

Sabine Creek Ranch

2016 Summer Report

It was a wonderful summer at Sabine Creek Ranch! Celebrate with us as we consider all that the Lord accomplished through our campers and staff:

- † 1605 Summer Campers - 596 in our Preteen Camps and 1009 in other camps
- † 56 campers over 3 weeks of Day Camps
- † 10,855 Summer meals served
- † 25 Summer Staff
- † 4 weeks of Rec Teams from Dallas Baptist University
- † New Water Obstacle Course for the Pond
- † Two new lighted areas for guest enjoyment
- † Additional basketball goal
- † And most important of all, the Lord drew over 50 children and youth to follow Him as Lord and Savior.



This is why we do what we do! Summers are hard, but so rewarding to our summer staff and to us. When children are saved, it helps us keep going on our 12 to 14 hour days!

Our new Camp Director, Shelton McAfee, completed his first summer in leadership. He is an awesome young man who graduated with a degree in Camp/Sport Leadership from Dallas Baptist University (Eddie's department). He has been an invaluable addition to our staff! We look forward to many years of serving with Shelton and his wife, Rachel (as of August 20!). Also, Karen Cosby joined us as Office Manager. Her sweet spirit and compassionate heart have been a great blessing and benefit to our campers and staff. Every year we say this is our best summer staff yet, and this summer was no exception. These students work long, hard days and still laugh and love each other so well. We love our summer family!

The theme for Preteen Camp this year was Journey: Teach Me Your Way, Lord from Psalm 86:11. As Eddie says, we love being part of helping launch kids on a trajectory of faith, sharing the gospel with them in an environment where they are able to get away from technology, hard home lives, etc., so that they can return home to be discipled by the churches who bring them to camp. It is a privilege to partner with churches and families in this way.

We had a wonderful Day Camp season this year, with some special college students leading the children. We watched them develop sweet relationships with their campers, caring for their physical as well as spiritual needs. One mom said:

I would like to say thank you so much. My kids loved it. For the past 8 years my kids saw their aunt (my identical twin sister) fight leukemia. In a sense they were able to get their minds off it for that week. A week

after their awesome experience at the camp, God called my twin sister home. Thank you for giving my kids wonderful memories and for being Jesus to them. Forever grateful, LK

Thanks to your generous gifts in 2016, we were able to replace our Dining Hall roof in December – completed 2 days before the big December 26 storm. We are also enjoying a beautiful remodel which included new ceiling insulation...the Dining Hall was cool for campers during every summer meal. A great blessing! Your gifts also allowed us to add the new basketball goal and water obstacle course for our pond.

As we enter our fall retreat season, we are wrapping things up from Summer 2016 and are already hard at work preparing for Summer 2017. Making repairs and improvements means camp lasts year round! Would you be willing to help us prepare? How can your generosity impact eternity for kids and families? As you enter the latter part of the year, please remember us with your financial gifts. We will not be holding a Partner Dinner this fall, but still do need your partnership!

Current needs at the camp are:

Scholarships

- \$220 – Will send one camper to Day or Preteen Camp.

Landscaping

- \$1,200 - Plants and planters throughout the camp.
- \$5,000 - Trees greatly needed for additional shade.
- \$1,000 – Comfy chairs for outdoor gathering areas

Activities

- \$1,500 – Additional water element for new obstacle course.
- \$3,000 - Golf cart. To be used by staff for work purposes during camps and retreats.
- \$150,000 - Swimming Pool

Shade

- \$10,000 – Several pavilions to use as shade during the afternoon – one of our greatest needs!

General

- 3 x \$15,000 - Conversion of three spaces to new hotel rooms
- \$100,000 - General upgrades, expansions and repairs to existing buildings

Of course, gifts of ANY size are appreciated as we continue to serve the Lord in camp ministry. In addition, we will have small projects to complete throughout the fall and spring if your church small group or organization would be interested in a day of service. We will feed you a delicious lunch! Thank you for being a BIG part of what we do at Sabine Creek! You are an encouragement to us!

For His glory,

Eddie and Sarah Walker

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