

# N-X Ranch Camp News

Summer 2019

## Spectacular Summer!

*No weapon formed against us shall stand Isaiah 54:17*



This summer at N-X Ranch we were blessed to have campers with us from NC, AZ and CO. What a great group of boys it was! While we know that God's will and purpose will be accomplished with or without us, it is always an honor to partner with Him. From the first day to the last we watched these young men grow and blossom in so many ways. They worked hard, played hard, studied God's word, and enjoyed new experiences such as white water rafting, hiking, fishing, camping, and even learned some primitive survival skills.

In the daily work projects they learned the importance of working

together, working hard, and doing things right to get the job done and done well. Not many 12-14 year olds get to excited when you mention the word WORK, and these boys were no exception, BUT the look on their faces when the job was done was priceless. They found joy and satisfaction in the job well done.

Through a series of small hikes and a few lessons on basic survival skills, taught by a dear friend, Tom Wax, we built them up to prepare for a 3 day 2 night backpacking trip. For some, this was outside of their comfort zone but they all were troopers and were willing to try something new.

### Note from the Director...

The Bible has a lot to say about the fatherless and orphans. The following is adapted from a blog On May 2, 2016 By Ray Deck III at Faithlife Blog

1. The Fatherless need justice  
"Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause." — Isaiah 1:17
2. God will hear the fatherless crying for justice  
"You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry . . ." —Exodus 22:22-23
3. God executes justice on their behalf  
"He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing." — Deuteronomy 10:18  
"But you do see, for you note mischief and vexation, that you may take it into your hands; to you the helpless commits himself; you have been the helper of the fatherless." —Psalm 10:14
5. God acts as their father  
"Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation." —Psalm 68:5
6. Caring for the fatherless is part of a pure religion  
Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world." —James 1:27



They hiked up to a wilderness cabin on our property and made that their base camp. From there they hiked and explored the surrounding area. They prepared their meals over a camp fire and enjoyed the camping experience.

Another dear friend, Ben Lard, and his family came to the ranch to do a demonstration using horses as a metaphor for how our heavenly Father relates to us, as His children. We were so blessed to have both he and Tom share their expertise with us this year and add something new to our program.

We not only had the privilege of watching them grow through experiences but also in the word. Each day, they had one-on-one times reading through a Leader Trek guide called "Dare to Disciple", a study on following Christ and then again in the evening we closed out the day with worship through song and group discussions. Lots of questions were asked and while no one was quite ready to make a decision, all said that they were eager to find a youth group when they got home

and get plugged in to learn more about God, their Heavenly Father. While this is perhaps one of the hardest parts of camp for the staff, we understand that it is our job to plant the seed and it is for God to cultivate and to grow the seeds that have been planted. We ask that you would keep these young men in prayer as they return home. For privacy reasons we can not divulge their names but God knows who they are. Pray that their hearts would begin to heal as they grow to know their Heavenly Father. Pray that they would be surrounded by mentors and friends that would point them toward Christ. Pray for the strength and courage to forgive their earthly fathers so that they can walk in freedom. Pray that they will continue to ask questions and that the answers they seek will be found in the truth of God's word.

This camp would not be possible without God's direction and supporters like you. Your prayers and donations are making an eternal difference one child at a time. Thank you from all of us.

#### Camp Staff...

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

JP & Rebecca Nix: Camp Director/ Worship Leader/ Kitchen staff

Kat Whelpley: Admin/ Kitchen Staff

Faith Lacy: Camp Nurse/ Kitchen Staff

Sarah Rochelle: Kitchen Staff

Brad Kelley: Camp Counselor

Salem Bellah: Camp Counselor

Pedro Salazar: Camp Counselor (our first returning camper to become a counselor)

Wendy Cawley: Kitchen/utility Volunteer

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