

# THE RANCH



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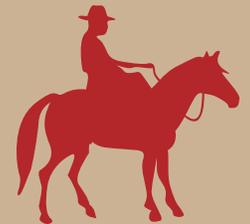
Howdy friends!

We have had a busy fall and winter here at the Ranch. We hosted many amazing groups, including sports teams, work retreats, youth groups, schools, and an orchestra! We've made some improvements to the facilities, such as upgrading our upstairs rooms to accommodate our rental groups and putting up new siding on our barn! We ran an Autumn Saddle Camp in October, and had a wonderful weekend with a small group of campers practicing their horsemanship skills. We've also ran our first four months of New Horizons, a program for potentially at-risk students. On top of that, we held a Christmas celebration at the Ranch and a Winter West event. Both events were well attended and families got to participate in fun activities including sleigh rides, live music, and cookie decorating!

We are looking forward to what this year will bring! Camps are open for registration, and we are excited for another fantastic summer.

Thank you for your interest and involvement with the Ranch. We are blessed to have such a wonderful Ranch family!

-Duane & Katie Bleakney



## Sponsor a Horse Stall

During the summer, our horses spend lots of time in the Sun Shelter by the outdoor arena, where the campers learn to ride. We hope to install a new wood floor in the Sun Shelter this spring. A wood floor would be healthier for our horses, who paw holes in our current dirt floor, and would provide a better experience to our campers.

Would you consider sponsoring a stall? For \$250, you can have a stall plaque inscribed with you or your company's name, a dedication to the memory of a loved one, or a commemoration of a favourite horse.





# Grace White: How New Horizons Has Shaped Me



New Horizons is a program run one weekend per month from October until May. Thirty-five potentially at-risk students from the Saint John and Sussex regions come to the Ranch for a weekend of learning, creating, and fun. Throughout the program they develop skills, behaviours, and mindsets that are integral to future success. One of our staff, Grace, has been working New Horizons since it started in 2016. She loves the work and said, "Being able to be a part of this program and watching these kids enjoy trying new things has really stretched me to be a better me." She loves watching the skills the students develop throughout the program. "The skills they learn about how to love one another and resolve conflict are simply incredible. These kids want to learn and are happy to be in a place where they are loved," she explained. Not only does she get to see the students grow, she has experienced growth as well in her leadership and teaching skills. "Having this opportunity to learn new things and teach new things has helped me grow in so many ways. Teaching the students to ride horses has really helped me grow in my teaching abilities, and I have really enjoyed watching the students grow along with me. I have been challenged in many areas of this program, but have always found a solution with the help of our wonderful team." Grace says she feels honoured to get to be part of this program and help the students achieve important life skills and mindsets, like perseverance, peaceful conflict resolution, improved self-esteem, and sense of purpose.



# Sponsor a Staff

*Snider Mountain Ranch is pleased to announce our staff sponsorship program. At the Ranch, we place great emphasis on the spiritual growth and leadership skill development of our staff. They are challenged to try new things, step out of their comfort zone, and learn more about their gifts and abilities. They are also an integral part of a successful summer for our campers.*

## Who are our staff?

*Snider Mountain Ranch hires 30 staff every summer, most of whom are students between the ages of 15 and 20.*



## What do staff do?

*There are numerous roles at the Ranch, including cabin leaders, horse staff, kitchen crew, maintenance, and rec staff. The staff work as a team to create a welcoming and fun environment for the campers!*

*Would you join us in praying for them and the rest of the team as we prepare for the summer?*

*Without the help of the staff who spend their summers working here, we would not be able to provide the life-changing experiences had by hundreds of campers every year. However, many of our staff face important financial decisions as they transition out of high school. For this reason we offer many paid positions at the Ranch to help students save for the future, while continuing to work in this ministry. To support our staff in this way, we need your help.*

*Check out our monthly staff feature on Facebook!*

*Would you consider financially supporting one of our staff? Any amount is appreciated!*



## WAYS TO GIVE

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