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# ◆ The 777 Ranch Report ◆

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## **NEW WILD WEST SHOW DRAWS 250+ CROWD**

June 12 proved to be quite an exciting day! In May, we received a phone call from a friend letting us know he was free to help out at the ranch for a bit. After working at Disney's Wild West Show in France for several years, Couy Griffin, originally from New Mexico, had a desire to see a wild west show be performed that would give people the truth of salvation in Christ. We decided our annual Cowboy Poetry Gathering would make a good trial run. With cowboy friends coming in from New Mexico and using some of our staff and friends, Couy put together a good program that definitely drew many locals. The highlight was the cavalcade with Tye Benson and Zac, Ryan, and Josh Bell carrying the American, Christian, Utah, and Israeli flags horseback while Couy presented the significance of each. Trick roping, bronc riding, a chuckwagon drawn by mules all played a part in the storyline of a young man seeking a job with an outfit that rode for one man's brand—that of Christ Jesus. In spite of a few glitches, many commented on how much fun it was. Lisa Herwaldt, a summer staff member, and John Ward, a local musician, provided some great toe-stompin' selections on the fiddle and dobro. Jeff Gore and Ron Ehman both did a fine job presenting cowboy life in song and poetry and ending with numbers that pointed the audience to Christ. Everyone got enough to eat, but there were very few leftovers this year! Make plans to join us next year the second weekend in June. You won't be disappointed!

### **Calendar for 2010**

**July 10-17**

Work team from Wisconsin

**July 19-23**

Local Kids' Horsemanship Day Camp  
(ages 9-11)

**August 1-7**

Horsemanship Camp II  
with Randy Peterson

**August 20, 21**

Clinic with Al Dunning

### **Ongoing and Coming Events**

Four young men and two young ladies are here for the rest of the summer as ranch hands. We pray that the program will be more than just that—rather a summer of lasting change, growth, and maturity in their lives. It's a lot of work but lots of fun, too. Please pray for our staff as they minister to these young people.

Al Dunning, winner of the AQHA professional horseman of the year award and dedicated Christian, will be coming to the 777 Ranch for a two-day clinic in August. Call Rick for details at 435-749-9016.

### **International Campers**

*Who would have thought  
we would have*

*two international campers  
at the 777 Ranch this year?!*

Our first visitor came from England to the Mother/Daughter Getaway in May for our Mary Poppins theme—A Spoonful of Sugar. She enjoyed flying a kite for the first time as well as our staff ladies' rendition of a proper tea party! (Actually, she was visiting a friend who invited her to come.) Mrs. Coleen Davis challenged us with the lives of some women from the Bible.

But our second visitor from France came on purpose to enjoy both the Adult Horsemanship Extravaganza and Horsemanship Camp I. We had a lot of fun trying to communicate and teaching her some new things—like s'mores on our mountain ride after beef fajitas cooked over the campfire! Some of us will have to brush up on our French because, yes, she would like to come again! It's a thrill to know that the Lord is using people in other countries to be a witness and that we can be an encouragement to them. Jeff Gore joined us for the week as our speaker and is scheduled to come back next year. You who missed this year but would love to come enjoy horses and the beauty of this area, mark your calendars for June 11-16 in 2011.

### **Horsemanship Camp I**

It's amazing how quickly time flies during horsemanship camp! With riding classes, testing times, activities, preaching, cabin time, and chow time, the campers and staff are kept quite busy! Mark Sprague from NM was a great help during the week as he worked with the kids, shod horses, and preached morning and evening. The kids won't forget his mustache, his cup of coffee, and his practical applications from God's Word in light of his many experiences as a cowboy. Two young people came to know Christ as Savior that week!

*A special word of thanks  
to those who joined us  
for Barn Raisin' week!  
If you haven't been here in  
awhile, you'd be surprised at  
the changes! Check out our  
website for some updated  
pictures of the facilities  
at [777ranch.org](http://777ranch.org).*