

◆ The 777 Ranch Report ◆

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Calendar for 2016

April 21-23

Quilting Retreat—For more details, contact Linda Schade-Smith at 435-655-5356.

May 6, 7

All Daughters Getaway with "Home, Sweet Home" as the theme
Speaker—Mrs. Stephanie Smith

May 21

Cowboy Poetry Gathering with Jeff Gore, Ron Ehmann, and Jean and Gary Prescott

May 24-30

Adult Horsemanship Extravaganza I with Cowboy Poet/Singer Jeff Gore

June 19-25

Teen Horsemanship Camp I
Speaker—Pastor Tony Garren

July 10-16

Teen Horsemanship Camp II
Speaker—Pastor Shawn Clapp

July 17- 23

Ranch Hand Program (ages 14-18 only)

July 24-30

Teen Horsemanship Camp III
Speaker—TBA

August 5-7

Cowgirls' Custom Retreat

August 8-12

Local Kids' Day Camp (for those ages 8-11)

September 4-10

Adult Horsemanship Extravaganza II with Cowboy Poet/Singer Jeff Gore

Please note: We have added a third week of teen horsemanship camp due to week one already being full. Also, we have not put a Father/Son Retreat on the schedule as we would like some feedback as to when it would be best to have it. Please let us hear from you if you're interested in giving some input and would like to participate.

A PANEL, A GATE, OR A PEN??

(That's a strange caption, isn't it?! But wait, and we'll explain.)

In our last ranch report, we mentioned that an article about the 777 Ranch was coming out in Western Horseman's December issue.. The inquiries by phone and email have been numerous, and we are excited about what the summer holds. Registrations are already coming in. In addition to the article, our advertising efforts from the last few years are starting to pay off. More campers means more accommodations, not for people quite yet, but for their horses, as many of them would like to bring their own horses to get help with them as well as themselves. (Our camp horses are out in the pastures, except for our stallions, an older mare, and our miniature horse Cisco which are in pens.) We will definitely need some movable panels to put together to make pens for these incoming horses, this being the reason for our caption.

The costs for what we will need are as follows: **Gate panel**—\$115; **Side panel**—\$100; **Back panel**—\$65; **Whole pen**—\$380. Sound like something you'd like to help with? Whatever help we get will be a big blessing to us! (All donations are tax-deductible as we are a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.) We hope to hear from you!

Ministry Opportunities

In February, Rick flew to Alberta, Canada, to meet with folks about the summer horsemanship programs. The director of Hope Mission said that we need to be ready to minister to more kids at the Bethany Homes facility as a relatively new Kids in Action Bible Club program has really expanded in a town close to where that facility is located. Elizabeth, who heads up the horsemanship program there and who serves as a counselor at the 777 Ranch for a week or so each summer, is excited to see what God will do in the lives of those young people who come, many of whom do not know who Jesus is and why He came to earth to die for their sins. Please pray for this outreach using the tool of horses.

Tidbits of Ranch News

Two of the horses (Evalina and Sugar, for you campers!) each had a palomino filly just last week! Several more horses are due to foal within the next couple of months. One name has already been suggested for Sugar's baby—Cube!?! Any other ideas???

It's nearly spring, and with it comes preparing the fields at the ranch for hay crops. Brad and Julie (Yes, you read it correctly!) have been teaching their boys the in's and out's of farming and how to nap successfully in a noisy tractor! Cattle will need to be moved from the desert lease to the spring lease before long, and clean-up and renovating will need to be made at the ranch for our spring and summer events.

We're headed to the Utah Horse Expo in mid-March, and an ad is coming out in the *Western Horseman* in April. Things are definitely getting busy! Be sure to check us out on Facebook and on our website. Hope to see you soon!