

# ◆ The 777 Ranch Report ◆

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## *Calendar for 2013*

### *Richfield Bible Ladies' Retreat*

*September 13, 14*

### *Georgia Couples' Work Camp*

*September 14-21*

Their project is attempting to complete a much needed shooting range!

### *\*\*Quilting Retreat*

*September 26-28*

\*\*If you are interested in this retreat, give Jean Morlan a call at 435-384-2605. It is a custom camp but open to the public.

### *Corporate Retreat*

*October 25-27*

**Check with Katie at 435-749-9704 for scheduling and pricing of a custom camp for your church or organization. There is still time this fall to schedule one.** Providing a place for churches to have retreats throughout the year is part of our ministry. In addition, some individuals have scheduled a retreat as an outreach to a particular group of people. We are a full-service facility, which means we provide food and lodging and a list of optional activities, including horseback rides. (Our regularly scheduled camps during the summer are sponsored by the 777 Ranch and are usually horse-related.) We had two custom camps in August, the Cowgirl Ministries and a couples' retreat, and are preparing for a busy fall with several more.

Our **new 2014 calendar** is now up on our website. Check it out and see if there's something in which you or a friend might be interested.

Don't forget to see what's new on our **facebook** page. You can reach us by going to our website where there is a link to our facebook page given. Your comments are fun to read and many times are an encouragement to us!

Are you interested in serving on **summer staff** as a counselor or a support person? If so, contact Rick Benson at 435-749-9016. We are looking for young adults with a desire to serve the Lord by ministering to young people. Maybe you know of someone who might be a good prospect. Why not start praying now that God will provide good staff for next summer?

## **\$\$ Special Kitchen Needs \$\$**

\*\*A new **mixer** (a 6 qt. Kitchen Aid to replace our old handed down model—at least \$450 on sale)

\*\*A new **Maytag wide-glide tray microwave** (the old one bit the dust this summer—\$330)

## **Update for Spring and Summer**

The spring ended up being quite busy once we found out that we were going to have access to a ranch in Emery just fourteen miles from us. We have been searching for a ranch that would provide more feed for cattle and horses and that would allow us farming and ranching opportunities for the farming/ranching trade school we plan to begin. Along with use of the ranch is the responsibility for additional cattle and land to farm hay. We are thankful for God's provision. This is the situation into which our new staff members, Bob and Pam Benbrooks and Gary Hunt, faced upon arrival in March. Branding, ear tagging, and vaccinating cattle was something none of them had seen except in the movies. But they jumped right in!

First on the camping calendar was a quilting retreat followed by a ladies' group from a new church in Utah and then the annual Mother/Daughter Retreat. Dianna Carroll was our speaker, challenging us to live each season of our lives for the Lord with eternity in view. There were over fifty ladies here for the Christmas/Thanksgiving buffet on Saturday. Those who spent the night had a great time playing another rendition of the Great American Race, this time using the four seasons and the major holidays in each. Make your plans now to join us next year on Mother's Day weekend. Everyone who is a daughter is invited!

During Barn Raisin' we had several men work on a sprinkler system in the arena. A special word of thanks to each of those men for their hard work! You'll have to come see how it was designed. Quite an added bonus to horsemanship camp as it made grooming the arena during the day so much more efficient! The Cowboy Poetry Gathering went well with Jeff Gore, Jean Prescott, and Ron Ehmann as the performers. We did have some newcomers from the community this year. One couple came after being invited during a hay purchase. Like many in our town, they had heard of it but had never come to experience it for themselves. Not only did this couple come but they brought some other family members as well and assured us they'd be back next year. By the way, next year's Cowboy Poetry Gathering will be on Saturday, May 31, 2014. Mark your new calendars and make plans to join us!

We had a total of seven young men come this summer as ranch hands, some to be a part of the regular ranch hand discipleship program and wanting to head in the right direction, some to help out for a month or more, and others to learn some skills different from what they already know. The primary purpose of the ranch hand program is to help each young man where he is spiritually. Our prayer is that God and His Word will make a difference in each life, not just for a summer but also for a lifetime.

Day camp for kids ages 8-11 was a busy time with twelve kids here. Some were from a distance away but staying with local families, and they're already talking about next year's camp! In the evenings, Katie and Elizabeth (our Texan counselor) had a mini ranch hand girls' program for our church girls, working on a project in cooking or sewing, eating dinner at camp, and then having a Bible study. It made for a busy week, but the girls enjoyed it.

Pastor Tony Garren was our speaker for the first horsemanship in June where we had twenty-one campers—a full camp for the number of horses we have. Pastor Tony asked to be the guys' counselor (with help from a couple of our ranch hands), and we had two sharp gals who came to be counselors. One young man whose sisters have come for camp several years finally was old enough to come too, and he accepted Christ as his Savior.

Horsemanship Camp II is usually a bit smaller than the first one, but we had a good group that included campers from Canada. (Some campers actually prefer the smallness because of more one-on-one instruction.) During the week a local girl told her counselor that she finally understood what it really means to ask Christ to be your Savior. She said it started with the Mother/Daughter Retreat, then the evening sessions during day camp week, and ended with the preaching from horsemanship camp with Pastor Randy Wilson. That makes it worth it all!

We appreciate each person who prayed for the campers, who helped someone come, who helped us with projects or counseled for a week or so, and who gave to help with expenses. You are such an important part of this ministry! Thank you for letting the Lord use you to be a blessing to us.