
◆ The 777 Ranch Report ◆

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Remaining Scheduled Events for This Year

August 4-7

Kids' Horsemanship Day Camp
(for local kids ages 8-11)

August 11-13 and again August 18-20

Quilting retreat (rescheduled)
Call Linda Smith for more details at
435-655-5356.

September 9-11

Custom Camp

September 25, 26

Custom Camp

October 2-4

Custom Camp

ANOTHER SET OF GRADUATES THIS SUMMER

Our special camp for those out of high school but wanting to finish the horsemanship program was held with social distancing at meals and during chapel as our state was only in the moderate phase. The kids were good sports about it all and had a great week. Our speaker Ron Ehmann challenged them to make choices in life that would honor God, using many biblical examples. We had some graduates from the program whom we will miss in future camps. They were Kaylee Morrell from Utah, Jonathan Celaya from Utah, and Hunter Braswell from Arizona. Jonathan came for a couple days to help out during the second regular camp. It's always great to see them come back and put to use what they have learned.

During our first regular camp, our scheduled speaker was unable to come due to regulations in his state. But Dr. Marty Herron and his wife were able to come as the camp at which he was scheduled to speak had to cancel camp. It was a great week with kids from many different states and three of them asking Christ to be their personal Savior.

Our speaker for the second camp was Pastor Randy Wilson who pastors in Arizona and serves on the staff of a Christian camp. His messages from the book of Colossians spoke to the hearts of many as they were challenged to follow God's guidelines for living a life pleasing to Him.

ARENA PROGRESS

The arena has had a lots of dirt moved and several semi loads of local sand hauled in, thanks to Brad's trucking company. Now comes more work on the ground to get it level and packed correctly for horse activities. The third week of camp with twenty kids was very crowded, once again proving it a necessity. The goal is to expand our program with some roping and cow work to add some fun along with more instruction. It did not work this summer to have crews with all that went on with Covid-19, but as everyone does, we hope things will be more normal in the next year.

RESCHEDULING

As you can see from the calendar, there are still some groups who have scheduled a retreat, but some are waiting to see what is the status of our state by then. We are grateful our state allowed our county to be in the new normal phase for our last two camps. That certainly made it easier to operate and thankfully the staff continued to be in good health every week. We are thankful for God's grace and mercy and for the opportunity to have camp. Many parents along with the kids were happy camp could be held.

The third week we had several who had attended a previous week of camp. Our speaker Pastor Tony Garren was a great help planning some crazy games to offset the changes that two days of rain brought. It was a blessing to see the kids respond to the Word of God as it was preached. One girl Hannah Deane from Ohio who has been coming for several summers was able to graduate from the program. She had to miss the special camp this year but came a week early to finish the program and then taught some beginning riders during the regular week of camp.

It was a great summer with a dedicated staff. In light of everything, it was best to have a smaller staff who all eventually arrived! We appreciate each staff member, whether counselors, wranglers, or kitchen crew. Everyone played an important role and did a fine job being a valuable team member. We are thankful for God's provision and watch care! Thank you for your prayers.

Time to Say Good-Bye

During late spring, Patrick (or Papa Bear as called by some campers) told us that after summer he would be returning to Colorado to attend college and see what direction he should go in the field of teaching. Pat has been a very vital part of this ministry for the last two years and we will miss him both at camp and in our church. Please pray for Pat as he starts this new venture. He may come back for a visit and possibly spend a week or two at camp next year. We'll keep you posted!

At the same time, Lisa and Neil from Canada are seeking God's direction in returning to help full-time in the ministry. A lot of things have to be worked out to make it possible for them to come, but we know that God can do all things and we trust Him to do what is best in their lives.
