



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

who was a part of our first graduating class in 1986 (Hope Academy did not begin until 1985). Current staff Brent Johnson spoke Sunday morning with Chris Rodriguez leading worship. All staff were present and involved with the parents most of the time, and the families were all housed in staff homes allowing even more time for fellowship. Once again we were challenged with all the stories, heartaches, desires, and hopes of each family.

Dear Flying H Family,

RESOLVE is used as a verb for most of the English speaking world, but to the Flying H family it is very much a noun, an event. It is the highlight of each spring and fall here at the Ranch; and as the young men and their families gather along with all the staff, our hope is resolve (the verb) will happen in our families. All this to say, we just experienced our fall Resolve (October 10-12), and we were not disappointed.



At least one parent/guardian was present for each of our boys, and in most cases both parents were here. We structured the weekend to include parent/teacher conferences, group mentoring, family mentoring, special speakers, testimonies, Aaron Hunting's videos, wonderful meals, cider pressing, and socializing. Because of the feedback we request of parents each Resolve, we added more individual meeting time with teachers and staff. We were blessed to have former staff John Perona as our guest speaker this Resolve. His topic was respect in the family. Additionally special was the testimony from a former Ranch boy, Chris Nelson,

We could not begin to put on this weekend if it were not for the volunteers who come to help. Wes & Betty Herman have been helping since the late 80's—Betty as a math and testing consultant and Wes as the fix-it, clean-it guy. Terry & Cindy Benjamin have been helping with food preparation and serving for three years now—they can pretty much run the kitchen! Former staff Amber Perona (who was in charge of the kitchen 30 years ago when we came) fell right into place with the others; and finally, Kim Krenik, whose son just graduated from the program, blessed us all by her return to help

The following are comments from the Resolve evaluations:

"I was very impressed with the entire weekend. It was great to see how much the staff loves the boys and really cares." (parent)

"Having the former Ranch boy was great." (parent)

“The Resolve brought back to remembrance where we were as a family, and how to get to where God wants us.” (parent)

“I learned that ___ is no longer an atheist and that he has accepted Jesus.” (guardian)

“Most beneficial was the time spent talking to other parents which helped us realize that we are not alone. They face similar issues with their boys.” (parent)

“I am much more at peace having had the chance to meet staff and see facilities.” (parent—first Resolve)

“Greater and greater appreciation for the ministry of the FHYP.” (parent)

“The difference from last Resolve was I connected with more families, and I appreciated hearing other people’s stories.” (parent)

“I thought Resolve was going to be horrible but it was excellent!” (boy)

“I learned that you need to respect the people that you love because if you don’t it makes life hard.” (boy)

‘I learned that I need to respect and honor my parents.’ (boy)

“Resolve was very fun.” (boy)

Jim & Patty Fried (Family Services & Domestic Services)



Prayer Requests/Needs:

- We are still in need of a mechanic that can work on gas and diesel engines, do you want to come volunteer? For a day? A week? A lifetime? Contact steve.alumbaugh@flyingh.org for more information.
- We could use Digital cameras for our photography class: preferably 2 or 3 Canon/ DSLR’s with SD cards.
- Please pray for 3 boys who are getting ready to complete our program, January 16th.
- A full time administrator to take some of the load from Steve’s duties as he is currently covering the Administrator and Business manager positions.

Praises:

- We had a very good visit as staff and board representatives for our fall retreat.
- Our staff has come through summer and fall in relatively good health.
- Our boy program is nearly full.
- CP had an excellent visit at ACTS, a local ministry.
- We have 5 boys involved in a Bible study.

