

Flying H Youth Ranch

370 Flying H Loop
Naches, WA 98937



"...turning the hearts..." Malachi 4:6 since 1962

April 2011

Dear Flying H Youth Ranch Partners,

Recently (Feb 18-21) we had our annual Father Son Snow Camp event. It was one of those gatherings that invites real togetherness in mind, body and spirit. Packing 30 some men and young men into a medium sized room for eating, sleeping & fellowshiping. I had asked some of the Dads to write some of their thoughts for sharing with us and our partners, so the following are the results. Matt and Jeff Couch were an awesome addition to our schedule as being a dad of a previous 'ranch boy' and son who gave testimony of their experiences while here at the Flying H Youth Ranch.

"We shared a lot of things that were somewhat like airing the dirty laundry. A lot of things out in the open. I particularly liked Matt's lesson on choices. Pretty simple stuff, but so important. Randy loved the paintball. (I was the first one out in two rounds, but still enjoyed it.) The food – KUDOS to Mr. Rodriguez!!"

"Excellent time! Good fellowship. Beautiful setting! The cook could use a little work. Just kidding, food was awesome."

"The rustic setting afforded a good time of getting to know the other fathers and sons. I appreciated learning some of the father's journey's and the pain and love they have learned thru it all. The gun activities were a real hit with all the guys. The Couch, father/son team did a good job of sharing. The father was very transparent and vulnerable and passionate in his admission of failure as a father – his need for the Lord and his commitment now to his son and family. The gospel was well stated."

"Time to talk, fun activities the boys like, I liked that the atmosphere was laid back and relaxed. I appreciated the message the speakers had to share. I feel the most important thing was the designated time to talk and share about specific issues. The staff did a good job."

"I enjoyed the trip to the ski lodge for several reasons. It was great seeing my son again and see firsthand some of the positive changes happening in his life and his personality. He seems to have matured quite a bit and has learned about there being consequences for your actions. It was good talking to him about our relationship (or lack thereof) and how it's affected him and his life. He still holds back a lot when talking to me, but hopefully that will change as our relationship grows stronger. I feel good about him being at the ranch, and after meeting the staff, I know it should have a very positive effect. All in all, I enjoyed the stay and liked the Couch's sharing their experience. The food was great, the paintball was fun (although I think the kids should have to play blindfolded, to even things up), and I think everyone enjoyed the target shooting. Thanks for a great weekend!"

I hope you enjoyed and appreciated these dad's input.

In His service,

Steve

Steven L. Alumbaugh, Administrator

Praise:

- We have met our goal for the lodge roof! We will be able to fix it this spring/summer!
- We had 10 of the 12 boys return from their Spring home assignment. They all seem to be adjusting back into the routine.

PRAYER REQUEST/NEEDS:

- We have 2 new boys in the program, please pray for AH and AG as they adjust to being here and that they would see their need for change.
- We have a need for a used refrigerator truck. We are looking for a diesel, turbo, with a 12 foot box. If you know of one for sale or one that could be donated, please let us know.
- We have 5 boys and staff going on a fishing trip April 14-17. Please pray for safety and a fun time for all.