

THE SCOOP

Whispering Hope Ranch Ministries

TRACKS AT HORSE CAMP

It never fails when we trail ride at the Ranch we see all sorts of tracks in the woods. We see deer, turkey, coyote, and sometimes even bear tracks. Of course we always see horse tracks, some human tracks, and ATV tracks in the dirt too.

I would like to share with you another track that we have seen in abundance this camp season, one that you might not have thought of: tear tracks - running down the faces of the kids as they say good-bye to their horses at the end of camp. Justin commented on the many campers that were crying as they hugged their horses in the round pen at the end of the Shodeo.

God uses horses to unlock hurts from the past in some kids' lives. The horses open kids up for the

healing that only Christ can give. For some it is very hard to say good-bye and leave the Ranch. Others cry because they have to leave the horse that they have made a connection with during their time at the Ranch.

God's word says in Revelations 7:17 "For the Lamb at the center of the throne will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Our prayer is that all who come to Whispering Hope Ranch will experience God's presence and will leave knowing the peace and joy of knowing Jesus our Lord;

the One who sees and dries the tracks of our tears.

- Mr. Matt



UPCOMING EVENTS



- ★ Building on the Rock of Christ Fundraiser
- ★ Teen Riders for Christ - Tuesdays from 4:30 - 7:30 begins September 11th
- ★ Hope Riders - Saturday from 9:00 to noon ~ for ages 9-12
September 29th, October 20th and 27th, November 3rd and 17th
- ★ Hoe Down - October 6th -
- ★ Snow Day at the Ranch! Sneak peak! February 8-10, 2019

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RANCH CAMP RUNDOWN

We had a fantastic summer camp season this year! Not only did we have an injury free summer, but the kids had a fun-packed time with horses and friends learning about the love of our great God! Many of you support the Ranch both financially and in prayer. Do you want to know the impact YOU had this summer? We had a total of 47 campers this summer. Out of those campers we know that 8 made the choice for the first time to accept God's gift of salvation. In addition to that we had 8 kids this summer who said they wanted to rededicate their lives to Christ. During each camp we make sure that each camper has a chance to talk to a staff member one-on-one to be able to ask questions, share their hearts, and know for sure that God loves them and wants to have a personal relationship with them. We aren't all about numbers here at the Ranch. We would still do what we do even if it meant just one kid coming to know Jesus Christ as their Savior. We do want you to know that we are faithfully using the tools God has given us to minister to as many people as He brings onto this property.



Can you find the staff member who is *up* to some shenanigans, and the photo-bombing horse?

Both the Hope Riders and Teen Riders for Christ programs are starting back up in September. We are looking forward to plenty of great riding time! We are able to offer these horse programs to the youth of our local communities for free because of those of you who faithfully support Whispering Hope Ranch financially.



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

You may remember that we put out a call this spring for some new horses to replace some of our older herd. We are still looking for a few more, but also have a couple to introduce to you. Maybe your child even rode one this summer. Ginger was a new addition to the herd this year. She was donated, and came to us from a loving family. She is a very sweet, smart mare and seems to be enjoying her new job as much as the kids are enjoying her. Two of our staff members also purchased new horses. Willy was able to be reunited with a horse she had owned before going away to college. Annabelle is a 12 year old Percheron cross who loves to eat and have her thick mane brushed. Lastly, Justin was able to purchase a buckskin named Boone. Boone is a 6 year old gelding who was raised from birth by his previous owner. She was very glad to see him go to a good home where he will be useful to Justin for his Wrangler duties during camps and for guiding trail rides.



NEW!!! ONLINE GIVING

As you can see we rely greatly on donations to keep the ministry going. Now, we've made it even easier for you to give and partner with us. If you would like to donate online, or schedule to donate monthly, go to whrm.org and click on the GIVE tab at the top of the page. We still welcome donations through the mail as well. Check out the enclosed fundraising drive flyer for more information.

SNEAK PEAK! SNOW DAY AT THE RANCH

We're sure no one is quite ready to let go of summer yet, especially not to think of snow, but we are planning something really exciting for winter 2019 as we partner with New Life Camp (just down the road from us). Imagine shaking off those mid-winter, school blues to come for a weekend of snow tubing, toasty bareback riding, black light dodgeball, cowboy chapel, and much more! For girls ages 10-17 February 8-10 ~ Friday 7:00 P.M. thru Sunday 10:30 A.M. Cowboy church @10:00 families welcome.

