# **Camp News 2018** training for the fatherless

Leadership



This summer, 2018, marked our 8th consecutive year of leadership training camps here at the N-X Ranch! We had a full camp, 3 returning campers and 3 new ones. Lots of exciting things exciting things happened this summer beginning with the addition of a new building to our camp facilities. The Nix family and the counseling staff worked to put the building in place in the weeks prior to camp and the campers assembled the furnishings and moved in. Campers and counselors met daily in large group and one on one sessions using a Leader Trek devotional guide called "Meeting God in the Wilderness." There was a hiking trip to the mines and one over Mosca Pass to the Great Sand Dunes National Park. We took a trip Zapata Falls and enjoyed a 3 day 2 night camping adventure on Music Pass. There were lots of "over the line" games played, daily work projects completed, white water rafting on the Arkansas River, a wagon ride at the Keyes Rito Oso Ranch, fishing,

and a tour of a local woodworking Mill. However, by far, the most exciting event was the baptisms that took place in the Huerfano River the last evening of camp. Four of our campers made decisions to surrender their life to the Lord and be baptized! Adopted as sons of the King and promised an inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, these young men know that they have a heavenly Father that will never leave them or forsake them. It was a blessing for us to see God move in the lives of these young men. All in all it was an excellent Camp!





# Letter from the Director...

Our only reason we do what we do at N-X Ranch is to break the cycle of fatherlessness, one young man at a time. If we can break that cycle in just one life, the chance of having father's involved in their children's lives for generations to come will be much greater.

The fatherless are a big deal to God. In His word it is mentioned over 40 times. Psalm 68:5 says; "A father of the fatherless and a judge for the widows, Is God in His holy habitation". So many of the young men that come to camp have a skewed view point of our Heavenly Father because of their earthly father. We teach them that God the Father will never leave nor forsake them and once they get that, amazing change can take place.

Here are some staggering statistics of why this is so important:

• 63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes (US Dept. Of Health/Census) – 5 times the average. • 90% of all homeless and runaway children are from fatherless homes – 32 times the average.

 85% of all children who show behavior disorders come from fatherless homes – 20 times the average. (Center for Disease Control)

• 80% of rapists 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)

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## **Daily Schedule:**

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- 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
- 12:45-1:15 Staff Meeting
  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

#### Camp Staff...

Papa Joe & Mama Rosie Nix: N-X RanchDirector and Kitchen ManagerJP & Rebecca Nix: Camp Director/Worship Leader and Kitchen Staff

### Kat & Isaiah Whelpley: Kitchen

Staff/ Admin/Camp Counselor Joanna & Trevor Lowe: Camp Nurse/ Camp Counselor

Sarah Rochelle: Kitchen Staff Salem Bellah: Camp Counselor Sean Church: Camp Counselor Brad Kelley: Camp Counselor