



Summer 2019 Newsletter



News from the Pasture

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen! II Peter 3:18

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his year's summer season has been a busy and blessed one! We were blown away by the response to Camp HERD registrations this year. All 4 camps were booked solid in 3 days!

Not only that, but at least half of the kids in each of our beginner camps were brand new to the ranch!



Praise God! We originally planned on four camps this summer, but it was clear very early on that we would need to open a fifth camp to accommodate all those on the waiting list. When we opened that fifth camp; it was filled immediately with those kids on the waitlist, and all the kids (except 2) were coming here for the first time! Of the five camps, two of them were intermediate camps this year. It's humbling to have so many kids want to come back year after year and continue to learn more about Jesus and their relationship with others, themselves, and the horses. One of our favorite parts of all the camps, but especially intermediate camps, is watching these kids grow each

year in their faith and confidence. Our all-time favorite part of camp, though, is being able to teach each child about Jesus and His love for them! This year, because of this amazing opportunity, we saw 7 children accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior! Praise You, Jesus! In all, we were blessed to serve 43 kids in camp HERD this summer!

Upcoming Events

- **Fall Mentor Sessions-each an hour long (by appt only)**
Aug 26-Nov 1 (Weather permitting)
- **4th Annual Fall Harvest BBQ**
Sept 27th 5pm-8pm
- **Volunteer Info Meeting**
Oct 12th 2pm-3:30pm
- **Project Days**
TBA on Facebook and website. Stay tuned!

In addition to the growth we saw in the number of camps and kids, we also added five new volunteers to our volunteer staff. The first new volunteer is a welder and has offered his services when needed. The first project he welded for us was fixing the cart Cruiser, one of the minis, pulls. We are hoping to get him driving it again shortly! We hope to have this volunteer out again to help fix one of the implements on our tractor as well, soon. One of the other new volunteers helps us out a couple times a week by cleaning the stalls and pasture. Another one helped at our camps this summer as an additional/backup photographer. One helped behind the scenes and put together several of the crafts we had during camps this year. The fifth volunteer comes several days per week to clean stalls, she helped during each camp week, and she is doing some training to be a session leader this fall! We are thrilled and grateful to have these new additions to our volunteer family, and we hope to continue to grow in this area – adding more volunteers in the many different opportunities we have here at RSR to serve. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us today. Also, we hope you will join us for our volunteer info meeting on Oct. 12th from 2-3:30pm.



This summer season has been a true blessing in our lives here at the ranch, and personally. We love seeing the smiling faces, the kids growing in their faith walk with Jesus, and their knowledge of relationships and horses playing out! Thank you all for a fabulous 2019 Camp HERD season! We look forward to this fall season and all He has in store for those who choose the ranch as a place for mentoring. Thank you for your continued support in helping bring Hope, Encouragement, Restoration, and Discipleship to our community. We couldn't do this without you!

Love in Christ,

Scott and Laura Pfeiffer



June Beginner Camp



June Intermediate Camp



July Beginner Camp

Prayer Requests & Specific Ranch Needs

As the Lord continues to fulfill His promise of growth here at RSR, we have come to the point where we realize we need specific items to accommodate the growth He has so graciously provided. Would you please join us in praying over these specific needs, and maybe even consider helping to fill (or be a part of filling) one of these needs?

- Early in the summer, we received many round tables, a couple long banquet tables, and some more folding chairs. This is an answer to prayer! We are so very thankful for this donation! However, we have very little space to store these items (and other ranch/camp related items) and we are now in need of a storage shed.
- The office is now equipped with an air conditioner for the summer months, a portable heater in the winter, and a brand-new printer so we can do most of our printing in-house. This is great news as now more office work can take place in the office itself! The one item we don't have that would make business run smoother is a laptop to use in the office. We need it to be able to handle QuickBooks and other programs at the same time, so having enough memory is important.
- Lastly, with our growth in adding a fifth camp and more kids to each camp, we are out growing the Pfeiffer's garage. This is a good thing! We are now looking into building a structure for the ranch activities: fundraiser BBQ's, camps, sessions, conferences, fellowship nights, etc... There is a lot that goes into this big of a project, so please be in prayer about how you may be able to be involved and that God will provide the people and resources to make this building a reality!



July Intermediate Camp



August Beginner Camp

CAMP TESTIMONIALS

Jessalyn said "it was a fun and exciting time on the ranch and I loved all the horses" She has the best time going there! I just want to say again thank you for doing these camps for the kids! It's so awesome there is something they can get outside and do and learn what's it's like and how hard it is to keep up with the horses and learning! You, your family and volunteers are awesome!!!

Thanks again
Candice

Madelyn said her favorite horse is Whiskey, because he's really cute and fun to ride. As her mom, I love Camp Herd for the beautiful lessons on God, and taking care of His creation. I also adore the staff at Camp Herd, and the love they show each child.

Love,
Beth Reiss

"I loved to groom Gunner and I liked doing the Bible studies. Never stand behind a horse unless you tap it, then go around and tap it again. I would love to do this camp again." ~ Della

CAMP MOMENTS



How can you help?

○ Prayers

- Please join us in prayer that growth will continue at the ranch as God sees it.
- Please be in prayer for the kids, adults, and families involved in the fall mentor sessions.
- Please join us in prayer over all our Co-Founders, Board of Directors, and our volunteers.
- Please pray for our Fall Harvest BBQ, that not only would the weather be good, but also for the safety of all who come, and that fun would be had. Pray also for us to raise funds to easily get us thru the winter/off season months!
- Please be in prayer for how you can be involved with what God is doing here at RSR
- Please join us in prayer for God's plan and provision over His ministry.

○ Volunteers

- We have many different opportunities to get involved with the ministry here at RSR. Some opportunities are behind the scenes, some more visible. Short-term and long-term positions are available. Individuals and/or groups welcome.
- Below are just some of the options. See one that interests you, or just want to help wherever needed? Contact us today! We look forward to serving alongside you!
 - Office help
 - Barn chores
 - Prepping for camps
 - Event planning
 - Holiday Parade coordination
 - Set up/tear down at events
 - Grooming horses
 - Exercising horses(must be evaluated)
 - Handyman skills
 - And so much more...

○ Financial

- We are solely supported by tax-deductible donations. Any amount is greatly appreciated and goes right back into the ministry and operations.
- You can choose different avenues for your donation to be used: general fund (which helps pay our normal day-to-day bills, but also help us to continue our mentor sessions for free), camp scholarships, camp supplies, marketing, insurance, building projects, farm equipment, hay/feed, farrier, vet, etc...
- Sponsor a child for camp. This summer we charged \$75 for beginners and \$100 for intermediate. We hope to keep the costs for next year the same, or at least close to the same. We have been blessed to be able to sponsor a couple of kids each year, but we would love to be able to sponsor more with your help.
- Sponsor a horse! You get to choose the horse you wish to sponsor each month, and the money donated goes directly to feeding and caring for that horse every month. You will also receive pictures and updates on your sponsored horse and have the option to come out and visit your sponsored horse (by appt.). Horse sponsorships allow us to allocate the money that comes into the general funds to more areas in need around the ranch. So, head to our website and choose your favorite horse to sponsor today!
- There are many options to give. You can send us a check (to the address below), give thru the website, or you can give thru FB. PayPal (which is thru the website) and FB have options for you to set up your giving as recurring if you so choose.

○ In-Kind Donations

- Grass hay
 - Small bales preferred, but we are always thankful for donated hay.
- Building materials for horse shades, bigger hay storage, and other projects around the ranch.
- Bags of Nutrena Safe Choice Senior Feed
- Farm equipment
- Tables and chairs
- Horse panels
- Trees to plant around the property
- Automatic water buckets
- Mounting blocks
- Wheelbarrows
- Big event tent
- Gift cards to businesses in town & online