
◆ The 777 Ranch Report ◆

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Heg! Have You Signed Up Yet??

With summer just around the corner, it's time to sign up for a camp, if you haven't already. Both the **Adult Horsemanship Extravaganza** June 11-16 and **Horsemanship Camp I** June 24-30 are just about full. Don't wait any longer to give either Katie (435-749-9704) or Lenny (435-749-9015) a call, if you're thinking about coming. For those interested in **Horsemanship Camp II** July 29-August 4, you get a \$25 discount off the total price of \$400 by signing up with a \$25 registration deposit postmarked by June 1. (Registration/medical forms and brochures can be found on our website at www.777ranch.org) We'll let you in on a secret—during Barn Raisin' the first week of June, something's being built that will be a lot of fun for both you and your horse. Also, word is out that a mechanical cow has just been donated! You won't want to miss these new additions! (And for those of you who've been away for a summer or two, you can just start right where you left off.)

OTHER BITS OF NEWS

Rose and Smokey are the proud mamas of palomino fillies. There's also a sorrel filly in the pasture with an unbroke mama that we'll have to work on taming during camp. Smokey, who moved to Utah with us sixteen years ago, has had some trouble having babies the last few years, so this was a welcomed surprise. Her babies are always very friendly, ready for some scratching and petting anytime. For those of you who periodically check out our facebook page, you know that Katie is waiting for the winning names to be submitted. (So far, there is no winner. Be sure to look at the pictures and turn in your suggestions.)

A few more half-blood calves have been born, but the rest will come in the early fall since they're purebred. The squeeze shoot was used a bunch this year for all that fun cow stuff!

For two summers we had a camper from France. This year we have a staff helper coming from Puerto Rico, and two campers from South Africa signed up for the first horsemanship camp. Camp is a great time to meet new friends and to renew friendships from past summers.

On June 2, camp officially starts with our ranch hand guys arriving on Saturday, June 2, and Barn Raisin' beginning on Sunday night, June 3. In addition to the project mentioned in the opening paragraph (For those of you who have read further, it's a horse obstacle course!), we'll be working on a shooting range and a rock BBQ pit with a shade. It's not too late to make plans to come join us for the week. (See our website for more details.) The week ends with our Cowboy Poetry Gathering on Saturday, June 9. Give Rick (435-749-9016) a call if you can come help us, even if just for a day or two!

Both Jeff Gore and Jean Prescott, our cowboy singers and poets for the evening, are Christians from Texas. Starting at 2:00 there will be free trail rides and wagon rides. **There's a detailed flyer on the website under "upcoming events" that you'll want to read to find out costs.** There's even a Dutch oven dessert cook-off! (Last year's first place winner received a Dutch oven donated by a feed and tack store in Price.) At 5:00, the BBQ meal will be served, with the program starting at 6:00. It's a fun day for the whole family.

The last week of September and the first two weeks of October we will be having a beginning phase of our vocational trade school. Some folks that work at a Christian camp in Canada will be coming for intensive horse training. Others who may be interested are invited to call Rick for information as to the nature of the training.

Custom Camps Available

During the month of August, there are some spaces available for custom camps. If you give Lenny a call, he can give you pricing information, as well as available activities. There is also a section on our website giving more details.

One of the camps that is scheduled August 10-12 is an outreach of Cowgirl Ministries, specifically reaching out to those women and girls who have suffered serious hurts in their lives. We can connect you with the lady in charge if you know of someone in need or if you would like to help someone in need. The speaker for that camp is Beneth Jones, a well-known author and speaker, who will share God's answers with the women who come. Another Utah ministry has scheduled a couples' retreat later in the month just for their church family.

An African Safari at the 777 Ranch? For real??

Believe it or not, close to sixty of us did some pretty authentic South African activities and ate some pretty close to authentic foods! Julie once again surprised everyone with yet another twist to TV's *Amazing Race*, complete with taxi drivers, cell phone pictures of African wildlife and the seven wonders of Africa! We all had a great time eating, talking, and doing crafts, in addition to other activities like horseback riding and taking an early morning sightseeing trip. Our speaker was Nancy Blackwell, who has served as a missionary with her husband Marc and two children in Cape Town, South Africa for several years. They are currently in the states on furlough/deputation this year. (By the way, if you'd like to have them in your church, give Pastor Lacock a call at 435-384-3064. You'll be blessed and encouraged by these folks.) If you missed it this year, make plans to come on Mother's Day weekend for something just as fun next year. Well, until next time—"Happy trails to you 'til we meet again!"
