



# Summer 2018 Newsletter

## News from the Pasture

In His kindness God called you to share in His eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, He will restore, support, and strengthen you, and He will place you on a firm foundation. I Peter 5:10

**O**h, what a joy this year has been so far! We kicked off our 4<sup>th</sup> year in existence (3<sup>rd</sup> year in operation) with a bang! Our Spring Fling BBQ Fundraiser event was a great success as usual! We brought in about \$1700 from the silent auction and donations. Although this was not as much as we are used to seeing each year at this event, financially speaking, we had a great turn out from the community, with many new faces coming to see what we are all about.

**A**t the end of April, our founders, Scott and Laura Pfeiffer, and our head volunteer, Cheryl Adams, headed to Bend, Oregon to be a part of a ministry leadership conference held by Crystal Peaks Youth Ranch. This is a conference available to us each year to be able to fellowship with other similar ministries from around the world, grow and learn from CPYR, and get some rest before our season officially kicks off. All three of us were able to do just that! The insight gained at CPYR is priceless! And, God has a way of getting through when there are no distractions coming from daily life on the ranch. One of the things that came from this trip was the realization that we needed to stop teaching riding lessons. This was a huge leap of faith, as the lessons, in the past, had provided the necessary funds for the hay bill every year. However, we knew this was the step needed for the ministry to grow so the schedule would be clear to focus on reaching the youth in our community who really needed to be on the ranch. God has been faithful every step of the way as He has provided what RSR has needed since then! Praise God!

## Upcoming Events

- **Harvest BBQ Festival**  
Sept. 28 5pm-8pm
- **Sessions**  
Schedule now until the week of Thanksgiving (Closed for Winter season)
- **Christmas Parade**  
Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Looking for help building the float. Please contact the ranch if interested.
  - Any children/families that have participated in past or present lessons, sessions, and camps are welcome (and encouraged) to walk in the parade with us.
- **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**  
TBA
  - If any of our families would like to write letters of appreciation to any of our volunteers, those are greatly appreciated. Please email and/or mail them to RSR before Thanksgiving.



**W**hen we announced the dates of our 3 weeks of Camp H.E.R.D., we filled all 3 within record time! In fact, we had so many on the waiting list, that through tons of prayer, we felt it was best to open a 4<sup>th</sup> camp right at the end of the summer. As soon as that camp week was announced, it filled up within the hour! Praise the Lord! This year, we introduced our 1<sup>st</sup> ever intermediate camp week. This week was for those kids who had come to at least 2 of our

beginner camps and/or had taken 6 months of riding lessons with us here at the ranch in years past.

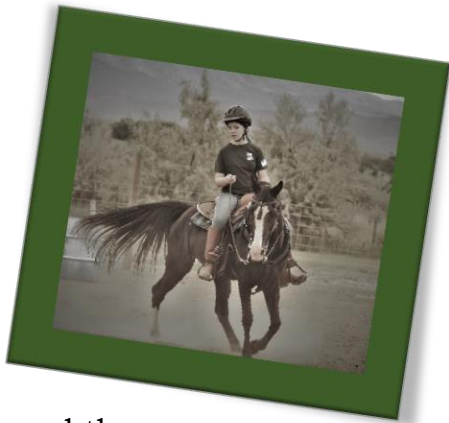
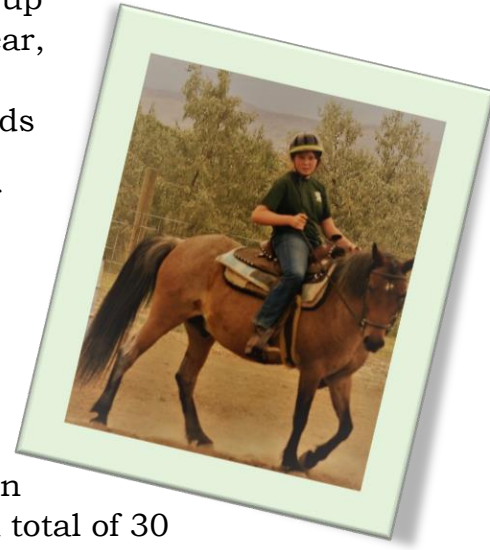
This week was a step up from our beginner camps and provided the

kids who came a chance to ride more and improve their skills in both riding and in relationships. It was truly a blessing to offer this camp and we plan to provide it again next summer. In

the 4 camps offered this year, we had a total of 30

kids participate and 7 of those kids accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior! Praise God! We also saw many kids overcome fears and some began to recognize, deal with, and be freed from the negative emotions they were dealing with. It was truly amazing to see God work in such miraculous ways in the lives of the kids, families, and the

the many prayers and support for the ranch this summer. We are truly blessed to have you all walking along side us!



**A**ugust also brought us our first Girl Scouts field trip. We had 21 girls from the Montrose area come for a morning of horsemanship. They took a tour of the ranch and met our animals before spending time learning about ranch life through grooming and mucking the pasture. After their hard work, they were able to lead and ride our faithful horse, Cody.



## Ranch Needs

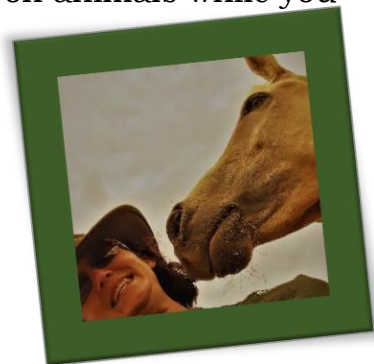


- **Prayers**
- **Volunteers**
  - Help with mucking fields/stalls, office/secretarial duties, event planning, the horses, building projects, regular maintenance, and horse camps and sessions (and many other things in between).
  - Groups: youth groups, clubs, churches, etc... (help is always needed with special projects, to clean up days, to even doing fundraisers for the ranch).
- **Financial**
  - We are solely supported by tax-deductible donations.
  - The cost of the camps each year barely cover the cost of supplies for each week of camp.
  - Our daily operational costs include: liability insurance, any and all supplies needed for the sessions/camps, marketing (business cards, flyers, etc...), hay(price doubled due to drought), senior feed and alfalfa pellets, vet bills, farrier, rent, electricity, and water.
  - Would you consider becoming a monthly donor? Even just \$10 a month helps!
  - Stay tuned for horse sponsorship opportunities! (See website for more details soon).
- **In-Kind Donations**
  - Grass, or grass/alfalfa mix hay.
  - Nutrena Safe Choice Senior feed
  - Farm equipment
  - Materials for building shade structures for the horses

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Where do I even begin? I have been volunteering at RSR since its conception back in 2014. While I do love animals, I know very little about horses. With my limited knowledge, I was still able to help in various areas: designing brochures, flyers and the website as well as taking pictures during camps. I do love taking pictures of the kids during camps, watching them love on the horses, gaining confidence in their abilities, seeing their faces light up when they have conquered a difficult skill, learning about the Lord and how He loves us, restores us and gives us hope and encouragement in our lives. It is such a privilege getting to interact with and help these kids learn and grow and the relationships that are formed are invaluable for each us who volunteers. If you are considering volunteering, let me encourage you to do so as help is needed in all aspects of running the ranch, and you can love on animals while you are there! 😊

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I Peter 4:11b

Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to Him forever and ever! Amen.