout the season. This ranch report is designed to share some special blessings with you, even though some of you have come our way this summer, either to help work, to bring campers, or just to say hello!

Ranch Hands

The Lord brought a total of twelve different ranch hand guys and gals to the 777 Ranch this summer. Some of the young men stayed eight weeks, while others came for only four weeks. It's always interesting to see what God does in hearts over that period of time. No one leaves without having been challenged to grow spiritually in some way. It's a special blessing to see some of the guys return from other summers, maturing, needing special guidance, and wanting to grow. To have them give their testimonies of how God worked in their hearts throughout the summer is quite a paycheck!

The girls' program lasted four weeks with three of the girls staying for at least one other camp offered. (Unanimously, the gals asked that the program be longer next year!) The primary reasons the girls gave for coming were to draw closer to God and to learn more about horses. The program varied from day to day so that they were exposed to all different kinds of activities, some of which they enjoyed and some of which they did not (but things that we adult ladies know the value of!). Their activities ranged from landscaping, to sewing potholders, to preparing a special banquet, to moving fence panels and cleaning pens, just to name a few.

Both groups, under the guidance of their counselor, had a devotion book to work out of each day and a challenge time from an adult leader either in the morning or at night. During this time, questions were often asked to get the kids thinking about biblical solutions and answers to the day's events. God used these times for growth and maturing.

Our prayer for each of these young people is that God will continue to work in their hearts and that they will depend on the Lord to keep them on the right path, using God's Word to guide them each day.

Completed Work Projects

From # 1, 2, and 3 on our last ranch report—The three small bedroom cabins around the lodge are chinked, varnished, and awaiting hot water heaters (which came clear back in June but were much too large!). The foundations along with the lodge basement are now faced with rock—wow! They actually look finished! Throughout the weeks the ranch hands were here, more rock was added to the plaza in front of the lodge, landscaping done, and a fountain built. There are some finishing “touches” that need to be added, but people in the community have already commented on how things look. A special thanks to the volunteers who came for work weeks this spring and for Barn Raisin' and to the guy and gal ranch hands this summer!

4, 5, and 6 on the last ranch report are still awaiting just the right crews! There are log beds to construct, a shop/equipment storage area to finish, and corrals to weld and a shade to build outside the barn. If you'd be interested in getting together a group of men from your church to come for a few days this fall, just give Rick (435-749-9016) or Lenny (435-749-9015) a call to see what would be the best time.

Horsemanship Camps

We had two great weeks of horsemanship camp, one in June and another in August. One of the blessings of the first week was the return of a camper who was saved last summer. She had already started sharing God's plan of salvation with a new girl before they got to camp but couldn't get it explained so that the other girl could understand it. Finally, she told the lady taking them to camp that it would be better anyway for this girl to get saved at camp. And she did—the first day! That was a special blessing.

Another boy was able to come to camp because of a scholarship someone gave. He gave a testimony the last night that he was very thankful for the opportunity to come. A short time before, at a youth meeting where the kids were challenged to come up with an obituary for themselves, he had said he wanted to be remembered for starting a horse ranch for troubled teens. Little did he know how God was going to start him on that path by his getting to come to the 777 Ranch.

In the middle of July, we had a horsemanship day camp for kids ages 9-11. Besides kids from our church, two local kids were able to come and hear the salvation story during our Bible time called *Lessons from a Horse*, really object lessons using a horse and biblical principles. One of them even got to stay for our special overnighiter. That was a first in our community! It is our prayer that this will be the beginning of more times here at the ranch and an opportunity to share Christ with this family. The other camper asked if we were going to have more than one day camp week! By the way, these contacts were made because of our staff kids being involved in sports in the community during the school year and having a good testimony.

Fall Camps

*September 11, 12
Richfield Bible Church
Ladies' Retreat*

*October 1-3
Ride the San Rafael Swell
(for those ages 14—adult wanting
lots of horseback riding adventure)*