

◆ The 777 Ranch Report ◆

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Spring and Summer Plans

Summer will be here before we know it! Spring feels like it's here this week, but you never can tell in Ferron!! Calves are being born, and the first foal is due to arrive before the end of this month.

As you can see from the calendar, things are going to be hoppin' here soon. The first week of April we'll be hosting a planning meeting with RSVP, an "adoptive" foster grandparents' program that one of the ladies in our church is heading up in our county. Lord-willing, we'll get some contacts of young people who need the Lord and who will come to one of our summer camps.

Ranch Life 101 is open to anyone of school-age who would like to experience a bit of ranch life for a day or two—with horses, cattle, and sheep classes to get kids eager to come back in the summer.

The **Mother/Daughter Hawaiian Getaway** is open to anyone who is a daughter. We've designed the overnighter to include fun activities that you can enjoy with or without a daughter. The staff ladies are brimming with ideas for games, skits, food, and just plain old fun!

Barn Raisin' is a time to get some projects worked on before the summer camping season begins. Several folks come back year after year to see what has gone on since they were here last and to renew friendships with those they worked with the year before. It's a busy week, but it always proves to be a good time of fellowship.

It looks like we'll be having a full roster this year at our annual **Christian Cowboy Poetry Gathering** with cowboy singer Jeff Gore, the Bar G Wranglers (with a couple new faces), and cowboy poet Ron Ehman.

Several folks are already inquiring about the ranch hand program and horsemanship camps. We can send you more information about anything on the calendar if you contact us at our website or call Lenny at 435-749-9015. You can also download flyers and registration forms from our website (www.777ranch.org) for most of the camps listed.

Calendar for 2009

*Check our website for further information about the various camps. (The retreats marked with ** are custom camps.)*

April 13-15

Sixth Graders from Layton Christian School**

April 13-17

Faith Baptist All-Church Work Camp**

May 1, 2

Ranch Life 101 (Outdoor Education Camp)
(for school-aged kids and their parents)

May 7-9

Layton Couples' Retreat**

May 15-16

Mother/Daughter Hawaiian Getaway
(open to anyone who is a daughter!)
with Dianna Moffitt Carroll

May 17-23

Indiana Singles' Work Camp**

June 8-13

Barn Raising
(volunteer work week to get ready for summer camps)

June 8- July 4

Ranch Hand Guys—Session I

June 13

Cowboy Poetry Gathering
(horseback rides, wagon rides, BBQ, cowboy poetry, and cowboy singing—great family fun!)

June 21-27

Horsemanship Camp I with Ron Ehman

June 29-July 25

Girls' Ranch Hands

July 6-August 1

Ranch Hand Guys—Session II

July 6-10

Local Kids' Horsemanship Day Camp (ages 9-11)

July 27-August 1

California Teen Missions Camp**

August 2-8

Horsemanship Camp II with Ron Allen

September 11-12

Richfield Ladies' Retreat**

October 1-3

Adult Ride on the San Rafael Swell
(ages 14-adult)

Current Projects and Needs

From time to time people want to know specific ways in which they can help. Though in no way listed in order of importance, we want to thank the 777 Ranch Club members who faithfully give on a monthly basis to help with basic operation expenses; those who pray for us on a regular basis; those who come every chance they get to help with work projects; those who have a heart to help in any way they can; those who give gifts; those who give words of encouragement. You are the ones who make it possible for this ministry to go on.

Some of the ongoing projects include the following:

1. Three small bedroom cabins—finish work (We would like to be able to use these by Cowboy Poetry Gathering Weekend.)
2. Landscaping around the log lodge—includes laying rock, planting greenery
3. Rock work on the outside of the log lodge bottom floor
4. Shop/equipment storage—needs walls, roof, doors, windows, etc.
5. Corrals welded and a shade built outside the barn
6. Three queen-sized beds made from logs

If you see a project that you would like to help with, please give Rick a call at 435-749-9016. As you can see from the calendar, we do have some work teams coming. However, that doesn't mean the projects will be completed. In fact, we've mentioned the landscaping several times and parts have been done, but the major part requiring the laying of rock still awaits just the right group of workers.

For some of these projects, we have some of the materials or access to them, as in the case of rocks and sand. For others, it may be that you would like to have a part in giving toward the materials needed or you might have a good resource. Whatever the case, feel free to talk to Rick.

Once the three cabins are finished, we'll need mattresses, mattress pad covers, sheets, pillows, blinds, and towels. We already have bedspreads, blankets, and curtains.

Thank you for however God leads you to be a blessing to us and this ministry. We're excited to see how God continues to provide.