

Breakaway Youth Ranch

Summer Session Blessin's

Minor editing has been done to the following comments to ensure readability.

"What I really like about BYR is the kids. There just so cool. And when I'm walking with them I feel responsible. And the most fun part is riding. So you get to learn about God and ride a horse. Lucky duck." Halle

"Dear Horse camp! Thank you for bringing us there. The horses were really nice. The most ones I liked were Snow and Levi, and the most one I liked was all of them!" Christina

"I loved to help the little kids ride. It was fun to ride Dusty He was my favorite horse." Curtis

"Chores" Ieshua

"What I liked about it was helping other people ride. I liked riding but not as much. But being able to help other people ride is what I liked the most. I met new people and made new friends. It was really cool. I want to come back next year." Dom

"Dear horse camp, I liked riding horses and doing chores. And I liked Amanda" Kaydin

"Breakaway Youth Ranch has made a big difference in my life. They have taught me to be strong in my faith and have also taught me a lot about horses as well. I enjoy my time there, and being a Junior MINT helps me with responsibility and friend making. It is a huge blessing..." Sadie

"Dear Horse camp, thank you for letting us ride horses and do chores and telling us about God and I love the horses. The horse I like was Levi." Sabian

"My most favorite part was how Jenny taught me more about riding horses. My special time was the hour I got to spend brushing the horses, and finding where they liked to be brushed most." Katie M.

Donations have been made to honor these special people's birthdays:

Doug Richardson, Sloan Richardson, Susan Richardson, Tricia Richardson, Lois Richardson & Jack Sparlin



Horse of the Month

Doc is hard to sum up. He is a large-hearted, small horse that gave rise to a dream; who has taught us many lessons; who has suffered; given hope; feared; given courage; learned to trust, and conquered the hearts of many. In short, he is a little horse who has done a great work. He is irreplaceable.

Sadly, this past spring Doc was diagnosed with Ring Bone. This is a bone disorder similar to arthritis in the “ankle” joints of his front legs. It is incurable. The extra bone growth that occurs with this disease has already caused Doc significant pain. As we do not wish to cause suffering to any of the animals under our care, we have decided to have Doc put to sleep this fall. He will be greatly missed.

Summer Office Report

by Jenny Wielenga

In the beginning weeks of June, we prayed that the Lord would use this place to help lots of hurting kids. To date I have had 75 riding release forms come across my desk. 39 of them are for kids who we *know* are coming from tough situations where there is a lot of hurt. Many of those 39 came repeatedly throughout the summer. 14 of them are for MINTs (Mentors in Training) who came multiple times every week to grow in their relationships with God, horses, and each other. Roughly 10 of the release forms belong to kids who only came once and who we pray received hope here. The remaining ones belong to kids who came out repeatedly — whose situations at home are stable, and who we simply get to encourage as they grow up hearing of the Lord, of His nature and of His ways.

As encouraged as we are by these numbers, what is far more encouraging to us is the quality of the interactions that have happened. I have watched kids, once crouched in terror over the saddle horn, slowly unfold into confident, smiling riders as their mentors worked with them. Several times we have been able to tell kids about the God who loves them and Who wants to build a relationship with them — and what their part in that is.

The highlight of my summer was having a young man be honest about how hard it is to be good — and being able to give him hope by reminding him that God will help any of His people do whatever it is He asks them to do. He is the best trainer in the world, and when He asks for obedience, He’s right there to help us attain it.

Another highlight for all of us was a young man who asked Jesus to save him from his sinfulness while he was out here at BYR. While this is not necessarily the objective of every single session, we know that true life-change starts with a heart-change and we are excited to see what happens in this young man’s life. THANK YOU for being a part of this!

Upcoming Events

Fall Fun Day — Sat. Oct. 10, 4-7pm

- Please bring your favorite **crook pot dish** to share.

And don’t forget to bring an entry for our **baking contest!**
(Enter in one of three categories: **Pies, Cakes, or Bars**)

Weekly Winter Bible Studies and/or After-School Sessions (Horseless)

- Call for more info: (231) 649-9400 (Jenny) or
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