

Flying H Youth Ranch

370 Flying H Loop
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"...turning the hearts..." Malachi 4:6 since 1962

April 4, 2012

Dear Flying H Youth Ranch Partners,

Recently (February 17-20), we had our annual Father-Son Campout. Held at "rustic" mountain lodge; fathers, sons, staff, and volunteers enjoyed a rich time of recreation and relationship building. The sleeping arrangements were lacking in almost every way, yet there was enough floor space for everyone to find a spot for the night, and some of the more adventurous slept outside and braved the elements. Running water was available in the sense that it was carried up to the lodge from the creek, and bathroom facilities were of the outdoor variety--but it was a 12 seater! The plenteous, great food and fun activities more than made up for the primitive living conditions.

I'd like to mention the activities that dads and sons enjoyed: tubing in the snow, paintball wars, target shooting of clay pigeons, card games, listening to special speakers, and singing worship songs together. A big thanks goes to Joe Ellithorpe for providing firearms for our use and instructing us in the history and the safe use of each one. Our chief activity of enjoyment was eating, of course. Thanks to our chefs Chris Rodriguez, Mike Nash, and Dean Heath. The meal that won the grand prize was the rib eye steak prepared with a master chef's touch.

Certainly the best "meat" of the weekend was in the form of spiritual food. We had two guest speakers who focused on "The Cost of Forgiveness." Jeff Sutton and Chuck Rogers shared their hearts in very personal ways that really ministered to our hearts. The Scriptures that were shared definitely convicted all of us to forgive others and life in freedom. Jesus is the perfect example, and He has provided the ability to forgive as we put our faith in Him.

After each teaching session, dads and sons were given time to apply the teaching to their own lives. All of us are trusting that spiritual breakthroughs happened and are on-going. One dad mentioned that "the topic of forgiveness was spot on. It gave my son and I opportunity to ask each other for forgiveness."

Once again, it was a wonderful privilege to be a part of this weekend. There are always a number of dads that report to us later that the campout was the turning point in restoring their relationship with their son. One dad commented, "Sleeping on the floor in the kitchen with my son was so special...small things can have big meaning."

In His service,

Jim Fried
Family Services Director

Praises:

- We were blessed to have the Serve Team from George Fox University come up on their spring break. We had a group of 8 students and 1 adult leader sacrifice their spring break to come help us here. We were able to get the shingles on the roof of one of our staff houses, and the walls sheetrocked in another house and the exterior scraped, ready to paint. THANK YOU G.F.U.

-All the boys returned from their spring breaks!

-We have an intake on April 11 for a new boy. Please pray for EH as he enters the program and adjusts to being here.

Needs:

-Have you ever received one of our letters and it has an extra fold, or a big wrinkle? Our folding machine is pretty old and it has slowly been “dying”. We really could use a new one, but they cost almost \$3000.00! Would you be willing to help us get one?

-We have 3-4 staff houses that need to be painted on the outside; do you own a paint shop? Want to donate Paint? We could really use money towards these projects too. Do you have a week of time this summer and you don't have anything to do? Want to paint some houses? Let us know! We would love to have your help!



-One of the snowiest days of the entire winter



Getting ready to shoot.



Free time.



The cooking crew!

(Thank You Joel Hubble for all of the pictures!)