WLD Ranch

Fall Newsletter

The Power of Camp

Camp is a powerful place.

In fact, the power of camp can change lives.

Have you ever been a camper at WLD Ranch? What are some of your fondest memories of your time at camp? Many teens and adults remember the FRIENDSHIPS built while at camp or the FUN they enjoyed. Perhaps those memories include the FOCUSED LEARNING during Skill Tracks/Activity Classes-riding horses, shooting at archery or riflery, hiking through the woods, canoeing, traversing various challenge course activities. The most meaningful memories often include a camper's FAITH DEVEL-OPMENT, that moment when a relationship with God was understood for the first time or that moment when a budding faith became real to stand the test of time. Camp is unique in many ways as God uses the intentional community in an outdoor setting to draw people to Him,

to learn more deeply who He is and how we can trust Him with every area of our lives. How many lives have been changed because of spending a week at WLD Ranch?

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But camp is not just powerful in the lives of campers. The power of camp can change a staff member's life as well.

Have you ever worked on summer staff at WLD Ranch? What are some of your fondest memories of your time at camp? Certainly, friendships are created that may even last a lifetime because those who serve the Lord together at camp forge a bond not easily broken. Camp is fun, no matter who you are! So much of what you learn while on staff leadership skills, work ethic, getting along with others, teaching, sharing your faith are skills you continue to use throughout your life. And what better place to make your faith real to you than camp, which stretches you out of your comfort zone on a daily basis, forcing you to rely on God more deeply each and every day. How many staff members' lives have been changed by spending a summer—or five—working at WLD Ranch?

November 2024

Camp is a powerful place.

How will you be involved in camp this summer? Send a camper! Attend camp (yes, we have Family Camp that can include adults)! Work on staff (ages 14-25)! Recruit teens and young adults to work on staff! Do your part to ensure that the young people around you can experience the power of camp themselves because camp is a powerful place.

Camp is a life-changing experience for staff and for campers! Come and make a difference in campers' lives! And as you serve, God just might be changing you for His glory too.



Summer staff will commit to serve for at least 6 weeks of the summer. During a typical week, staff arrive on Sunday afternoon and depart on Friday night. Lodging and meals are provided for all staff.

We offer overnight camps and day camps. We serve kids in K-12th grades as well as families. Horse camps, adventure programs, swimming, archery and riflery, and more are part of the camp experience at WLD Ranch.



Join us on staff for Summer Camp



Don't forget our **Spring Open House** on Saturday, May 10, 2025.

Bring your friends and family to enjoy an afternoon of family fun in WLD Ranch style! Activities include horse rides for kids, archery, challenge course activities, and more! Activities are open from 11:00am-5:00pm. See you then!

Don't Forget! Sign up for **Summer Camp 2025** before the spots are filled! Be sure to complete the registration process at

www.wldranch.com/registration.

Kids' Christmas Shop Friday, December 6 (3pm-8pm) Saturday, December 7 (10am-2pm)

Join WLD Ranch for our annual Kids' Christmas Shop on December 6-7, 2024. Buy Christmas presents for everyone on your shopping list from a variety of high-quality merchandise. (Shopping is for kids only.) Prices range from \$1.00-\$15.00 so you can afford a gift for everyone. Gift wrapping is even available for free! Your family can enjoy hayrides, coffee and hot chocolate, Christmas cookies, and meals during the shopping hours. Come join us for some Christmas fun!



Save the Date: Winter Weekend

January 10-11, 2025 (ages 7-12)

Kids— Come ready for sledding and playing outside as well as lots of fun and games indoors. Cost is \$69.00 per participant. Register at www.wldranch.com/ programs/winter-weekend.

Sledding Club 2024/2025

Come enjoy sledding at WLD Ranch on scheduled Sledding Club days (TBD based on snow). Cost is \$5 per person and includes sledding, hot chocolate, and a cookie. Watch www.wldranch.com for sledding club updates.



<u>Ipcoming Events:</u>



Christmas Eve at the Ranch :: December 24, 2024 :: 4:30pm-5:30pm ::

Join us for a Christmas Eve Service for the whole family. The service will be held in the Longhorn Lodge at WLD Ranch at 4:30pm on Tuesday, December 24. (Children are welcome in the service with their families. There is no child care provided.)

Kids' Christmas Shop — Dec. 6 (3-8pm) and Dec. 7 (10am-2pm), 2024 Christmas Eve at the Ranch—December 24, 2024 (4:30pm) Sledding Club —dates TBA for Winter 2024/2025 Winter Weekend—January 10-11, 2025 (ages 7-12) Married Couples Retreat—March 21-22, 2025 Spring Open House—May 10, 2025 Summer Camp 2025—June, July, August Stampede (5K) and Stampede Family (2K) Adventure Run - Sept. 27, 2025





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