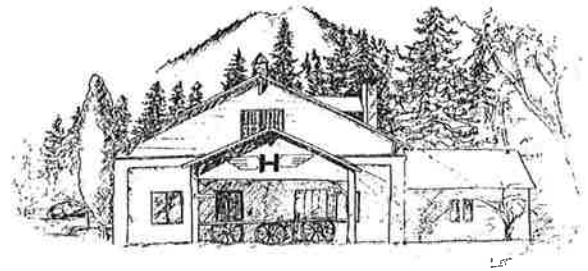


Flying H Youth Ranch

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

November 5, 2012

Dear Flying H Friends,

Family Resolves are the Flying H big events each year (outdone this year by our 50th anniversary this summer), and this fall was no exception as we hosted and enjoyed all our families the second weekend in October. Adding to the enjoyment was the return of Rob and his family this fall. Rob graduated from the Flying H program this past July having achieved the highest rank possible (Ringer, we call it). He and his mom Ruth helped prepare meals for the group, and his dad Joe was our guest speaker. "A call to parenthood" was the theme of the weekend, and Joe spoke humbly about what the Lord has taught him about Biblical parenting.

Teacher conferences, staff mentoring times with individual boys and families, application opportunities, and delicious meals filled our weekend. Especially appreciated was the two-hour "Nuts and Bolts" time where boys leave for an activity and parents and staff are able to talk more freely. Heart-to-heart sharing with humility and vulnerability, ending with prayer, was so helpful to all of us. Because we live in apple country, a fun activity for the families was apple pressing. Local growers donated four big bins (which we finished up later), and we really enjoyed the hot and cold cider served throughout the weekend.

Each staff family hosted a young man and his family in their home which allowed for even greater connecting with each other. Saturday evening many of the staff couples shared their testimonies of coming to believe in Jesus and also how the Lord led them to the Flying H. Finally, we shared in a short Sunday morning worship time of singing and more time in the Word, and then we sent the families on their way with their sons for a week of "Home Assignment" where the "rubber really meets the road." Accountability is key, and parents and boys were expected to give a report of how the week went when they returned.

Helpful to us as a staff is the evaluation form that we ask parents to fill out before the weekend is over. Our Resolves have changed over the years because of parent in-put. Clear to us, from these evaluations, is that parents want as much time with staff as they can get (understandable since they entrust their sons to us). Also they so appreciate getting to know each other and supporting each other, which many continue outside the Resolve time. The following remarks are from the evaluation forms:

"Joe was an excellent speaker. He exceeded our expectations as a speaker for the weekend as he guided us, but in a gentle way he offered information that opened up excellent conversation." (parent)

"This Resolve brought me back into the light and sparked and rekindled my relationship with God." (parent)

"Most beneficial to us this Resolve was our family meeting with a group of three staff men--we really liked it." (parent)

"Most beneficial to me this Resolve is when we talked to the the three staff about me." (son)

"I have learned that my being here affects my parents more than I thought." (son)

"I learned that how I act toward authority needs to change." (son)

"It was so beneficial listening to other parents' difficulties/resolutions, and seeing the love the staff has for the boys." (parent)

"The food was amazing!" (parent)

"I feel so blessed by God that He takes me one day at a time, and that He has provided us with all of you! I do and will always treasure this time. What great people I have met! I loved the hymns Sunday morning." (parent)

"I enjoyed the three staff men session--would like to sit with three staff women and hear their perspective." (parent)

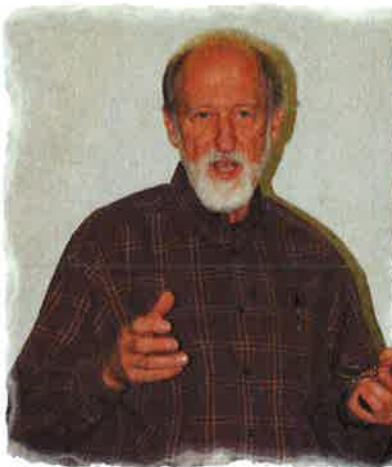
"I have purposed to listen better to my children and be more consistent in my discipline." (parent)

"I enjoyed the Hunting's trampoline!" (sister)

Thank you for praying for this Resolve and standing with us as we are privileged to serve families in crisis.

Jim Fried

Family Services



Thank you, Joe and Ruth



Sisters helping make apple crisp



One of the treasured 3-staff men per family session



"Nuts and Bolts"

Family Bonding



Cider Pressing

