

HIDDEN FALLS RANCH NEWSLETTER 2011

Greetings from the South rim of Palo Duro Canyon. God is great, and greatly to be praised. Over 100 decisions for Christ were made by kids this past summer at Hidden Falls Ranch. Even though it was hot and dry (records were set) the living water of Jesus flowed freely. We have been very busy this fall with church youth groups and outdoor education groups. In addition to our summer camps, we have hosted 44 different groups at HFR and served almost 15,000 meals for the year. WHEW!!!! As we move into the Christmas season we pray Gods blessings on you and yours as well.

The Board of Directors has prayerfully considered and approved additional staffing beginning in January 2012. We are excited to announce that Blake Henderson and Jered Meeks will be taking over the daily operations of HFR. Both Jered and Blake have background in the Christian Camping ministry. Each will have specific areas of responsibility and together they will facilitate all the programs of camp. Included at the end of the newsletter is a greeting from each of them. Please pray for all of us in this exciting time of transition.

It is with heartfelt thanks that we are saying goodbye to Dustin, Theresa and Bailey Rogers. Dustin has served as the property manager since May of 2010. Please pray for the Rogers family as they move on to other ministry opportunities.

Pam and I will be moving off camp as I focus on administrative and donor relations, along with development and oversight of the ministry. We are excited to be able to devote more time and energy to these area's, and believe that great things are on the horizon for Hidden Falls Ranch.

We are also in the process of redesigning our website and camper registration programs (no rest for the weary). Summer staff, camper parents, retreat leaders and others will all notice changes and improvement in our online presence. New facebook groups and blogs are also scheduled to be up and running for 2012.

Our greatest need right now is to completely fund the nurse's office/nurse's quarters project. This new building will stand in place of the original camp office/arts and crafts building (circa 1965). State guidelines necessitate this project for health and safety requirements for licensed youth camps. We currently have approx \$30,000 of the needed \$85,000 needed to fully fund this project. Please pray and consider helping HFR with this so we can be ready for summer 2012.

All of the changes with staffing, technology, updates and regular camp maintenance come at a cost to the camp. Would you consider supporting the ministry or increasing your present giving? Camp Vehicles, scholarship request, hay for our horses during this dry time, and many other needs are all on our hearts right now.

Thanks for your prayers and contributions to this ministry. Included with this newsletter is a return envelope for contributions. Donation options are available on our website as well. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any specific questions you have. GRACE AND PEACE TO YOU AND YOURS THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON!!!! www.hiddenfallsranch.com

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Cynthia and I are so excited to be joining the leadership team at Hidden Falls. We feel that HFR will be the perfect place for us to serve God and point others toward Him. Cynthia and I met at Hidden Falls while summer camp counselors in 2003 and were married in 2005. We both spent several years on summer staff and completed an internship during 2007. We also served as full-time staff members until June of 2010. Our family includes our 3 year old son, Hutton, and our 8 month old daughter Maizie. We feel honored to be back at HFR and have a huge desire to see Hidden Falls reach as many people as possible!

We cannot wait to see the things God has in store for the ministry and we feel so blessed to be a part of it. We thank you for your support and prayers as we all work to bring others to Christ and help strengthen relationships.

Jered Meeks



Hey everybody!!!

First, I want to say thanks to all of you who partner with Hidden Falls Ranch... you are doing great things for the Lord and I am glad to be a part of what God is doing through you! Seeing your heart of sharing the gospel with lost kids played a major role in our decision to joining the HFR family. I hope to continue with that mission of providing a great place for kids to hear about Jesus and for young believers to mature in their faith.

A little about me and my family... my wife, Donna, and I are both from the Amarillo area. She graduated from Amarillo High School and I graduated from Boys Ranch. We met through Young Life and both graduated from West Texas A&M University. I completed my master's degree in Higher Education at Abilene Christian University and have been working for WTAMU for the past five years in residence life. We have a 3 year old daughter named Audrey and an 8 month old son named Bear.

My family is excited and we feel blessed to be a part of the Hidden Falls family and look forward to working alongside all of you who support HFR.

Blake Henderson