

Flying H Youth Ranch

370 Flying H Loop
Naches, WA 98937



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"...turning the hearts..." Malachi 4:6 since 1962

Dear Flying H Friends,

One of the most encouraging ways God is at work at the Flying H is through the many volunteer groups who serve us throughout the year. Because boys and staff live in buildings, and these buildings need construction, maintenance, and repair; all of the buildings at the Flying H have experienced the hands of volunteers. Since each staff member at the Ranch already wears several "hats", we are so encouraged by the joyful service of these folks willing to put their hands to manual labor. Our volunteers range from church and college groups to retirees and people willing to take vacation time to serve God by serving the Ranch.

For the last couple of years we made known that we needed funds to replace a portion of the lodge roof, and this summer several volunteer groups worked on that project as the money was provided. Young men from Southwest Bible Church (Beaverton, OR) did the dirty work of tearing off old stuff, and Nehemiah Servants (Brush Prairie, WA) built a porch covering onto the existing roof and readied the old roof for new metal and shingles. Then the tedious, arduous process of reroofing was completed by a young man from Coastline Christian Fellowship, staff men (& one woman!), brothers-in-law of staff, and finally finished off during the month of September by the SOWERS (Servants on Wheels Ever Ready). Additionally, one of our board members (a contractor) gave oversight to the whole project making what would have been overwhelming (if done in-house) a workable endeavor. Thank you to all of you for your personal sacrifice, creativity, and graciousness in completely this task.

In addition to the roof project, volunteers have helped with our spring and fall resolves by cooking, serving food, and cleaning so that the staff can remain available to the parents. Also church groups, serve teams, and individuals have blessed us by brushing and cutting fire wood, installing and maintaining computer equipment, drywalling and painting in staff homes, reroofing and painting staff houses, and by cleaning the kitchen and storage areas in the lodge. Gratefully, we have men from this valley (Nile Valley) who take the boys on fishing trips a couple of times a year, as well as help engineer our annual Father/Son Campout each winter. Valley folks also provided the background support needed for our Fiftieth Ranch Anniversary this summer as well as taking care of meals during staff retreats.



Nehemiah Servants figuring and refiguring how to get this roof ready to roof!



SOWERS finishing up the roof project



Giving the bell and cupulo a face lift



SOWERS taking a much-needed coffee break



Our beautiful roof!!



Thank you, our many Flying H volunteers and friends for all you do for this ministry. We love you and appreciate you so much!!

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