



FREEDOM GATES BOYS RANCH ~

Opening the gates to freedom

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...SOOOOOOOOOOOO loved hearing all about the Branson Trip!

The only thing that could have been better than actually BEING THERE was HEARING all about the



trip the boys took to Branson. Upon their return home, Mary, Kody and I heard of SUCH fun!!!!!!! We relived

the sinking of The Titanic (believe me, the telling was more adventurous than tragic), We were regaled with informative facts and entertaining stories of dinosaurs, aquatic creatures, and all kinds of bugs and animals. The boys relived their nature hikes, their outdoor adventure-park excursions, swimming, and all kinds of other wonderful happenings that took place on their trip! It was a chilly day when the boys visited SILVER DOLLAR CITY. We laughed and shivered as the boys exclaimed about riding roller-coasters (apparently some of the roller-coasters went through water (brrrrr).

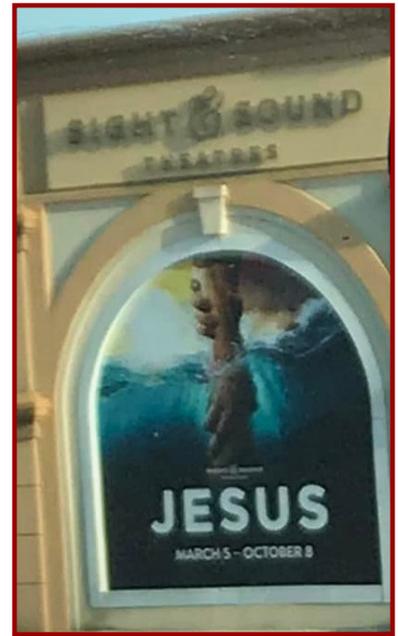


Also, regardless of the cool weather, a few of the boys hopped in and swam anyway during their day at the lake.



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~Branson, cont'd from page 1~ **JESUS** was the play being presented at **SIGHT & SOUND** while the boys were in Branson, and it could not have been more perfect. The boys marveled as the life of their Savior came to life on the stage in front of them. As I listened to the boys, unashamedly, tell of how horribly sad and difficult it was to watch the reenactment of the crucifixion, and how they had sobbed through it, I quietly said a prayer of thanks to the donor whom had purchased the tickets so that the boys could attend. As I type this, I am saying prayers of thanks to all of you who helped to make the Branson Trip possible for the boys... it was **MUCH MORE** than just fun for them... it was edifying. ~Konnie~



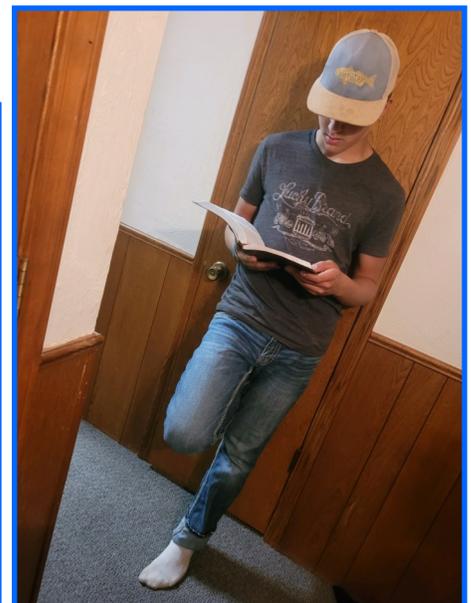
FARM & RANCH



We are extremely blessed to have a group of guys that love the horses as much as I do. God has been working in amazing ways creating bonds between horse and boy. Confidence, love and respect are just a few things that our guys are learning from our horses. We are very excited to see where these connections lead our guys in the future. Thank you for supporting our boys and their love for their animals. ~Kody~

From our Founder, Dennis Blake~

Where do we go when we see chaos all around us? Where can we go to find peace, hope and joy when we face struggles each day? Jesus found time to get away and spend time with His father. If we are always busy or on our cell phones, we will have a difficult time experiencing contentment. A good example comes from a daily routine done by one of the boys at FGBR to illustrate my point. Each night before he goes to bed, he'll go into his walk in closet, close the door, and sit on the floor. He takes out his Bible and journal; then reads and writes down his personal thoughts. One morning Mike found this young man still in the closet, asleep. That's how we find peace and contentment and a good night's rest. ~Dennis~



...on our way to learning Great life skills...



Our new TRADES PROGRAM is under way! FRBR is so very blessed to have such accomplished instructors as Mike Simpson and David Wyatt. Mike is an accomplished welder, and David has worked as a CNC Service Tech for 12 years. FGBR's goal is to teach skills to the boys which they can use in their day to day lives, as well as providing them with more career opportunities. The boys are really looking forward to these classes and have, eagerly, put in many hours to help clean and prepare the shop which will be used as a classroom! The boys are already learning and assisting with farm repairs such as replacing the *Farmall* fuel injection pump (as you can see in the photo) as well as replacing the alternator and battery cables on the Ranch's flatbed truck.



Classes will alternate between WELDING and MECHANICS. Teacher David Wyatt, has been, and will continue working with the boys, this summer, in the shop.

David has several goals for the boys, some of them being, for the boys to:

- learn the basics of auto repair and be able to identify the various components of a vehicle and their purpose
- learn to diagnose automotive issues with an emphasis on helping them to find the actual problem the first time
- learn how to repair and replace various components of a vehicle, as well as oil changes, radiator flushing, and brake pad replacement
- learn how to clean and rebuild a carburetor (90% of small engine issues stem from a dirty carburetor)
- learn to repair, replace, and pack wheel bearings with grease
- learn to install and repair trailer light wiring, and other typical maintenance items



These skills will provide the boys a great advantage in life as they learn problem solving skills that will save them, not only time and money, but the ability to think with a problem solving mentality in every other facet of their lives.

ALMOST HERE! THE ANNUAL

Freedom Gates Boys Ranch
Hamburger Supper @ 5:00
Benefit Auction @ 6:00



July 09, 2022

Heritage Center

US HWY 160 and Isabel Road
Medicine Lodge, KS



COME BE A PART OF THIS FGBR EVENT



Hi my name is Mikey and I am 8 years old. My parents work at the boys ranch to be the big boys mom and dad. I have lived here more than 2 1/2 years. Everyday we do something different with the big boys. I like to play LEGOS with them. I like riding the horses and helping with the show calves. I like having school at the boys ranch too. One of my favorite things to do is draw. This year I am big enough to help mow and do big boy chores. I am excited to go camping with the big boys this summer.

Needs and Prayer Requests

- * As always, please, keep the boys and the staff close in prayer
- * TOOLS and SUPPLIES for the new TRADES PROGRAM such as safety glasses, full face shields, welding helmets, leather gloves for welding, and shop aprons
- * Materials and resources for the new Campus Center

My Son

Sticky fingers,
dirty face,
Rugs and pillows
out of place,
Cars and tractors
here and there,
Blocks and boats
everywhere,
Gold and silver
have I none,
But worth a million
is my Son.

**Do you want to help change the
lives of boys? With your help,
we can redirect their
future...
...donate now....**

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Make your check payable to
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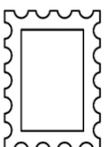
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