

# Breakaway Youth Ranch

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FARE WELL

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I think I have subconsciously been putting off writing this newsletter. It is never easy saying goodbye. And in many ways, writing this letter feels like “goodbye.” But, as I have been thinking things over since the end of the summer, I’ve realized that it isn’t really a goodbye to the most important parts of my ministry at the ranch. It is goodbye to a title, as I will no longer be the Program Director. It is goodbye to many behind-the-scenes tasks that have helped to keep things running as smoothly as possible. It is goodbye to lots of hours spent communicating individually with volunteers, parents, churches, and kids. It is goodbye to the yearly program design and implementation changes. It is goodbye to being a supported missionary. And it is goodbye to many aspects of leadership.

But it is not goodbye to the things that have mattered most to me in my years of ministry here. Lord willing, it isn’t goodbye to the hands-on summer ministry. I intend to volunteer right along with the rest of you amazing volunteers who have given so many hours to the continued outpouring of love at the ranch. And if I’m volunteering, then it isn’t goodbye to the teenage girls who I have come to love like younger sisters. I am looking forward to many more years of fun, laughter, horses, and learning about our amazing God! I pray that it isn’t goodbye to the many friendships that God has brought about through twelve years of working at the ranch. I have great hope they will continue in new and unexpected avenues in and outside of the context of the ranch. And it most certainly isn’t goodbye to ministering to those who have need. I’m hoping that this transition will actually free up more time to minister to those around me—my husband, my daughter, my neighbors, and the random other opportunities that God provides to help, encourage, and strengthen those around me as we live life in this broken, messed up world.

So what I really want to say is not goodbye, but FARE WELL beloved people of Breakaway Youth Ranch! Blossom and grow. Change and advance. Rejoice and be glad. Fight the good fight. Let our “God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Let Him fill up your cup to overflowing since He is “able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.” (Romans 15:13, Psalm 23:5, 2 Corinthians 9:8) I look forward to resting my soul in Him as I continue to pull in harness with all of you in a new way for the glory of God and the good of those around us. And furthermore, I earnestly desire your prayers for me and my family to fare well as we transition to having the rest of the year to invest in whatever God has coming our way. We have so many options and opportunities. Frankly, there are too many! We are trusting that God will continue to faithfully direct our paths as we trust in Him.

I pray that “you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.” (3 John 1:2) I pray that God “would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” (Ephesians 3:14-21)

**Donations have been made to honor these special people:**

**BIRTHDAYS:** Sloan, Doug, Tricia, Sy, Karen, Joe, and John Richardson, Fidelia Lucero, Melody Doshier, Jack & Brenda Sparlin  
**MEMORIALS:** Brian Ayres



## Horse of the Quarter:

Jack is a flashy, blue-eyed paint who loves human

company. He is one of the few who prefers to be caught than left in the pasture. He loves to be petted or scratched. He loves treats. He teaches people how to be focused when they are riding. He improves confidence by making sure those who ride him don't have it too easy, but have juuuust the right amount of challenge. Anyone who rides and loves him, finds him to be an easy-going, quirky, fun, steady, comfortable, safe horse to be around. As is always the case with our horses, there is so much we can learn from him as he generously gives to the kids around him.



## One Date to Save:

**Sunday, October 1st - 4—7pm**

**!!! Fall Fun Day !!!**

**Has it been a while since your church had an in-person update from the ranch? Or would you like us to come talk to your church about ministry opportunities with us? Give Amanda a call at 406-581-5488!**

## Fall Fun Day!



### This year's fun will include:

#### ◆ Chili & Pie Contest

**Instructions:** Arrive promptly at 4pm with a pot of your award winning chili, or your world famous pie (or both!), take a number at the door, place your chili or pie and number on the table, go have fun!

#### ◆ Potluck! Bring your favorite side or salad to share.

#### ◆ Games and Activities for all

#### ◆ Called Dancing

#### ◆ Cider Pressing

#### ◆ Free! Invite your friends!



**Directions to BYR: Take exit 267 off I-90. Turn south and follow Cottonwood Road for 2 1/2 miles until you see the big red barn. Turn in and join us!**



This summer, instead of supporting one particular ministry, we chose to support a couple who works in a variety of **prison ministries** in the Gallatin Valley. **Randy and Sherry Jones** are heavily involved in bringing hope to those who find themselves behind prison walls. Randy is the area Chaplain—which involves many varied ministry opportunities. In addition, they are involved in Bozeman Prison Ministries, Celebrate recovery, and various Bible studies - among other things. If you didn't get a chance to donate this summer, please consider bringing your spare change to help support them in their important work of ministry to those who need hope!

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