



Flying H Youth Ranch 370 Flying H Loop Naches, WA

Dear Friends of the Flying H,

Loaded down with food, sleeping bags and mats, lanterns, toilet paper, and other camping odds and ends; staff men, boys, and their dads or guardians headed to the mountains for the much-anticipated Father/Son Campout at the American Ridge Lodge February 13-16. Thank you to the long-suffering wives who “let their husbands go” to the mountains on this Valentine’s Day weekend.

Sporting a large twelve-seater outhouse, a wood-burning stove, a plank floor, no electricity, and no running water; the American Ridge Lodge housed this men-only (thank goodness!) annual event. Unlike the East Coast, there was no snow for the usual snow activities—not to worry; hiking, table games, target shooting, paintball, and eating still filled in the time well. I understand some sleep-deprived fathers (earplugs helped somewhat) napped while the others were out playing. The paintball game rated the highest with the boys, as usual.



When living conditions are primitive, good food usually boosts the spirits. This campout was no

exception. A big steak dinner (from our own grass-fed beef) was the menu highlight. Again, all the cooking equipment had to be toted up and into the site.

Not all was fun and games; Nate Wright, pastor of Memorial Bible Church, challenged the boys and dads to look at the story of the Prodigal Son and encouraged them to take time to work on their own relationship while they had the opportunity right then.



Also rounding out the experience, devotions and worship singing was led by the staff.



Getting away from all the noise and bustle of our technical age appears to be beneficial to working on family relationships since this event continues to be one of the most highly rated of all our activities. The guys came back dirty and happy, ready to get back to school (hahaha).

Thanks to the family members and friends who stood in for fathers who were unable to come. Thanks to the faithful volunteers Mike Nash and Craig Baird of the Nile Community Church who contribute so much each year. Of course, thank you to our own staff men for all their organizing, loading, transporting, and other logistics which made this campout possible.

--Patty Fried



Praises/Needs:

-We are almost finished with the lodge remodel. We have painted, changed out a door, lowered the ceiling and added new lights, refinished the couches, and are currently laying new carpet. We have maxed out our funds, but still need curtains. We are still needing funds for purchasing either curtain material and then needing someone to make them, or actually buying pre-made/custom curtains. Please consider giving to complete this.

- Dear Friends and supporters of the Flying H Ranch,

First of all, we as a Board would like to thank you for your interest in and support of this ministry. Without such friends and partners as these, this ministry would not exist. Because of this interest, we would ask that you join with us in prayer for someone to serve as Administrator of the ministry. For the past few years, Steve Alumbaugh has been serving as both Administrator and Business Manager. It has been impossible to do both of these responsibilities justice. We believe the Lord would have us seek a believer who has not only the gifting of administration, can lead the staff and help to maintain the cohesiveness of the program, but also has the heart of a shepherd who can relate well to the staff and assist them as they face daily the difficulties of such a ministry as this. Would you please make this need a matter of prayer as we seek the Lord's leading to just the right person? Thank you again for standing with us.

Yours in His service,

The Flying H Board, Pete Smith, chairman

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