

◆ The 777 Ranch Report ◆

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SPRING AND SUMMER CAMP HIGHLIGHTS

Hawaiian Getaway for Daughters Only was a time to be remembered by all who came, complete with a tour of the islands for our big game, using a new method of tie dying a T-shirt, personalizing a pair of flip flops, and feast at a luau. Everyone enjoyed our speaker, Karlene Murphree from Salina, UT, who challenged and encouraged us from God's Word. Be sure to mark your calendar for next year's retreat over Mother's Day weekend! You'll have a great time whether you have a daughter or not.

Our **Cowboy Poetry Gathering** was well-attended with several new folks coming from our county. (It seems like people are more apt to come if they receive a special personal invitation so we spent time going to many homes to pass out flyers.) Jean Prescott's husband Gary was a fun addition to the weekend. Be watching for the date of next year's Gathering.

Two churches from SC and CA joined forces to get the outside of the lodge and the arena treated during a **Work Week** the beginning of June. You folks are greatly appreciated!!

For **Adult Horsemanship Camp**, an older man from back East came with the intention of learning to ride a horse so he could participate in a re-enactment of Custer's Last Stand. (We haven't heard from him as to whether he ended up being in the Cavalry or if he was an Indian!) Another adult horsemanship camp is scheduled in September and already three have signed up. If you'd like to learn more about riding, or if you want to see some spectacular country, sign up soon. Details are on our website.

Our two **Teen Horsemanship Camps** in June and again in July went well. We had two campers graduate from the program—Zachary Parlo from Green River, UT, and Rachel Fergus from Brush, CO. Both of these young people have come for a number of years and spent extra time here this summer so they could complete the program. Congratulations to them both for a job well done. Our prayer is that the lessons they learned in horse training will stay with them, but more importantly, that the lessons they learned from God's Word in chapel and in cabin devotions will make a difference in their lives now and in the future. Our two speakers, Pastor Randy from AZ and Pastor Hutch from WY, did a great job challenging the young people to live for God, following the principles given in God's Word. During both camps, two young people spoke to the speaker or a counselor about their need to know for sure they were on their way to heaven. Both accepted Christ as their Savior. That is what camp is all about—making sure that those who come know why Christ came to earth, why they are here, and where they will spend eternity by personally knowing Him as their Savior and Lord.

This year we shortened our **Guys' and Gals' Ranch Hand Camps** to just the two weeks between our two horsemanship camps. In addition, we had some apprentices here, making it a good time of spiritual growth with cabin Bible study and evening chapel; fun activities including riding the horses, swimming and kayaking at the lake, and hiking in the canyons and on the mountain; work projects for the guys such as tractor mechanics, farming, and irrigation and for the girls such things as painting, landscaping, sewing, and meal preparation. Because it seemed to work well to have a shorter period of time, we're planning to follow the same schedule next summer. Watch for dates in our next ranch report and make your plans to join us if you're interested in growing as a Christian and developing Christian character and a good work ethic, along with having fun and meeting others!

Day Camp for ages 8-11 brings in kids from the community. Just today one of the boys said he wished the 777 Ranch were his school so he could ride horses all day! One grandmother with two grandsons here this week said there would be three ready to come next year, and when one was old enough, he was coming for overnight camp! (Two past day campers came to horsemanship camp in July and had confidence horseback even though they hadn't ridden all year.) Another day camper is wanting to know about coming to overnight camp next summer already. Those are the kinds of comments we love to hear!

Calendar for the Remainder of 2015

Richfield Bible Church *Custom* Camp
August 28-29

Adult Horsemanship Extravaganza
September 13-19
Cowboy Singer and Poet—Jeff Gore

Quilting Retreat
September 24-26
(Call Mrs. Lynda Smith for more information
about this retreat at 435-655-5356.)

**Thank you to those of you
who made it possible for us
to get a paddle boat and a
snow cone machine for camp!
We used the boat at our
June custom family camp
and every camp after that.
Snow cones are a big hit on hot
summer days for every age.
The campers thank you, too!**

A BIG WORD OF THANKS TO OUR SUMMER STAFF

Elizabeth Baize from TX—
three weeks as counselor and
now in charge of
the horsemanship program at
Bethany Homes in Canada
Terry Duncan from NM—
counselor for two weeks and part of
the apprenticeship program
Michael (& Kelly) Frederick from SC—
volunteer handyman (and woman)
and assistant in lots of areas
Seth Hartman from CO—
counselor for four weeks and
part of the apprenticeship program
Liz Roth from SC—
all-around assistant and
part of the apprenticeship program
Katie Stephens from CO—"graduated"
wrangler during horsemanship camp
Colt Wetterman from NM—assistant
in farming and cow/calf operation

