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# ◆ The 777 Ranch Report ◆

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## Looking Back on this Past Summer and Looking Forward to Next Summer

Our summer season is officially over and fall camps are beginning. We had a great summer and thank the Lord for the work He did in hearts and for the many different groups of people He sent our way. The events of this past summer are given below with next summer's dates listed in green so those of you wanting to come can begin making plans.

**BARN RAISIN' (May 19-25)**—Each summer we begin the season with a week of Barn Raisin' to work on projects, depending on who shows up, and to get the grounds ready for the summer camping season. With a smaller than usual group of individuals this year, we were only able to complete one of the projects--the building of a BBQ pit, fire pit, and log seating in the Wagonwood Park at the entrance to the ranch—but it was an important one as we used it several times this year, beginning with Cowboy Poetry and adult horsemanship camp, in addition to day camp, horsemanship camp, and a couples' retreat in August. A special thanks to each of you who came for your part in making a very useful addition to the ministry.

**COWBOY POETRY GATHERING (June 1) ADULT HORSEMANSHIP EXTRAVAGANZA (May 27-June 1 and again September 2-7)**—Due to our having to have our Cowboy Poetry and Singing Gathering the first of June, and, subsequently, the first adult horsemanship camp a week earlier, Barn Raisin' will be scheduled in May. However, we're leaving the week of July 1 open for any churches or individuals that would like to come help with a project and experience a week at the 777 Ranch. Barn Raisin' is a time to meet new friends, enjoy the comradery of working together to finish a project to help improve the ministry, and become a part of the 777 Ranch family. Next on the list of projects needing to be built are the shooting range and a horse obstacle course.

Another project we would like to tackle in the near future is the arena horse science classroom, but first of all, we need to have money to pay for a 50' x 16' cement slab. In the past it has been church groups that have helped with raising the money and then helped with the construction of areas such as the bunkhouses and offices in the arena. All of the buildings on the property of the 777 Ranch are paid for, having been built because of the shared vision of individuals and churches who want to be a part of the ministry. If the Lord lays it on your heart to help out this way, give Rick a call at 435-749-9016.

**YOUTH HORSEMANSHIP CAMPS (June 23-29 and July 21-27)**—Our first youth horsemanship camp was a very busy week as we worked with 23 kids, ages 12-18. During the week Coach Randy Peterson spoke morning and evening on biblical topics for teens. Two young men accepted Christ as Savior that week and others asked questions seeking Bible answers. Our second horsemanship camp was smaller, giving the campers an opportunity to really hone their skills with special instruction. That week another young man accepted Christ as his Savior after hearing the messages from Pastor David Brock. Both of our speakers know youth and spent a lot of time with the kids in their activities, even helping quiz some on horse parts! That kind of interaction pays off, causing the young people to be more attuned to God's Word as it is preached. Next summer's speakers are Pastor Tony Garren from Ohio for Horsemanship Camp I and Pastor David Brock from Arizona for Horsemanship Camp II. Both men are dynamic speakers who truly enjoy kids!

**GUYS' (June 3-29 and July 1-27) AND GALS' (July 1-27) RANCH HAND PROGRAMS**—In addition to week-long camps, we had five ranch hand guys and gals come for either four or eight weeks. The ranch hand program is specifically designed as a character building, spiritual development program as we work with the young people. However, after some of these young people are here, they realize that the greatest need they have is to truly know God and become one of His children. Two of the young men were saved during horsemanship camp. One of those young men said that as a child he had prayed a prayer but now he wanted to come to Christ with not just his head but with his heart. Another one just attended a youth activity at a church in his hometown where we hope to see him begin attending and growing in Christ. (He found us through an ad for Irish Black cattle!) Camp is just a part of the picture. And horses are simply a tool that God can use to bring folks to Himself. But the truth of the matter is it takes people back home who are willing to help disciple these who get saved at camp.

### And Now—It's Commercial Time!

One of our desires at the 777 Ranch is to provide a place for churches to bring men, women, families, leadership groups, and others so that they can reach out to folks in a different setting. If you're interested in this possibility, give us a call for pricing and available dates. The month of August is usually set aside for this purpose; however, if another month would work better for you, just call and ask. (Katie at 435-749-9704 or email through our website) In fact, we have custom retreats scheduled the middle of September and the end of October. We are a full-service camp, meaning that we provide housing, food, and activities rather than just a facility. And by the way, no one ever leaves a meal hungry or a horseback riding yearning unfulfilled--within reason, of course! We also have a list of activities besides horseback riding that we can provide for your group.

After upgrading the website and attending two horse expos, we saw several new people come to adult horsemanship, youth horsemanship camp, and even day camp, usually attended only by locals. Needless to say, we were excited! That is what the 777 Ranch is all about—ministering to people who would not otherwise hear of God's love and the relationship we can have with Him through personally accepting the gift of salvation provided by Jesus Christ.

Katie is trying to keep the 777 Ranch facebook page updated every couple of weeks. If you'd like to check it out, you can find a link on our website that will take you to it. Like our page and share it with your friends. You're our best advertisement! Also the new brochures for camps for next summer are posted on our website.