

Flying H Youth Ranch

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“...turning the hearts...” Malachi 4:6 since 1962

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Merry Christmas. May we all be blessed by those very special words! Christmas is about God coming to be with us – Immanuel. “For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given. And the government will be upon His shoulder. His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” These words are from Isaiah 9:6- how privileged we are to have the freedom to read and print them!

We thought we would share some Christmas traditions we have here at the Ranch. Early in December, the boys pick out a tree in the woods, saw it down, and haul it back- one fresh tree! Later some staff and the boys decorate the Lodge. (Yes, some boys are more excited to help than others). Usually on a Sunday night, sugar cookies are decorated- and enjoyed! Old Fashioned Christmas comes midmonth and is an evening of singing carols, playing Bingo, and eating goodies. It is always a special night for the boys as well as staff children as staff provide Bingo prizes and games. Lastly, before the boys leave on break they receive stockings (filled by staff and friends). We all try to make this a meaningful season for the boys centering around Christ with devotions shared, decorations chosen and songs, sung. May the Lord work in each of their hearts and ours as well!

The days before Christmas break may be filled with anxiety for many of the boys and families. Parents are worried about how their boys will do at home. Boys are anxious about being at home and wanting to have things their own way. We consider the Christmas leave and other home leaves as part of the Ranch program- an opportunity to apply what they’ve been learning- an opportunity to make positive changes- an opportunity to work on their goals.

So, please continue your prayers for the boys and their families during this time and for the staff as well. All staff will take some time off, but many will continue to perform various ranch chores- such as feeding hasas wood and animals food.

May we be thankful for this season as a reminder of Christ's first coming and anticipation of His soon and promised second coming- ...” We should live soberly, righteously, and Godly in this present age. Looking for that blessed hope and glorious appearing of the Great God and our Savior Jesus Christ.” Titus 2:12-13

*In His Love,
Dave and Mary Forsman*

Praises:

- *We are so grateful for local farmers donating their pigs so we can have yummy pork, and our cattle that was donated so that we are able to “grow” our own beef.*
- *Our “new” van is wonderful!!!*
- *Even with 2 newer boys, these last few months have been relatively peaceful with the boys.*

Needs:

- *We have some monies towards our roofing/shelter project for the Shop, but need more.*
- *The Albright and Creach families as they are raising support.*
- *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. Money and/or materials for the projects are needed.*
- *The boys would like a place to play basketball that can be supervised. We would like to make a small slab outside of the lodge for them to be able to use. Money and/or materials for the project are needed.*
- *If you have time and knowledge of how to do any of the above projects, we would love to have you come help us out!*

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