



FANTASTIC FALL!



What an amazing first Summer at the *Breakaway Youth Ranch!* We had about 16 kids out for sessions throughout June, July and August and most were able to come on a regular basis. Brent said recently at a presentation, "If a picture is worth a thousand words, well then, experiences are priceless." How true it is of the time spent with kids and their families this summer. We saw several instances of kids bonding with a horse in a way that we've never experienced before. One young man was able to earn the trust of Doc, our most untrusting horse. What a joy and privilege to see them working together. He is still the only young person to have worked with Doc!

We have built some lasting friendships that we pray will continue. Before every session, the mentors met together to pray for each person coming to visit that day. We were blessed by that time together. We also discussed a character quality and how we would see that in our lives, in the kids and horses and how the Bible exemplifies that quality. This was a great way to begin discussion with the kids.

In June, we hosted a BBQ dinner with music by the Gilbert Family. They were wonderful and we hope to have them out again soon. We had close to 150 people out to celebrate beginning our first season. What an encouraging time that was!

In July, the Wild Horse Ministry did a demonstration with an unbroken horse. They related each step of training to our relationship with the Lord and they were able to ride her at the end of a two hour period. What a blessing those people are! They truly live for the Lord and are so gracious, kind and loving. We wished they could have stayed longer! Our hope is to have them back next year. Monte's Smokewagon provided amazing food for us. What a blessing that was!

That next week in July, the Three Forks Summer Youth Program brought a bus full of kids out to the Youth Ranch. We were blessed by amazing guests to help teach the kids about horsemanship. The kids were broken up into groups and travelled around to each station. They learned about tying halters and braiding ropes, they watched our farrier build a set of horseshoes from a piece of iron, they got to practice their roping skills, meet friendly animals from a small petty zoo and play some fun games. This was something we hadn't planned before, but were very excited and pleased with how the fun day went!

Although we have halted "sessions" for this season, we plan to continue building the relationships we've formed with kids and their families throughout the Fall and Winter months. Our hope is to meet every other Saturday for a couple of hours with the kids to work on horsemanship skills through cleaning tack, exercising the horses or organizing supplies in the barn. We also want to encourage them and their walk with the Lord as they face many different situations at school.

The Lord most definitely blessed the Youth Ranch this summer. Psalms 28:7 states, "The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to Him in song." We also want to express our thankfulness and gratitude for all who choose to be a part of this ministry! What a gift your time, energy, talents and prayers are to us all!



Breakaway Youth Ranch— Brand Contest



Thank you so much to all that submitted a brand. What a fun thing to be on the receiving end of all those great ideas! We had our board members choose their top 3 out of 22 submitted. They did not know who had submitted each, and together we came up with one that we felt represented BYR well. The winner was an 11 year old girl named Raeanna, who lives with her brother and grandparents in California. She has been so excited about the Ranch from the very beginning and absolutely loves horses! It was a tough choice, but we are very pleased with the results!

Board members : Nolan
Murphy, Ryan and Andrea
Ward and Brent and
Amanda Reichman

Horse of the Month

Copper is a 10 year old sorrel gelding. He was purchased from the BLS stockyards in Billings. He came from Washington. Copper was unable to be rode when BYR first received him due to trust issues. After just a few weeks at the Ranch, Copper developed into one of the friendliest horses, as you can see in the picture below. He is still working on his "manners," but is getting better with each ride. He is now one of our main session horses. We feel very blessed to have him at BYR.



Copper being a good canvas at one of BYR open sessions

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Come Horse Around at our Fall Fun Day!

Saturday, October 6, from 4 p.m.- 8 p.m.

****Costume Contest for ALL ages **Apple Carving Contest (adult and child team)**

****Donut on a String**

****For Kids: Face Painting, Gourd Bowling, Bean Bag Toss, Hide & Seek in the Hay Bales, Round Pen/Play Pen & FREE Pony Cart Rides**

****For Adults: Chili Cook-Off, Horseshoe Tournament, Civil War Era called Dancing,**

Volleyball

Don't miss this fun-filled event at the Breakaway Youth Ranch. Bring a pot of chili to share, wear your favorite NON SCARY costume, win a few prizes and come roast a marshmallow by the fire!

Our Mission is to bring hope, encouragement and healing to families in our area by providing an opportunity for children to learn about and care for horses in need. **Our Goal** is for every guest, through working with these special horses, to see and feel the freedom that comes through unconditional love. We want to glorify God by serving others and helping them experience the hope and joy that comes from trusting Him.

****Thank you all again so much for your support and encouragement! With love, Amanda Reichman**

HONORS/ MEMORIALS

We have received several donations *in memory* of or *in honor* of very special people. If you would like to give a donation to remember someone special, please include your name, the name of the person you are celebrating and the reason you are honoring them! Donations have been sent for these special people:

MEMORIALS

Faye Sparlin

HONORS

Cody & Hannah Johnson for their love of horses and animals!

Elgin R. Jones for his 85th Birthday!

Kennedy Casper, Sloan Richardson, Susan Richardson, Joe Richardson, John Richardson, Lois Richardson, Kanon and Kylee Reichman

for their Birthdays!