

N-X RANCH CAMP

"LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR THE FATHERLESS"

SUMMER CAMP 2017/ VOLUME 7

This summer, 2017, was another great summer here at the N-X Ranch Camp! We had a full house, with 2 returning campers and 4 new ones. We also had a completely new counseling staff, with the exception of JP and Joe. There was never a dull moment! The campers enjoyed a wide variety of events and excursions, including a 3 night camping trip and hike to Lilly Lake, white water rafting, a hike over the Mosca Pass to the Great Sand Dunes National Park and ending at the Zapata Falls, and a trip to Mission Wolf. They had archery competitions and over the line games, fished and played board games. They even learned basic car maintenance, ie. changing oil and a flat tire. They worshiped and had quiet times and one on one times with their mentors as they did a study on the book of Nehemiah. They learned that they have a loving heavenly father and that there is freedom in forgiveness. They learned that Jesus is the perfect example of what a good father is and should be. We spent Father's Day together and while many of them had a tainted views of what this day should represent, they heard about Jesus and how He is our heavenly father, the only one who will never abandon us or let us down.



A part of each day was spent doing a work project here on the Ranch. We spent time clearing the trail between the boys cabin and the main cabin where the boys came for their meals and for worship. It was a good summer that came with it's own challenges, but we know that God is so good to take our obstacles and work them together for the good of those who are called according to His purpose. On day one every one showed up with their wall up and their heart guarded but as the weeks progressed we saw walls come down and hearts exposed. They bonded together and worked together, they encouraged one another, and laughed together. They cried together and shared what was on their hearts.

Our new counseling staff was great! They were challenged at times but it was evident that they were here to show these boys the love of Christ and they handled themselves accordingly.



Three day camp out and hike to Lilly Lake: Fun, challenging, trying, and rewarding! These are the words best used to describe this adventure! Everyone made it to the top!!!



The boys enjoyed a bit of fishing at the neighboring ranch and a nice tour of the high country!



A hike out of the forest into an oasis of sand at the Great Sand Dunes National Park and then on to Zapata Falls!

Letter from the Director



We have been blessed to have run 7 successful camps since 2011 and had the opportunity to help 30 plus young men . Our goal is to break the cycle of fatherlessness in one young man at a time. They are learning that even though their biological father may not be present in their lives, they have a Heavenly Father that will never leave them nor forsake them.

Looking to the future...

As we look toward the future of the N-X Ranch we see God moving in some exciting ways! Lord willing, we are planning to break ground in the Spring of 2018 for our new camp facility. This facility would accommodate 20 campers at a time as well as additional staff. We have hopes of using the camp as a retreat center for single moms and as a mentoring center for moms and dads to learn how to parent God's way. The total projected cost for this facility is one Million dollars, with \$150,000 already given toward this effort.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions that you have about our ministry. If you or your Church are interested in partnering with us and would like me to come and speak about our ministry to the fatherless, I would welcome the opportunity. We are a 501c3 non-profit and all donations are tax deductible. Donations can be made on-line at www.nxranch.org or checks can be sent to N-X Ranch at the address below.

Blessings in Christ,

Joe Nix - Founder

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2017 Staff

Papa Joe & Mama Rosie Nix: N-X Ranch
Director and Kitchen Manager

JP & Rebecca Nix: Camp Director/ Worship
Leader and Kitchen Staff/Medications
Administrator.

Kat Whelpley: Kitchen Staff/ Admin

Faith Lacy: Camp Nurse/ Kitchen Staff

Jessica Nix: Camp Nurse/ Kitchen Staff

Sarah Rochelle: Kitchen Staff

Connor Brown: Camp Counselor

Sean Church: Camp Counselor

Brad Kelley: Camp Counselor

Camp 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

QUOTES FROM CAMPERS:

"Greatly! For the past 1 1/2 years (since Tata's death) I denied God greatly to the point that I no longer believed. I am thankful for the grace of God."

"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."



STAGGERING STATISTICS :

* 63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes - 5 times the average. (US Department Of Health/Census)

* 90% of all homeless and runaway children are from fatherless homes - 32 times the average.

* 85% of all children who show behavioral disorders come from fatherless homes - 20 times the average. (center for Disease Control)

* 80% of rapist with anger problems come from fatherless homes - 14

times the average. (Justice & Behavior, Vol 14, p. 403-26)

* 71% of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes - 9 times the average. (National Principals Association Report)