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# ◆ The 777 Ranch Report ◆

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## Summer Horsemanship Camps

We just finished our first summer horsemanship camp and our second one begins in less than a week. Both these weeks are full, but there is still room in the third and fourth camps. (Jackie is due to foal during the next week or two!) Information is on our website ([777ranch.org](http://777ranch.org)), if you're interested or if you know someone who might be interested. (Camps fill partly on the basis of how many campers are in certain riding levels and which horses will work for each level, making it hard to give an exact number of spaces left. Give Katie a call at 435-749-9704, if you have any questions.) After not being able to use the reservoir last year due to severe drought conditions, there was plenty of water for swimming and water activities. Several new kids are coming to camp this summer because of friends inviting them. Keep up the good advertising! We'll see you soon!

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### **SPRINGTIME EVENTS**

**Quilting Retreats**—The three quilting retreats were filled with thirteen quilters each 3-day session. If the walls of the log lodge could talk, they would definitely have some stories to tell! Some of the ladies came not knowing anyone and ended up with many new friends as they shared ideas and projects they had worked on at home. There was also interest in extending the time by a day as some ladies come from quite a distance, but when that will happen has not yet been decided. If you're interested in attending a fall retreat, give Lynda Smith a call at 435-655-5356, as spaces are already filling up.

**All Daughters' Getaway**—Lots of "daughters" enjoyed a great Fiesta Getaway, complete with all kinds of fiesta games ranging from two teams showing their skills at drawing a desert scene, to walking down the arena with a balloon separating the two contestants, to transferring cotton balls while blindfolded from a dish on a table to another dish on top of their head. It was a great time for every age. A lady in her eighties from Florida couldn't wait to tell her friends all the exciting things she did while in Utah! Our campfire time included stories from the lives of three brothers (known to have been a bit rough themselves and a help to outlaw Butch Cassidy) known as the Swasey brothers. There are landmarks all over Emery and Carbon counties reminiscent of those days with the Swasey brothers—Joe, Sid, and Charlie. We actually had three ladies with their kids here, all related to these men and distant cousins. Our speaker, Stephanie Smith, always has practical insights to share with us from the Word of God, this time from I Thessalonians 5—pray without ceasing, rejoice evermore, and in everything give thanks. On Saturday more ladies from the community joined us for a Mexican buffet and another session with Stephanie. With the icebreaker games at the meal table, there was never a quiet moment! Make your plans to join us next year on Mother's Day weekend for another great time.

**Horsemanship Camp Directors' Seminar**—Six other Christian camp ministries were represented at a special time of discussion and training in early May. The whole purpose was to give people an opportunity to meet with like-minded horsemanship directors and to learn what help is offered at the 777 Ranch in terms of running a horsemanship program and better equipping those who have been put in a position of overseeing a riding program.

**Farming**—It has been a rough few years with little water available for growing hay crops. This year is a little better so we spent the spring planting crops that required less water and that created a rotation set-up in the smaller pastures. In the midst of all this, a serious problem happened with the pivot that waters 60 acres. A nut and bolt had popped out, causing a large section to collapse. We are thankful for help in getting it fixed in a couple of days rather than having to wait in line for weeks for an irrigation company. During the winter, spring, and currently we've made lots of trips to a ranch below Green River down thirteen miles of a very badly maintained county road to get loads of hay. More than a few times we've broke down, causing quite an ordeal sometimes, but we are very thankful for the provision of hay. Lord-willing, we'll be able to grow much more of our own hay this year to keep those horses working for the campers! In fact, we'll be getting our first cutting soon. A special thanks to those of you who sent money to help with these needs. Thank you for being a blessing!

### **Summer and Fall Calendar**

**Horsemanship Camp I**  
June 12-18

**Horsemanship Camp II**  
June 26-July 2

**Horsemanship Camp III**  
July 10-16

**Horsemanship Camp IV**  
July 24-30

**Day Camp**  
**(for local kids ages 8-11)**  
August 2-5

**Custom Family Camp**  
August 11-13

**Custom Ladies' Retreat**  
August 19, 20

**Custom Ladies' Retreat**  
September 9-11

**Custom Men's Retreat**  
September 23-25

**Custom Quilting Retreats**  
September 29-October 1  
October 3-5  
October 6-8

(If you're interested in setting up a custom camp for your church, please call Katie at 435-749-9704.)

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