
◆ The 777 Ranch Report ◆

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Fall Features

Fall brings with it a transitioning from the summer busyness of the camping ministry to the busyness of putting up hay and rounding up cattle. Most of the adult retreats for spring and summer were cancelled due to Covid-19, but a couple small ones were just recently scheduled to be during October

During August the fire named the Cowboy Fire threatened cattle, feed, and water supplies. Several head had to be pushed to a safe area, and thankfully, the fire headed a different direction the next day. So far it doesn't look like any were lost in the blaze.

Also, Mr. Rick's long awaited (and hopefully final) shoulder surgery happened on Oct. 5. We thank the Lord for helping him through the surgery which his doctor deemed great, with the implant sliding right into place. Due to Covid-19 delays, a new plate had to be redesigned and custom-made to fit him. Another patient with the same need was opened up, only for the doctor to find out that the delays caused his plate to not fit. Mr. Rick is grateful that he was not that man!

Already we're contacting speakers for next year's horsemanship camps and starting on planning the 2021 calendar. The question is, "What will next year look like?" This year certainly had its challenges, set-backs, and disappointments, but in the midst of all those came some great weeks of camp and decisions made for the Lord. We are grateful for the opportunity God gave us to minister in the midst of a turbulent time. Thank you for sending your youth in spite of what was going on in the world.

Be watching for bits of news that Katie posts on facebook and instagram. You can virtually join in the cattle drive with its sorting and branding. (How that word has become the norm of the day!)

It won't be long now before the first snow falls on the mountains and nearly everything at the ranch gets winterized. Start making your plans to come to camp next summer. We'll be waiting for you along with your friends!

AN UNEXPECTED RESOURCE FOR OUR SHORTFALL

Most of our spring and fall adult retreats were cancelled due to people's concerns with Covid-19. Needless to say, we need camps to pay bills. Based on what was projected for this year, we ended up short nearly \$30,000 needed to cover expenses that we have even when campers are not here. Our unique ministry using horses to reach people creates needs that are not set in stone. Here are just a couple examples from this summer alone. During our special camp in early June, one of our horses was severely injured moving cattle, requiring extra vet bills and rest for the whole summer. Another horse cut her neck in a freak accident which could have killed her during first regular horsemanship camp, requiring a large vet bill and much medicine and some weeks off. Those things happen, in spite of all precautions we take to prevent them from happening. But horses are the tool God is using at the 777 Ranch—an expensive tool we seek to be good stewards of. Then there are the monthly expenses such as utilities, shoeing and vet bills, fuel for tractors, repairs, insurance premiums and other things that are in part supported by a very small group of people that give on a monthly basis. We are very grateful for the gifts many of you send our way throughout the year, too.

Unexpectedly, we have a donor who has committed to matching any funds given up to \$5,000 from now until March of 2021. The gift will need to be designated as Covid-19 Impact Relief. It may be that some of you are able to help with this project sometime in the next few months. We thank you for your consideration of this matter.

BEGINNINGS OF A 2021 CALENDAR

June 13-19	Youth Horsemanship Camp I
June 27-July 3	Youth Horsemanship Camp II
July 11-17	Youth Horsemanship Camp III
July 25-31	Youth Horsemanship Camp IV

As you can see, we are not planning a special camp this year as all the campers close to graduation can still come for at least one more regular summer camp. In addition, we have our All Daughters' Getaway "How the West Was Fun" rescheduled for May 7 and 8 with Carol Bond.

Fall Sale at the 777 Ranch Store

25% off all T-shirts

Check out our online store
for some early Christmas shopping.

Gift cards can also be purchased.

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