



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



**What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures...God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."**  
**James 4:1-3, 6**

Where do our relational problems come from? Often they come from within a person rather than outside circumstances. This focus themed this year's Father/Son Weekend, February 12-15. Flying H friend and board member Nate Douglas led two sessions on Saturday, challenging fathers, sons, staff, and volunteers, to choose humility in relationships rather than selfishness. Time for application of these truths was given during the day as well.



"The best thing we can do is get on our knees, humble ourselves and pray," concluded Flying H friend and volunteer Chuck Rogers on Sunday morning. Soon all were on their knees--fathers with

hands extended to their sons, praying for restored relationships. A little hard on the knees, but good for the soul!



After 11 years of campouts at primitive American Ridge Lodge, the staff worked together rather seamlessly to prepare and execute a memorable weekend. Staff Chris Rodriguez planned and cooked (with a little help) 8 meals.



Especially enjoyed were hamburgers (Friday night) and steak (Saturday night) prepared from our own grass-fed beef and cooked over an outdoor grill, which had been fashioned by Chris and his welding class. In addition to warming the lodge, a barrel stove kept coffee and hot chocolate available to all.



Several fathers and sons headed by staff Adam Albright gathered and split the wood for the stove and outdoor fire pit.



After no snow last year, the guys really enjoyed the tubing, snowboarding, and snowmobiling.



Target practice with shotguns, pistols, and rifles was a blast (!) for everyone. Instructing the group in firearm safety, Craig Baird (long-time friend and

retired police officer) was joined by a deputy from the sheriff's department.



Another long-time, local friend Mike Nash provided the annual paintball activity and helped in a host of other ways.



Evenings were spent playing table games, visiting, and pondering where to sleep on the floor. One adventurous dad and son tented outside—less snoring! Exhausted from all the activities and lack of sleep, the guys made it home by lunch on Monday. All in all, it was declared one of the best by most of the attendees.



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