

◆ The 777 Ranch Report ◆

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Calendar for 2019

May 11

All Daughters' Getaway
(Details will be in our next ranch report.)

June 9-15

Special Horsemanship Camp
(for those who have graduated from high school and have attended at least two summer horsemanship camps)
Jean Prescott and Rick Benson

June 23-29

Youth Horsemanship Camp I
Pastor Jason LaFlamme

July 7-13

Youth Horsemanship Camp II
Pastor David Brock

July 21-27

Youth Horsemanship Camp III
Pastor Tony Garren

September 1-7

Adult Horsemanship Camp
Jeff Gore

More dates for various camps will be scheduled and published in the next ranch report.

Brochures and registration forms for the different horsemanship camps are available on our website (www.777ranch.org). Don't put off getting in your registration fee and form, as the first camp is over half full already.

If you're interested in scheduling a spring or fall retreat, please give Katie a call at 435-749-9704. In order to save your date, we are requesting a non-refundable reservation fee that is included in the total cost. Katie will explain the details. June and July are not available for custom retreats, but dates in August and beyond are still available.

What's happening at the 777 Ranch?

We just enjoyed a snowy Thanksgiving at the ranch with family and some friends, reminding ourselves of God's blessings through the year. Many other people have suffered loss this year due to the hurricanes and fires and our hearts go out to them. Two of our campers from last summer were involved in the Paradise fire, but according to our sources, they miraculously still have their home. Our niece who is a nurse in a town close by was on duty for 12-16 hours many days. Her son shared a house with some friends and had the fire stop at the driveway. Her deceased parents' home, leased by the Calvary Baptist Church of Paradise as a parsonage, was miraculously spared but not the church. How do you rebuild a whole city? We pray that God will be glorified in all of this and that people will not turn from Him in anger but trust Him.

Around fifty cows are at the ranch right now, some waiting to be moved to the desert, others to a pasture in Emery, and some to market. The rest of the herd has already been moved to the desert at least for a couple months. Did you see the pictures of the ranch during our October deluge that Katie posted on our facebook page and instagram? It took awhile for the water to subside in the front pasture, but it was certainly welcomed and helped to alleviate the drought situation a bit.

Mr. Rick's reverse shoulder replacement surgery has been rescheduled for December 19. He'd appreciate prayer that all will go smoothly so he can be ready for camp. Healing is a slow process and requires patience. Starting in February, a young man and his family will be here awhile to help work colts that have been started but need some hours on them. Then in March, our Canadian friends will be here for more horsemanship training. Mr. Rick will be doing a lot of teaching from the grandstands! We recently purchased a used heater to help get the chill off the arena during the cold months. With the cold temperatures now, it's a little hard to remember how hot and dry it was last summer! Speaking of heat, we do hope the reconstruction of the Millsite Dam will be completed by next summer. But, of course, the mud fights were a good substitute as the pictures testify! We hope to see many of you at one of the camps this year.

With Christmas just around the corner, the staff at the 777 Ranch would like to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a blessed new year. The words to the following song by Dale Evans convey our desire for each of you—

When you hear the bells ringing glad noels, remember whose birthday it is.
'Mid the sounds of glee round the Christmas tree, remember whose birthday it is.

On this holiday won't you when you're away, remember whose birthday it is.
Why not join and sing carols to the King, remember whose birthday it is.

Chorus—

It's the birthday of Jesus, Emanuel—

God's gift from heaven bringing peace and good will.

So take time to say thanks to God today, remember whose birthday it is.