



*Flying H Youth Ranch **** Flying H Loop Naches, WA ******

July 14, 2016

Isaiah 40:11-12

[He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young. Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, or with the breadth of his hand marked off the heavens? Who has held the dust of the earth in a basket, or weighed the mountains on the scales and the hills in a balance?]



What a joy it was to see the faces of our boys smiling in awe and wonder at the glory of God’s creation! What a privilege it is to come alongside them and lead them on straight paths like the ones they explored on the islands around them. This was the scene on our annual sailing trip to the San Juan Islands. Many of the boys, including this new sailor, had never stepped foot on a sailing vessel before, let alone one as beautiful as the Cutty Sark. However, whatever uncertainty may have preceded our trip it quickly transformed into a spirit of fun and adventure as soon as we set sail for our latest excursion.



Aboard the Cutty Sark the boys not only experienced the joys of sailing, such as the gentle rolling of the sea and the feel of a cool ocean breeze on their face but they also learned how to steer, navigate and set the sails. In addition to this they also learned several other skills such as: ship safety, how to tie knots, navigational charting, how to record and measure the speed of the ship as well as a comprehensive history lesson concerning both sailing and the San Juan’s.





Each day the boys would load the ship with all of our gear, food etc. sail for 5-7 hours, unload the ship, make camp, and then do it again the next day. Our trip consisted of five days of camping, on four different Islands, along with four days of sailing, ending each evening with a history lesson, a few stories and a devotional. It was quite the experience! On our final night as I looked around and saw every boy playing, running, exploring and laughing I said to myself, “these boys are having more fun than if they were at home right now and they don’t even know it.”



All in all, it was a blessed time, filled with fun, work and adventure. We are so very thankful to all of you who support this ministry. It is through your faithful generosity and steadfast prayer that trips like these are possible!

In Christ, Richard Wagner
In-Coming Administrator

Praise:

- Did you notice how Richard closed this letter? He is now the IN-COMING administrator! Praise the Lord that their support has been fully gained. They will officially begin work July 1 this year!

- Praise for a safe trip for the boys/staff on the Cutty Sark.

- Praise for a VERY successful first cutting of our hay.

Prayer needs:

- Pray for BO, and NC as they are still struggling to being here.

- Family Resolve will be June 17-19 then the boys go home for their 2 week home assignment. Please pray for the families, that they can work on issues that have brought them here.

- Pray for Steve & Terri Alumbaugh as they transition out of supported staff, to volunteer staff, and as they move to their home in town.