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Volunteers. What would we do without them? Although they are not the backbone of the ministry, they certainly flesh us out and give us some breathing room. Therefore, occasionally we like to highlight some of their accomplishments and thank them profusely.

When our on-staff carpenter moved on to another ministry twenty years ago, volunteers filled in the gap for building construction, remodel, and repair. Pretty much all of our capital projects have been completed with major help from volunteers.

Who are these people who give their vacations, weekends, and retirements to the Flying H? Currently, the SOWERS (Servants on Wheels Ever Ready) are in residence. Throughout the last 25 years the SOWERS have built, remodeled, repaired, reroofed, and repainted many of the ranch buildings. Often these projects were/are outside of their professional skill level, but one person with know-how and the others with willing spirits made it all work.

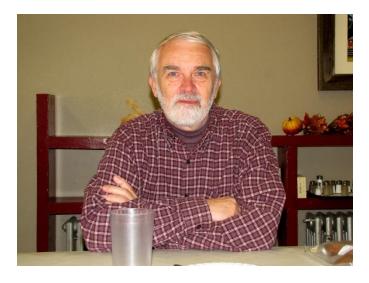


For many years the Nehemiah Servants (an adult & retiree group from Battle Ground, WA) donated their time and supplies to the ranch which we continue to enjoy the benefits of to this day. We look forward to the George Fox College Serve Team each spring as they do whatever we ask them to do from digging post holes and splitting firewood to scraping buildings in preparation for painting. Many church youth groups have come throughout the years hailing from CA to OR and WA. Again these kids are willing to get down and dirty to help out at the ranch. Another



blessing of these groups is their interaction the boys. Often they provide devotionals for them as well as joining in table games, sports activities, and meal times.

Each year men from the Nile Valley (where we are located) treat our young men to weekends of boating and fishing; they just caught their limit of bass on the John Day River a couple of weeks ago. The boys and teachers were able to experience sailing on a large sail boat a few consecutive years because of the generosity of the boat owner/captain.



The Flying H roads are maintained by former staff member/now retired Keith Carlson. An artist at heart, this man is also able to move great mounds of dirt with the back-hoe and create parklike settings. Phil & Janice Hobson sold their business, moved to the ranch, and became fulltime volunteers for several years and still serve for several months a year. Phil's physical plant ingenuity and skills and Janice's accounting skills are invaluable to the ministry. Mike Nyberg (from the Nile Valley) came out of teacher retirement to instruct the boys in World Problems and history. His current motto is "I see no good reason to act my age!" Our auto mechanics needs were taken care of by a local friend for years, but now we have been without any mechanic for well over a year. Imagine our delight when a young man came for a weekend just to work on ailing ranch vehicles. Finally, our cooking staff has always included volunteers from the community—the way to a

So why do these folks come? The best I can figure is they love God and people and want to serve where they are needed. How blessed we are! THANK YOU AND BLESS YOU IN JESUS' NAME!

Patty Fried for all the staff



- Thanking the Lord for all of you that support the Flying H Youth Ranch and our families.
- We are pretty rough on our lawnmowers, as we have lots of areas that over work our little push behind mowers. We are dreaming big! We would like to purchase a mini tractor, that would handle the needs of the big fields and RV park. Would you consider helping us be able to purchase a Kubota bx2230? Do you have one you don't use and want to donate?

We would like this one, because it is versatile, it would also work for our winter needs, and help us plow where the big snow plow or back hoe couldn't get to.

Please continue to pray for an administrator.