



**YOUTH**

*When we are  
out of sympathy  
with the young,  
then I think  
our work  
in the world  
is over.*

*George Macdonald.  
1824 – 1905  
Scottish author*

**WHAT DID YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT CAMP?**

**Milluna (8):** *“Everything!”*

**Stephanie (14):** *“Camp was the best. I loved it there! I liked hanging with old friends and meeting new friends and talk about our Lord.”*

**Stacey (14):** *“I really liked the preacher from New Mexico. He was really understandable and wasn't boring at all. So the best part had to be the games, the food and the night church!”*

**Rebecca (15):** *“Tug of war!”*

**Jeremiah (11):** *“I liked the swimming and archery.”*

**Jonathan (8):** *“Archery and shooting BB guns.”*

**Abigail (13):** *“Chapel.”*

**FOUR AWARDS**

When our group of thirty-eight children arrived at camp, we were joined by two other groups: one from Phoenix and the other from New Mexico. The combined camp was host to just over 100 children ages eight to eighteen.

Campers were split up into four sections: Junior boys & Junior girls (12 yrs and younger), and Senior boys & Senior girls (13 yrs and older). At the end of camp one camper from each section received The Camper Of The Year Award.

During the week each counselor looked for specific characteristics that exemplify The Camper of The Year: kindness, quick response to help, eager to memorize bible scripture, joyful, and overall growth in God during the week. After breakfast Friday morning and just before we packed to leave, the nominations were announced:

**Junior Boy Camper of The Year – Miguel V**

**Junior Girl Camper of The Year – Samantha G**

**Senior Boy Camper of The Year – David C**

**Senior Girl Camper of The Year – JoAnna C**

All four campers were from the group that The Ranch was blessed to take! Besides this, several youngsters came to a first-time knowledge of the Lord; and each night, many others spent serious time with Him at the altar. That sure puts a smile on my face ... and I hope on yours too. Your contributions, your prayers, and your interest were justly rewarded by our Dear Lord. Thank you for investing in the eternal lives of these young ones.

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## Youth Advisory Group

Waiting my return from a glorious two-week visit with my family along the shores of Lake Ontario in New York was a delightful phone message from one of the YAG – The Ranch’s Youth Advisory Group. The group was eager to meet to see how plans for camp – only two weeks away at that point -- were progressing. When I learned that the two young men of the group would not be able to attend, I decided to address the young ladies about a very real threat to our society, a threat I would not have discussed if the lads had been present. After a word of prayer and a word of caution about the seriousness of the topic, I asked, “Do you think sexual activity of children eighteen and under should even be referred to as abuse and be illegal?” I wanted to know if these young street-wise girls thought the legal age of consent should continue to be eighteen or should it be lowered? If so, how much lower?

I shared with them the startling fact that there are some people who feel that, as sexual beings, everyone — regardless of age — should be introduced to intimate relations thereby eliminating illegal repercussions.



The girls were aghast! After some serious theoretical examples, not only did they agree that sexual involvement of children should be illegal, they also believed that children should be anyone under the age of eighteen. This Director was pleasantly surprised – and grateful -- by their concurrence with the existing legal standards.

We discussed how to repent if we fall into sin and that the Lord will forgive us and CLEANSE us from sin. Director shared the testimony of another young girl: how she said she felt like she had regained her virginity after serious repentance and even found herself blushing at what she once found funny. Ah sweet Forgiveness – the joy of Salvation in Jesus.

### *ON THE LIGHTER SIDE –*

*Stacey showed two wallets she made out of duct tape. Very impressive! Her goal is to make duct-tape jeans! Rebecca said the wallets were cool*

*enough to sell. Hopefully we will have some photos of Stacey’s duct-tape creations posted to the web soon for your review.*

## *Dusty Road Olympics - Running the Race*

The building out of the Ranch will be a constant source of Olympic-size prayer.

After we cleared the hurdle of the Well, we ran smoothly along for a little while only to find, lo and behold, the next prayer hurdle.

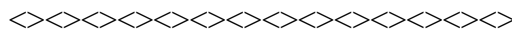
Grapevine Loop is the next track and field event – a mile of dirt road that crosses vacant railroad land to The Ranch property. The Cochise County Planning and Zoning Department has put the kibosh on any further building permits until legal easement is obtained from the railroad. Legal access across Grapevine Loop is all we have to date, but legal easement is the recent governmental requirement.



The RR will not consider an easement until either the City of Benson or the County of Cochise claim the road. Neither county nor city has stepped forward to claim this mile named Grapevine Loop. This quagmire has us at a stand still.

Nehemiah had his building barriers; we have ours. Like our Old Testament example, with one hand we will hold the Word of God and with the other we will continue to work.

Please join us in blowing the trumpet of victory and praising God. He will empower us for the leap of faith that will carry us over this new hurdle. To Him be the glory for the victory we will have. Amen!



***UPDATE! An answer to prayer...***

***Planning and Zoning has now agreed to allow the Children's Ranch to continue the process to obtain building permits.***

***Their decision was directly linked, I feel, to the personal mediation of Cochise County Supervisor, Richard Searle.***

***Thank you!***

## Freely you have received

A little boy was in church for the first time. He watched as the ushers passed around the collection plate. When they got to his pew, he told his father, "Don't pay for me, Daddy. I'm under five."



### IT'S A GIRL AND ANOTHER GIRL!

*Our house parents, Brad & Carmen, have two new additions into their home. Besides Milluna, Lyla and Alyana, they have welcomed two-year old Kayla and a three-month old we call Grace. Their home is bursting at the seams with females, but Brad-the-dad is okay with it all. In fact Brad & Carmen are both, like their home, bursting open with hearts filled with love for the girls the Lord has sent them.*



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