

Rodeheaver Boys Ranch

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Alumni Reunion and Museum

The ranch museum was a big hit with the Alumni at their recent onsite reunion.



It has become a favorite place to hang out during fundraising events on the ranch.

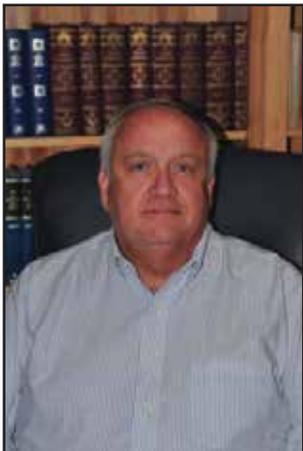


Learning new skills at the ranch.



"It's better to build boys than to mend men."

From The Executive Director



One of the most frequently asked questions when we are traveling or hosting visitors here on the ranch is “How do you find the good people who come to the ranch to work with the boys?”

There are a myriad of possible answers to that question depending on whose asking and why. Of course, when we have a need in personnel, we immediately make it a matter of prayer and invoke the blessings of God in helping us connect up with the right people.

When we say “the right people” we are thinking several things. First of all, we desire Christian applicants who have a Christian world view philosophy. Secondly, they must have a solid stable marriage. You can imagine how important that is. Thirdly, they must have a basic love for people. When one doesn’t have a basic love for people, they seldom can be taught to do so.

Fourthly, we are looking for people who seem to have the call of God on their lives for this work. The responsibility of childcare is tedious, yes, but enjoyable when a good prayer life and Bible study is a daily incorporation in one’s personal time. We believe that this resource is vital to Christian childcare.

The boys we help and train during whatever time they are here need a clear look at their options in this life. Many children grow into adulthood and hardly ever (even in the good ‘ole USA) are engaged in a clear presentation of the gospel of Christ.

Yes, we have had boys to live here and not adhere to a profession of faith in Christ. After all – it is their decision. Our responsibility is to love them, train them, and let them know they have a “forever home.” Some of the boys don’t figure out things spiritually until later and we are glad that they do.

So, (1) we tell ‘em, (2) we tell ‘em again, (3) and then tell ‘em what we told ‘em. When we get tired of that, we are out of the Christian childcare business.

Children are a heritage of the Lord. Let’s not forget that as we help them with all the other things about growing into a good person. Your financial help makes our work more of a pleasure than a chore. Thank you from our hearts. Ken Johnson



On January 16, 2016 the Rodeheaver Boys Ranch staff and boys enjoyed hosting 18 ranch alumni and their families. They spent most of the day eating lunch in the cafeteria and receiving a tour of the ranch. Everyone enjoyed the experience and the alumni expressed their appreciation for those who were in the administration during the years they were at the ranch. Lots of memories!

Making Childhood Memories

Recently the Rodeheaver Boys Ranch Alumni held their first Ranch Reunion in the 66-year history of the ranch. My wife Donna is the curator of the Rodeheaver Boys Ranch museum and prior to the alumni group arriving, she pulled out all the pictures and newspaper articles she could find that had ranch boys in them and displayed them in chronological order.

When the alumni and their families arrived at the museum, they began looking at the pictures and reading the articles.

Their faces lit up when they saw themselves back in the day when they lived on the ranch. It was very exciting to see their enthusiasm as they shared their stories of life on the ranch when they were here.

They all took out their cell phones and started taking pictures of the memories they were enjoying. For some of these alumni, the pictures they copied from the ranch archives are the only childhood pictures they have.

This scene reminded me of the boys living on the ranch today. We all have a hand in determining what kind of memories these boys (who live on the ranch today) will have when they return 20 or 30 years from now.

The staff plays a major roll just in the way they interact with the boys, our donors are important because they are the ones who keep the lights on and food on the table so the boys' childhood memories can even be made possible.

Another important group who help determine what kind of memories the boys develop from their experiences of growing up on the ranch are our volunteers.

They act as grandma and grandpa to the boys and are always ready with a word of encouragement and some special attention when the boys are having a rough time. When working with the boys, it is important to look beyond the present set of circumstances and remember...we are making memories that will last a lifetime.

It reminds me of a passage found in Jude verses 21-22, "Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. 22 And of some have compassion, making a difference."

Jeff King

2nd Annual Southern Gospel Festival



April 16, 2016 marked the date when the **St. Johns River Christian Golf Fellowship** sponsored the 3rd Annual Rodeheaver Boys Ranch Golf Tournament. The tournament was held at the Palatka Golf Course and there were 17 paid teams in attendance. The weather was great and the ranch had two teams playing in the tournament. One of the teams was made up of one cottage dad and three ranch boys. None of the ranch teams placed, but everyone had fun and the ranch received a nice financial benefit to help take care of the 45 boys living on the ranch.

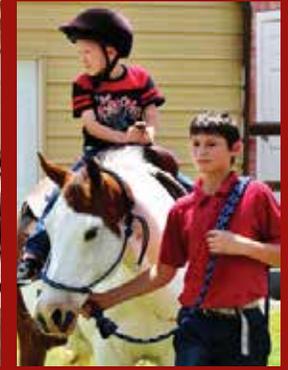


On January 23, 2016 the **Palatka Skeet Club** hosted the 1st Annual Rodeheaver Skeet Shoot. The weather was cold and windy, but a full slate of teams showed up and contributed to a very successful fundraiser to help the boys. We owe a great debt of thanks to board members Greg Bacon, Sidney Hobbs and Bobby Cothren for organizing the event.





Everyone here enjoyed the Gospel Music and the attendance for the Annual Meeting/BBQ was impressive. We had one of the biggest crowds ever, but the spirit and enthusiasm for the ranch mission was also one the best that has ever been. This was a special weekend for many who were here.



2016 ANNUAL MEETING AND BAR-B-QUE



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10th Annual Boy's Bass Tournament



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March 12, 2016 was the date for the 4th Annual Rodeheaver Boys Ranch Classic Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show. As usual there were plenty of cars, trucks and Motorcycles, and the boys (with staff supervision) made the plaques that were presented to the winners. The annual Car Show has become one of the favorite events among the boys. They love looking at and sometimes riding in the classic muscle cars.



4th Annual RODEHEAVER BOYS RANCH
Classic Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show

March 5, 2016 Crystal Cove Marina in Palatka hosted the **1st Annual Rodeheaver Benefit Bass Tournament**. The weather was great and the fish were biting. The big fish weighed in at 10.9 lbs. There were 68 boats entered in the tournament and the ranch received several thousand dollars to help the boys. The 2nd Annual tournament is already in the works for 2017.



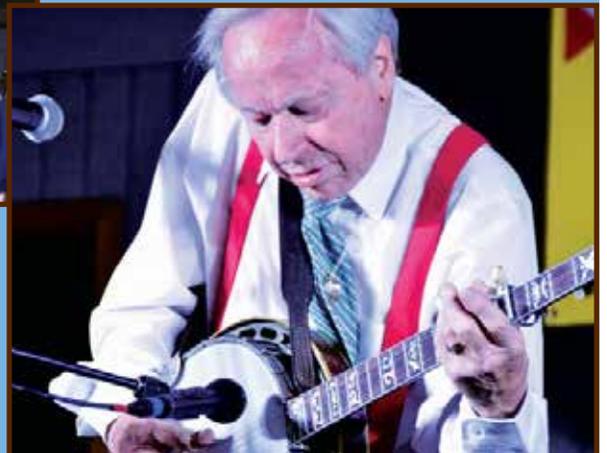
RBR Winter Bluegrass Festival



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February 18, 19 & 20, 2016 Rodeheaver Boys Ranch hosted its 12th Annual Palatka Bluegrass Festival. The Festival Park was almost full of RV's and the drive-in attendance was at an all-time high. The music was world-class and the food & fellowship was tremendous. Norman and Judy Adams continue to demonstrate why they are the top promoters of Bluegrass Music in the industry. The boys ranch is privileged to be a part of the Adams Bluegrass family!



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