

Circle C Ranch

Spring newsletter 2011

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Wayne Aarum

What an awesome time we had at this year's Snow Camp. Only God could have done all that was accomplished. We had snow for all of the week-ends this year, which is nice since hot-dog tubing and the doughnut-relay use the



hill. Of course, even if we don't have snow we still have a blast! The campers not only enjoyed the tubing on the hill but also all the other events & activities. We had a new competition this year where 'Sumo Suits' were used and it was hilarious. You should see the campers try to run in those

outfits as they push shopping carts with a person in them. The screaming was deafening but so much fun.

We had over 250 salvation decisions and nearly 600 campers made things right with the Lord, and committed to get accountability into their lives. It was a very exciting 8 weekends but also very tiring as you are on the go continually during that time. We had between 25-30 volunteers to help us each weekend and without them we could not have made it. These volunteers are young people that have been summer staff and they are great.



We had a number of new churches and the reports that we got were very encouraging. It is really amazing how far these groups will travel to get here. Some travelled as much as 24 hours and many more were over 10 hours. They came in cars, in vans, in school buses and in travel coaches. Arrival on Friday is one very busy time with all the unloading of the luggage and then getting to their bunkhouse. The groups are divided into 4 teams and the competition between them is fun to watch. They go at it all week-end long and the winners at the end are the proud owners of a 1 cent tootsie roll. We always go for BIG prizes to make the competition worth while! It was a time of food (all they could eat & goood) fun, fellowship and blessings beyond description. We do give God all the glory and praise for such a successful season. Now on to Summer Camp – YES!



ALUMNI REUNION - (our first)

All alumni and family of alumni who have worked summer camp at Circle 'C' Ranch are invited to join us for an open house reunion – **July 16th, 2011 at 1 PM** for an all day FREE event. All facilities will be open – the Wild West Adventure Town featuring Rock Climbing and Lasertron. There will be Horseback Riding, the Pools, V-ball, B-ball, Recreation Room, Hayrides etc. There will also be a Free meal for all and a special program in the Chapel that will bring back some memories of days gone by. If you can come please get in touch with the office as soon as possible as we will need an idea of how many we are going to feed.



This summer will be our 42nd year of camping and we've had hundreds of wonderful staff members over these many years. Their faithfulness to the Lord has resulted in literally thousands of young lives being changed by God. We hope we will have the privilege of seeing many of you and your families at this alumni Day. It will be a great time of renewing old acquaintances and showing off the spouses and children and also sharing what you have been doing since you were at Circle 'C' Ranch. Marge & Mr. Wes are excited about seeing all of you and of course reminiscing about 'old times.' A revised mini-history booklet will be ready for all who attend. Please feel free to forward this information to any alumni that you are still in contact with, it would be a great help to us. We look forward to seeing you on **July 16 at 1P.M.this summer.**

FOUNDER'S CORNER - (MR. WES)

We have a booklet called Helps in Christian Living that has been a tremendous blessing over the years. We are now adding some material that we believe will be a help and an encouragement to our Christian friends. The following is one of a number of things to be added.

The devil has a method of attack that if we are in the 'know' we can defeat him every time.

This is the system he uses to destroy Christians. It's the 5 D approach. It starts with:

1. Disappointment - if you dwell on this, then it becomes
2. Disillusionment - then it becomes
3. Discouragement - then it becomes
4. Defeat - and then
5. Disaster

Stop the devil at Disappointment and you have won. Here is a saying that can help:

"I must see every person and/or circumstance that touches my life as the Holy Spirit coming to me in that person and/or circumstance to make me like the Lord Jesus Christ."

Dr. George Mundell

Helps in Christian Living is available upon request.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR - Joe Ferrante

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the young people who volunteered for staff over these last 8 weeks. Each Snow Camp weekend is intense because we cram as much fun activities as we possibly can into a short amount of time. The snow Camp weekends would not be possible without the volunteers we have sacrificing their weekends to serve. There is so much craziness to be a part of that there is not much time for sleep. The staff rotates through all of the different jobs which include, kitchen work, scrubbing bathrooms, working at the rock wall, the Lasertron arena and monitoring the cold tubing hill etc. Each staff member is given just enough money to barely cover the cost of gas. It is clear that the staff are not in this ministry for the money. They come each weekend to invest in Kingdom things that are eternal. It is thrilling to see the young volunteers building relationships with the leaders and campers. Each one understands they have a unique opportunity to live out the truth in front of the campers. We were blessed to have such a wonderful staff. The comments from the youth leaders confirmed the fact that our staff did a tremendous job and were a blessing to the groups that came. Now it's time to put



the tubes away and think summer. Right now each day there are new applications coming in to work at camp this summer. It takes much prayer to make sure you are hiring the right ones, but God does help us year after year. Circle C's mission is clear:

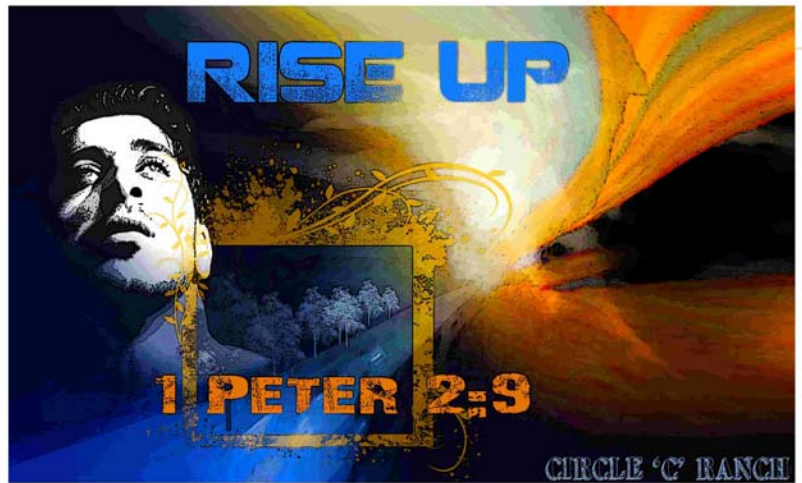
“To reach young people with the gospel of Jesus Christ, to encourage godliness in their lives, and to send them out as equipped witnesses for His Kingdom.”

It takes over 75 people to make the summer program work. We need to hire staff members who will take that mission statement and come ready to win souls for Jesus. The Lord has been so good to us in the past with the staff He has allowed us to have. As the summer approaches we would ask each of you to pray for us as the hiring takes place that we will get God's staff. We want Godly young men and women who want to exalt and glorify the Lord Jesus Christ and know the meaning of **Galatians 6:14** **“But God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ by whom the world is crucified unto me and I unto the world.”**

PRAYER

Answers

1. Successful Snow Camp
 - a. No serious accidents
 - b. Weather cooperated
 - c. New churches
 - d. God's manifested Presence
 - e. Good health among the staff
2. New interest in Circle 'C'
3. We are debt free
4. Opportunities for our Drama team



Requests

1. Summer Camp
 - a. The right staff (75)
 - b. The right campers
 - c. God's manifest Presence
2. Monthly donors to keep us debt free
3. Our first Alumni reunion
4. Wisdom to know and follow His will
 - a. New activities that are being planned
 - b. New building project being considered
 - c. The right marketing program

Special Note: We want to introduce you to the newest member of our Circle 'C' Ranch staff.

He is **Mr. Kris Clester** our accountant. Kris is a graduate of Houghton College and is a man that is more than qualified for the task he has been given. We thank God for him as he truly is an answer to prayer!



We as a Board of Directors say – “Welcome aboard Kris and may God richly bless you as you serve Him in this soul-winning ministry.”

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

We are living in a day when there is a whole hearted attack to get rid of God in our nation. Recently one atheist stated that In God We Trust on our currency was not only an offense to him but unconstitutional as well. Little does that man know about the founding of our country. This is **a prayer for the United States of America by our first President George Washington.**

“Almighty God; We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large. And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen”

May God be pleased to answer this prayer in these most difficult times!

A FEW E-MAILS FROM SNOW CAMP

“I wanted to thank all of the staff for helping to make snow camp possible, they did great. I am so glad that this Circle ‘C’ Ranch was made. I have said I am devoted to God, but after snow camp I found out I wasn’t. I am now fully devoting my life to Jesus Christ. He is my Savior.” – **A Camper**

“Hey, I just got home from snow camp and I just want to say that you guys did such a good job. While I was there in the chapel and listened to you guys I had this feeling that I never had before. That is when I asked God to help me and I asked Jesus to come into my life. I just want to say thank you.” – **A Camper**

‘Thank you for the message you sent to the teens this weekend! Thank you for the time invested in what you do. I wish that there was something I could say or do that would be different from what you have heard before. From the depths of my heart I say Thank You. I had many moments this weekend as a young leader I just wanted to stand up and shout – Listen to them! I know! I have been there! I have seen and done it! Don’t give in! Stand firm! These teens were touched, our teens were touched. You and your team are a light in this dark world. I know you all are surrounded and protected by Him who we call Father God!

Thank you.” - **A Leader**

A FEW E-MAILS FROM SNOW CAMP

‘This was the first time I have come to the camp and I loved it!! All of the people working there were so nice and our group had so much fun. We all learned new things about each other and came out of our comfort zone. None of us wanted to leave but we had already decided that we will be back to learn more about God!’

– **A Camper**

“Thank you for an awesome weekend spending time with my teens and the Lord. We were SO encouraged. Our youth group came away with such unity and they are looking for ways to apply that to the larger group here at home. One of our young ladies broke into tears again last night...burdened for one of her young lady friends. Thank you to all of your staff. Your witness to our young people has had a great impact. They see that they can serve God in REAL and exciting ways...at their age! Thank you for all the hard work and the sacrifices you make for all of us and thank you for opening doors of communications.” – **A Leader**

