

# THE SCOOP

## Whispering Hope Ranch Ministries

### The View From My Saddle

As a trail guide I spend a majority of my time in the saddle looking backwards making sure all the people riding behind me are having a safe ride. Looking back over our summer camp season we had a great ride! If you've been around me during camp you may have heard me guarantee three things for the campers while they are here. They will have fun, they will be safe, and they will hear about the love of our great God.

Our camps were completely full

this year! Fifty-eight campers attended camp this summer at the Ranch. We witnessed God move in the hearts of those kids as we shared the Gospel through horse stories. Seventeen kids received Christ for the first time. Many others let us know that a story, devotion time, or staff member helped them grow closer to God while they were at the Ranch. Praise God!

As I look back I also see what an amazing staff God assembled

for us this year. It was a group of kids and young adults who are hungry to grow in their abilities and grow in their walk with Jesus. It is energizing to be around people who are hungry for God. It has been a privilege to work alongside each of them. I am excited for what God is doing in their lives, and to see what they are doing for the kingdom of God.

On a trail ride I can't look only backward, I must look ahead and see what's coming up, and where we are going. Looking ahead to the future of the Ranch is exciting! Our camps are full and our programs stretched to the max with our current facilities and staff. We are praying and

planning for an additional bunkhouse, and expanding our staff and horse herd.

Also, the arena project is moving ahead full steam as God keeps supplying the needs through His people. The resources keep coming in to continue the next steps. Currently the next phase is concrete and the heating system.

Enjoying "the ride" and being a part of what God is doing here at Whispering Hope Ranch.

- Justin Bedetlyon -



### Fall Events:

- *September 10 - Staff Reunion*
- *October 1 - Hoe Down*
- *October 22 - Volunteer Ranch Team: training day (See back for more details)*

Special thanks for the donation of two new halflinger horses to the Ranch! We are continuing to grow our herd and trying to add in some younger horses to give some of the older horses a break after their years of wonderful service.

**Please remember if you know of any horses available we are looking for horses that are age 8-15 and rideable with no health issues.**

Another new addition to the Ranch is Justin's horse Tucker. He still needs lots of training as he is under 1 year old. He is very lovable and personable and has already won the hearts of all the campers and staff this summer.



A huge **thanks** to everyone who helps keep the Ranch going through funding and prayers!

Pull on your boots  
& mosey on over  
*we're having a*

# HOE DOWN

To celebrate God's many blessings and the new indoor arena

**SATURDAY**  
**OCT 1**  
**2 p.m.**

(till we're too tired to keep dancing)



**WHISPERING HOPE RANCH MINISTRIES**  
659 MAYHEW ROAD—ROSE CITY, MI 48654

**Follow the signs from here to get to South Ranch**

## Will You Join the Ranch Team?

We always said that we couldn't do what we do at the Ranch without all of our volunteers, and we mean it! People like you who volunteer their time at the Ranch are what holds us together and keeps us going.

### Would you consider serving on a local mission team?

- **Do I need to have a lot of horse experience to help out at the Ranch?** Nope! You don't have to have any; we'll train you in all you need to know to keep yourself and others safe around the horses. The only qualifications are that you love Jesus and are 16 or older.
- **What if I don't really like animals?** There are lots of other areas you could help out in at the Ranch... grounds/maintenance, kitchen/food service, hay harvesting, musical talent, etc.
- **What kind of a time commitment is it?** We have various programs that run on the weekdays, weeknights, or on weekends, plus our full summer programming. Volunteering once per month is a huge blessing to the Ranch.

**Still not convinced that you can serve at the Ranch?** Check out the added blessings of serving on the Ranch Team.

- Serve God close to home
- Build relationships and outreach in your local community
- Enjoy horses and all God's creation outdoors (and soon in our indoor arena!)
- Work alongside other on-fire Christians
- Witness firsthand God at work using horses to minister His love to all kinds and ages of people who visit the Ranch.

We will be having a training day on: October 22 from 9am to 4pm.

Please call the Ranch to let us know you are coming. Lunch is provided. Coming to the training does not commit you to anything. It is an investment of your time and ours, so come check it out and please prayerfully consider if this is a place you could plug into.

## Grab your blue jeans, hats, and boots and join us for an evening of fun!

- ★ Live music
- ★ Food
- ★ Hay rides
- ★ Indoor arena dedication and tours
- ★ Square dancing lessons and calling
- ★ Kids activities: horse rides, bounce house, face painting and games



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