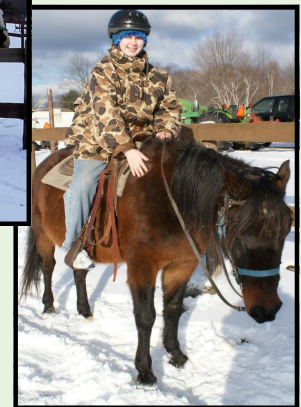


THE SCOOP



TIS THE SEASON TO TRUST

Being in the midst of a pandemic has been quite a hardship for everyone. Some have had to endure more than others. I am reminded that Christ was born into a time of hardship. Mary and Joseph had to travel to a distant town for a government imposed census, they were unsure of when their baby would be born, no family was around to help, they were not near their home for comfort, nor was there any room for them to stay once in Bethlehem. We can see that trust in God was what brought them through their trials. Gods hand was upon them. The spiritual warfare that took place is hard to comprehend. A savior born was the last thing that Satan wanted. BUT... It did happen. Glory to God in the highest!

We here at the Ranch see God's hand moving in great ways even during the pandemic. The arena is just about completed, giving us a new tool to share the love of Christ with lost and hurting people. Justin has come on staff full time at the Ranch. This is truly a time of trusting God to meet needs both in and through us.

A big thank you from us for your prayer and financial support.

Merry Christmas and God bless you all!

Matt Bedtelyon

Please pray:

- for finances to continue to come in.
- for health and safety of our staff and horses
- for the hearts and lives of people yet to come to the Ranch who need to know and experience the love, power, and grace of God.



DID YOU KNOW?

- There are 12 horses living at what is currently called South Ranch (the property that the indoor arena is on)
- The indoor arena is within about \$22,000 of being fully completed.
- Boone (one of our youngest horses) will steal a food dish and keep it until he gets Justin's attention.
- Approximately 12,000 feet of fencing has been installed at South Ranch.
- Horses can hear your heart beat from up to 4 feet away. They can sense if you are afraid by a raised heart beat
- The arena project and South Ranch are being completed debt free!
- One of the smallest animals at the ranch bosses all the horses around... he is also a tattle tale; he lets out a warning bray for anything out of the ordinary. (Can you guess who it is?)



OUR HERD

The Ranch currently has 17 horses and one miniature donkey (Lil'Joe -who thinks he's the herd boss!) Our 2 oldest horses, Hoss and Truffles are mostly retired at age 31. (They still love a good grooming and occasional pony ride) Our 2 youngest horses are Tucker (4) and Boone (8). The average age of our horse herd is 19. We have some amazing horses that love their jobs and who are loved by many kids and trail riders alike. Unfortunately, many of our best horses are getting older and some are getting to the age where they can't be used as much for the rigors of our camps and activities. We are hoping to add some horses to our herd this year. It takes a special horse to do the work the ones here do connecting with kids and helping us break down walls to be able to share the love of Christ. Please pray with us that we will be able to find some new additions to our herd. (whether that is through horses being donated or the funds to buy them)



The horses get their thick winter coats in the winter and we bundle up also to take care of the herd.

PROGRESS!

There are many things happening on the arena project. The plumbers have been busy and insulation has been blown into the walls. The steel to complete the riding portion is paid for and delivered and will be installed shortly. We have a little bit more insulation to be blown in before we are ready for heat. Things are coming together nicely. We are getting much accomplished; God is good. As we look toward completion there are several items still needed.

- Drywall finishing – \$2850
- Outdoor boiler prep and setup \$7500 (this includes all pieces and parts for full functioning heat throughout the entire building.)
- Propane tank set and fill \$600
- LED interior lighting \$1000
- Primer and paint \$1000
- Finish electrical... \$2000
- Arena floor prep and finish \$5000
- Exterior electrical finish... \$500
- 2 outdoor waters for horse water- \$600
- Well parts- \$1000 (labor has been donated)

As many of you have faithfully donated, volunteered, and kept us in your prayers I am so grateful. I have spent much time preparing for horses to live at South Ranch, and working on the construction of the arena, and all the progress is very exciting. Even more exciting is our increased ability to share God's love even during the winter months. Our first program for winter will be in January. I am very excited to be operating inside the arena. Currently, there are twelve horses living at the arena property full time and ready to work with kids.

- Justin Bedtelyon

Keep an eye on Facebook for updates. Kids programming is in the works to be starting up in January. We are also in the planning stages for our summer activities.

Prayerfully consider how you can be a part of what God is doing here at Whispering Hope Ranch.

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