



Flying H Youth Ranch 370 Flying H Loop Naches, WA 98937



Here we are in the middle of summer, and although we are in the midst of summer activities, we wanted to report about our last Family Resolve held the weekend of June 21-23. Since the beginning, the vision of this ministry has been the reconciliation of the family. Therefore, gathering parents, staff, and boys together for a weekend is crucial for us all,

Setting the tone for the weekend was the theme "A Call to Manhood" spearheaded by Pete Smith in three speaking sessions. As a long-term friend of the Ranch, former administrator, and now chairman of the Flying H Board; Pete presented a strong, Godly standard for manhood. Easy to remember were his points of 1. A will to obey (God's will), 2. A work to do, and 3. A woman to love.

Continuing to be the highest rated for helping parents was the Nuts and Bolts session where difficult family issues were hammered out with parents and staff all having input. Finding they are not alone, parents really connect with and

help each other during this time. Intentionally, the boys were away having a rousing game of paint ball so parents could speak freely. Coming a close second, in terms of help for the family, was the 40 minutes of intensive focus on their son with three staff men or women.

Because most of Saturday was intense with instruction, discussion, and application; we lightened the evening and enjoyed rocket launching and fish release (science projects) and school awards. We also enjoyed an overview of the school year, put together by Aaron Hunting. His still shots and videos set to music was very entertaining and allowed us to participate in all the neat activities these guys have been a part of in the past months. In order to connect more with their mentoring family, the families spent Friday and Saturday nights in the homes of their mentors. Important times.

Sunday morning we wrapped up the weekend with singing, another message, a time for evaluation, and then encouraged the families to make sack lunches and head home for their two weeks of "home assignment" with their sons. This home leave time can be viewed apprehensively by the family, concerned about their son's behavior back in their home setting. Also it is a great opportunity for son to build trust with his family

Volunteers. We cannot say enough good stuff about these folks who come to help the weekend run smoothly. Chuck and Jamie Rogers, Terry, Cindy, and Benjamin, Wes Herman, and Flying H (FHYR) graduate Robert Popi from Calvary Chapel in Vancouver, WA, took over much of the cooking, cleaning, and set-up for meals. Also joining in the kitchen crew was FHYR graduate Andy Gossett and his mom Linda and brother and sister. What an absolute blessing! Another FHYR graduate of 30 years ago, Chris Nelson, surprised us with a visit Saturday night. He encouraged us all with his reflections about his time at the Ranch and his life since then.

Through the evaluations we discover areas we can improve and areas we need to continue. As mentioned before, Nuts & Bolts, and three staff with one family rate very high in beneficial activities for the weekend. We learned that we still need to carve out more time with the teaching staff. The following are a few remarks from the evaluation sheets:

"This weekend was refreshing, helpful, and encouraging." (parent)

"I learned that people appreciate you more when you are humble and don't show off." (son)

"I really appreciated the SOLID teaching! Pete really had a vision for where the boys are and what they need and presented it in a way to keep everyone attentive—even the boys." (parent)

Loving God and families,

Jim and Patty Fried



Prayer Requests:

- Bruce & Judy (volunteers) hammered out a number of projects here on the Ranch; back deck on Bruce & Sherry's home, painting bathroom in visiting quarters, cleaning all around the Ranch, fixing leak in Alumbau
- Chuck & Jamie with Bruce & Judy (volunteers) tiling and re-setting fixtures in upstairs Apartment. Awaiting our next visitors for an overnight stay.... Awesome job!!!!!!
- The Lord's provision of the supplies needed in the above work.
- Work has begun & money donated for the outdoor Basketball pad and Skate ramps.

Praises:

- For safety and a great learning experience for those going on the 'Sailing Adventure'.
- That the Creach's & Griffith's prayer partner & financial support efforts would continue to increase. We would like them to be fully supported in the next 6 months, Lord willing.
- There are a few staff houses that don't have garages or coverings for vehicles; we would like to be able to make carports at each house that would like one. Money and/or materials for the projects are needed.
- Service groups that are coming this Summer: Nehemiah Servants & SOWER's Pray for their safety and good health as they come for a week to three week stay and help out here at the Flying H Youth Ranch.