

# N-X RANCH CAMP

SUMMER CAMP 2016/VOLUME 6



## The Campers...

God blessed us with 5 boys this summer, 4 from Arizona and 1 from North Carolina. The three week camp began on June 12th and ended on July 1st. Listed next are some of the highlights of camp:

- The LeaderTrex study of Wildlife, the Biblical study of characters who lived in the wilderness
- Three day backpacking and wilderness trip to Music Pass, Sand Creek and Sand Lake

- Various ranch work projects such as, cleaning and clearing pastures of debris, cutting and stacking firewood, clearing irrigation ditches, etc.
- White water rafting trip on the Arkansas River
- Numerous OTL (Over The Line) softball games
- Archery competition on the 3D archery course
- Hikes on N-X Ranch and surrounding forests
- Day trip hike over Mosca Pass into the Great Sand Dunes National Park and then to Zapata Falls
- Fishing on the Huerfano River which runs through the ranch
- Various board and card games
- Worship time and singing around the camp fire
- One on one time with campers and their counselors
- Visiting a Wolf Preserve: interacting with learning about wolves



### :ARCHERY:

The campers enjoyed hitting the bullseye at our 3-D archery range.



### :MUSIC PASS 3-DAY HIKE:

Our hike over Music Pass was the most challenging excursion of the summer. The campers pushed themselves both physically and spiritually on this trip.



### : CIRCLE TIME:

Worshipping God and discussing His Word kept us focused on the main Reason each person was there.



## Come as you are, but be challenged to change.

"[My son] is more anxious to lead and he speaks more of Jesus and wants to go to church every week."

"[My son now knows] that there really is a God who loves him. That because of Jesus' sacrifice he is saved no matter what has happened in the past."

-Moms of campers after returning from N-X Ranch

Each camper chose a word that represented a trait they wanted to change or a characteristic they wanted in their lives. These words included; anger, forgiveness, hope, leader and responsibility.

Some of these young men have never known their fathers, had their fathers in their lives only when convenient or had fathers who have dealt with addiction and/or have been in and out of prison. One camper that was adopted very young, had just been able to make contact with his biological mom before she was recently murdered. Another camper has dealt with his mom being in and out of rehab his entire life.

All our young men have dealt with tough

beginnings in their young lives but they all learned that their Heavenly Father will never leave nor forsake them. They also were each given a quote from the late Pat Summitt, The Lady Vols basketball coach for 38 years. She used to tell her athletes, **"Your life to this point is what it is but it will become what you choose it to be".**

This is a profound statement that we pray each of our campers takes on as a challenge for their own lives.

Pictured below is one of the campers, Chris, getting baptized in the Huerfano River this summer.



"I would recommend N-X Ranch because it strengthens your bond with Christ and implements leadership building skills in you and shows you that even if you don't have a [good] biological father you'll always have your Heavenly Father."

-N-X Ranch Camper





## Looking Forward...

### :Daily Schedule:

7:00	Wake-Up
	Clean-Up/Showers
8:00	Breakfast
8:40	A.M. Chores
9:00	Quiet Time/Journaling
9:30	One on One Time
10:00	Fast Break
10:05	Ranch Work
12:00	Clean Up
12:15	Lunch
	Staff Meeting (12:45-1:15)
1:30	Planned Group Activities
3:30	Free Time/Games
5:30	Clean Up
6:00	Dinner
6:45	P.M. Chores
7:15	Group Game/Mixer
7:45	Worship
8:00	Team Time
9:30	Dismiss/Shower
9:55	Lights Out

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Lastly, as we look to the future of N-X Ranch, please pray that God would continue to guide us and do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine.

We are currently working with an architect as we make plans for expansion and are looking at other options that the Lord is presenting. We are trusting the Lord to be able to expand N-X debt-free as He provides. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to see how you or your church can be involved.

If you would like to sponsor a camper for next year, or make a donation to N-X Ranch, please visit our website at [nxranch.org](http://nxranch.org). We are a 501(c)3 non-profit ministry and all donations are tax deductible. You can also follow us and see more pictures on Facebook: N-x Ranch.

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### FROM A CAMPER

**How has your view of God changed this summer?**

"I feel like I've become closer to Him. Here on the mountain, talking about Him, Bible reading, and reading our book have helped me to feel closer."

-N-X Ranch Camper

### :2016 STAFF:

**Papa Joe & Mama Rosie Nix:** N-X Ranch director, and kitchen manager from Sun Lakes, AZ

**JP & Rebecca Nix:** camp director/ worship leader and kitchen staff, from Gardner, CO (living at N-X Ranch)

**Mark Sherlock:** archery director/ medical personal/counselor from Chandler, AZ

**Isaiah & Katherine Whelpley:** counselor and kitchen staff, from Apex, NC

**Micah Womacks:** cabin director/ counselor from Dodge City, KS

**Kato Griffin:** counselor/asst. cabin director from Charlotte, NC

