

N-X RANCH CAMP



< HIKE # 1 -GREAT SANDUNES NATIONAL PARK.

^ NEWCOMB - ONE OF OUR FAVORITE FREE TIME ACTIVITIES!

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and through our supporters. It is always such a blessing to see how God orchestrates it all. Camp went really well, six boys and no injuries, that in itself is a miracle. But seriously, 5 of the six campers responded to an invitation to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and

Savior and were baptised in the Huerfano River that night. This is what camp is all about! It was a night of celebration for sure! Our prayer is, no matter what kind of a relationship these boys have had with their earthly father, we want them to know the love



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of their Heavenly Father and walk in relationship with Him. Throughout camp the kids enjoyed a number of faith and character building activities such as; two on one Bible studies and mentoring, daily work projects, hiking, white water rafting, organized games, overnight camping, worship, and campfire time.

Not only did we have a great group of campers this year but we also had an outstanding staff. Thank you to Brad, CJ and Mikah, our camp counselors! Three weeks is a big commitment and sacrifice. They did a great job pouring into these young men. We had a few new volunteers as well. Ted, Anna, and Scott, came willing to help wherever help was needed and we really put them to work. Anna was great help in the kitchen, keeping us on schedule and organized. She also shared her testimony and heart for the Lord every chance she got. Ted and Scott were our maintenance crew. Ms. Sarah, Mama Rosie, and Rebecca were on kitchen duty along with Anna. They spent time in the word and in prayer for the campers and their families each day. Lora Jean was our camp nurse and she really jumped in and served in so many other ways as well. We were so blessed to have her on staff. We had a guest speaker, Ben Lard, and his family come to talk to the campers about finding peace in surrender and he did so through a horse demonstration. He is a rancher and a horse trainer that loves the Lord and has a tremendous heart for the youth. This was his second year coming and it is always such a blessing listening to him. Papa Joe stayed busy with the administrative work, making sure that all of our ducks were in a row and JP, our director and worship leader, kept things running smoothly and was in charge of planning and executing all work projects. It takes a great team of workers to pull off a great camp and we were so blessed to have that. However we know that, even with the best campers, and the greatest volunteers and staff, none of this is possible or even beneficial without God. So much is changing in this world and that leaves a

lot of questions about where God is leading us in this ministry and in the way that we operate camp. We ask for prayers as we press into Him to seek His direction moving forward. We are so excited to see what God has in store as we seek to know His heart for the growth and expansion of this ministry.

Note from the Director:

What an outstanding camp we had this summer with 6 extraordinary young men as campers. Our staff was amazing as well and much was accomplished in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is very appropriate that our Fatherless young men have been baptized in the Huerfano river over the years. Huerfano means orphan in Spanish and these young men are orphans no more as they are adopted sons of our Heavenly Father just as we all are who have accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior. The surrounding mountain range that feeds the Huerfano River in the

Huerfano Valley is called the Sangre de Cristos, meaning the blood of Christ. Wow, think of that. It gives me goosebumps to think of how God has orchestrated His plan for His ministry to the fatherless here at N-X Ranch. When Rosie and I purchased the ranch 42 years ago with my parents and younger brother Jack, little did we know what God had in mind. We thought it was going to be a summer vacation place to get out of the heat of Arizona. Now that we are able to teach young men that they have a Heavenly Father that will never leave or abandon them, baptizing them in the Huerfano river, and changing their lives and eternity forever, is so much better than what we could have ever imagined. Isaiah 55:8-9 says, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord.

"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." All I can add is amen and amen!!!

Joe Thif

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