

◆ The 777 Ranch Report ◆

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ALL DAUGHTERS' FUN DAY

Our annual daughters' fun day (formerly "getaway!") will begin with a brunch at 10:00 on Saturday, May 11, followed by a time around God's Word with Mrs. Kristen Brooks, at 11:00. For those who wish to stay longer, there will be a sandwich bar, horseback rides, crafts, and the Big Game. You can find the details and registration form on our website (777ranch.org). We hope you'll be able to come!

Horsemanship Summer Camps

Next on the calendar are our youth horsemanship camps. The first camp is usually the first one to fill up and we're close to the cut-off. We're excited to have back a few of speakers that couldn't come last year. You may notice that the speaker of the special camp has changed. Jean Prescott, who was here last summer and who has been part of our cowboy poetry gathering several times in the past, is not going to be able to speak as planned due to health reasons. We will miss her, and we pray for her healing. Brenda Bray, Mr. Rick's second daughter, will be speaking for the girls. Brenda is the wife of a pastor in San Diego, a mother of four, and a former horsemanship camper at the camp where Mr. Rick was until moving to Utah to start the 777 Ranch. Though her life has led her to the city, she's still a country girl at heart.

PJ (Pastor Jason) is our Yooper (Upper Michigan) friend. Hopefully it won't be so hot this summer! He can always pull out his snow pictures so we all can feel a bit cooler if need be. And Pastor Tony from Ohio, a familiar face and a board member of the 777 Ranch ministry, will be here the third week. You won't be disappointed no matter which week you come. All of the speakers love kids, though loving horses may be stretching it for some of them! We're looking forward to having you come!

If you know of someone whose family is struggling financially this year due to circumstances, please be sure to let us know. There may be a few partial scholarships made possible by some of our 777 Ranch Club members because they believe that camp is valuable for a lot of reasons and they don't want anyone to miss out. Please email us at 777ranch@etv.net, if you know of someone who would especially benefit from a week of camp and needs help getting here.

Update on Spring Horse Training and Round-up

March and April were especially busy months as we worked with our young horses—particularly Chuck, Buck, and Stuck (that name is subject to change!) and a few nameless ones. Les from Canada brought a few of his camp horses down for us to use during the first week of camp and to have our vet help a couple out with some health issues. Interspersed with horse training were some long days searching for cattle on the desert range which encompasses over 100,000 acres of BLM land. About sixty are still out there somewhere! This week we're getting them ready to go on to the spring range, which consists of deep canyons and bluffs. They only stay here for about a month and then they are pushed up the mountain to the summer range which is both BLM land and Forest Service leases. During the adult horsemanship camp, we may be ready to start moving them to different parts of the mountain range before it's time to go to the desert again. It seems that each year we learn how to do things smarter and more efficiently, but cattle have a mind of their own, too!

SUMMER STAFF

Everyone on staff this summer is a returnee, either as staff member or as a previous camper. Anna (CA), Nicole (South Africa), and Sattler (SC) will be counselors, along with support staff including Hannah (OH), Sierra (AK), Elly (CO), Eric (SC) and the George family (SC). We are thankful for each of these folks! Please pray with us for a good summer and that even now the Lord will be preparing hearts to hear His Word.

Calendar for 2019

May 11

All Daughters' Fun Day
Mrs. Kristen Brooks

June 9-15

Special Horsemanship Camp
(for those who have graduated from high school and have attended at least two summer horsemanship camps)
Mrs. Brenda Bray
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

August 2-4

Custom Ladies' Retreat (Price Chapel)

August 6-9

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

September 1-7

Adult Horsemanship Camp
Jeff Gore

September 20, 21

Custom Ladies' Retreat
(Richfield Bible Church)

If you're interested in scheduling a 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 a few dates in August and beyond are still available.