
◆ The 777 Ranch Report ◆

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Summer Wrap-Up

The summer camping season is winding down and soon it will be time for church retreats. We are thankful for the good staff God sent our way and we appreciate their hard work in the cabins with the campers, at the Snack Shack, in the kitchen preparing meals and cleaning up, teaching horse classes, planning and managing special activities, or anything else they were asked to do. Without a good staff, camp does not happen! Most importantly, there are the many parents and grandparents who see the value of the program and send their kids and grandkids. Thank you for entrusting them to us. We look forward to seeing them next year. With the numbers this year that we had to turn away, we are considering adding a fourth camp, most likely in June. Once the decision is made, we will publish our schedule in the next ranch report before Thanksgiving time.

Highlights from Horsemanship Camp

With the draining of the reservoir to fix the dam, the water level was down lower than usual for the second and third horsemanship camps. You'll want to watch the videos on facebook to see the true meaning of mud baths! The second week Pastor David asked for favorite memories of the camping day each evening. Guess what seemed to be quite popular?! A special bonus this year was being able to transport all the campers to the lake in a bus donated by some men in Bakersfield, California. A special thanks goes to them for providing a means of transportation to help with youth camps, adult camps, and summer staff.

Another favorite memory of the day given was shooting. A special word of thanks goes to Pastor Jason's church in Munising, MI, for providing a new 20 ga shotgun and a .22. (Pastor Jason was our speaker for the third week—a real Yupper who shared pictures of his snowmobile atop his roof in the winter which he informed us could last as long as six months!)

We had another person graduate from the horsemanship program during the first camp—Owen Parlo from Durango, CO. Congratulations, Owen! Next year, if all goes as planned, we have a possibility of four more graduates. (Three are from Colorado and one is from Nevada. Any ideas who they are??) Even though they will all have completed at least a year of college, they are determined to finish the program. Two other girls who started the program late and who will be college-aged next summer asked if they could keep coming to finish. By all means! We'll look forward to having you. These young people demonstrate the saying on this year's T-shirts—"Do you have The Try?" based on a saying from Ty Murray, seven-time world rodeo champion. It's great to see so many of these young people working hard to finish something that takes determination, concentration, and consistent effort. Ultimately, the goal of the 777 Ranch horsemanship program is to see young people give their lives to Christ and allow Him to use them for His honor and glory. Our motto "Using the outside of a horse to develop the inside of a man" remains the goal of every class, every chapel service, and every activity.

Remainder of the 2017 Camping Season

August 7-11

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

August 13-16

Custom Teen Retreat

August 25, 26

Custom Ladies' Retreat

September 3-9

Adult Horsemanship Extravaganza I
with Jeff Gore, Cowboy Singer and Poet

September 10-16

Adult Horsemanship Extravaganza II
with Jeff Gore, Cowboy Singer and Poet

September 22, 23

Custom Men's Retreat

October 19-21

Quilting Retreat

October 27, 28

Custom Ladies' Retreat

November 9-11

Custom Couples' Retreat

Some Big Thank-You's

A church in Wisconsin came out to help us the end of April/beginning of May with some projects. Not only did they do the work but they also, along with many in their congregation, raised the money for the projects. During the third week we had a huge rainstorm that caused some flooding in the basement where we have chapel. The new flooring held up just as it was touted to do! The wood sealer on all the railings, decks, and ramp looks great. It has been so nice to be able to spread out the horses and not have them break down fences. Thanks, guys, for a good job in building/welding a secure pasture. Thank you to all of you WI folks!

A big thanks to the George family (related to Joel Korver who helped us build the ranch) for coming for a week in June to help with fix-it projects and clean-up to start off the camping season. You were a great encouragement!
