

# ◆ The 777 Ranch Report ◆

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## New Additions!!

And no, we're not talking about human babies or foals or calves (though there have been several of those born!). A work team from South Carolina and one from California helped us complete two items that have been on our wish list for a couple of years—a horse obstacle course and a shooting range! (Check our facebook page to view videos of the two teen horsemanship camps that include pictures of the two completed work projects.) A big thanks to those who came to help! The remaining project is putting up lights in the arena. If you have an interest in helping with this project either financially or by using your skills in the electrical area, give Rick a call at 435-749-9016, or drop us an email at [777ranch@etv.net](mailto:777ranch@etv.net).

## Congratulations to Our Graduates

Just what does it mean to graduate from the 777 Ranch teen horsemanship program? In the cases of these two young people, Katie Stephens of Colorado and Colt Wetterman of New Mexico, it has meant coming to horsemanship camp for about six summers. Both of these young people have been involved with horses all their lives and came to camp to sharpen and expand their skills. Katie accepted Christ as her Savior after a couple years of attending camp and mentioned that much of her discipleship came from her time here in the cabin and in the services held each morning and evening. Colt has spent more than summers here as he has come to help with cattle on the ranch in the spring and fall the past two years. Both of them are headed into some field of agriculture. Our prayer is that they will stay close to the Lord and use their skills to help others and to serve the Lord. Graduating is just the beginning step to more learning! Congratulations, Colt and Katie!

## Highlights from Spring/Summer Camps

The spring started off with our "Daughters Only" retreat over Mother's Day weekend, complete with a carnival, a variety show, and group stunts. It was a great time of fun as well as encouragement as our speaker shared Bible truths concerning our theme "Life—A Juggling Act" with God at the center. **When Mother's Day weekend rolls around in 2015, make your plans to join us.** You won't be disappointed!

The Adult Horsemanship Extravaganza in May was quite a week with twelve riders, primarily from the Northwest. Every day was a new adventure as we took rides through the desert canyons and on the mountaintops. This group rides in a lot of places in the U.S., but many times they just feel like a number. Their comment at the end was that they felt like family here. This group came, along with a girl scout group, as a result of our advertising at Cowboy Christmas last December in Las Vegas. Due to this camp filling up so quickly, we are adding another week in September. **Call Katie at 435-749-9704 to make your reservations if you're wanting some horsemanship instruction along with horseback rides in country with unrivaled beauty and uniqueness.**

We had three ranch hand guys and four ranch hand girls throughout the summer along with horsemanship campers and counselors from several different places—Colorado, Nevada, Georgia, Texas, California, Idaho, Wyoming, South Carolina, and Utah. Because of our schedule this summer, the ranch hands got to be included in many activities with our campers. One of the favorite times of the day was our chapel services. Pastor Ron Ehmann of Utah and "Coach" Peterson of Colorado were great speakers. The kids shared at the campfire what they had learned not only from horse instruction but also from God's Word. One girl said that she now understood that salvation is a free gift of God's grace, not works. One boy shared with his counselor that he could see how he was a lot like the horse that Colt had some trouble with in the roundpen. Horses are simply a tool here at the 777 Ranch—"using the outside of a horse to develop the inside of a man." Sharing Christ as the only way to heaven and then giving Bible principles to live our daily lives by are the focal point of this ministry.

## Remainder of 2014 Calendar

**\*\*Cowgirl Ministries Ladies' Retreat**  
with Carol Bond has been  
rescheduled for September 12-14

**\*\*Lighthouse Baptist Couples' Retreat**  
August 28-30

**\*\*Richfield Bible Ladies' Retreat**  
September 5-6

**Adult Horsemanship Extravaganza II**  
September 14-20 with Jeff Gore  
**This camp still has room!**

(\*Custom camps are scheduled upon request by a particular group. Be sure to give Katie a call at 435-749-9704, if you're interested in reserving dates for your group. A custom camp can be designed to meet your particular needs. Week-ends in August through October are usually reserved for custom camps.)

## A Different Kind of Week

The final week of July was day camp for kids aged 8-11 from the "community," which extended down to Las Vegas and over to Green River! Not only did we have day camp at the ranch, but also our church in town held Vacation Bible School at night, run by a teen group from Georgia. One of the girls from day camp accepted Christ as her Savior during VBS. At the same time, we had four girls in the ranch hand program. Everyone had a good time getting to know folks from another part of the country. The teen group helped some with day camp and camp projects, in addition to doing some sightseeing. Some of the group are interested in coming back for a camp next summer.

We are thankful for a good summer, for new friends, and new opportunities. "To God be the glory, great things He hath done!"