

RANCHlife

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Boys Ranch Protects Area Lake, River



Residents at the Good Samaritan Boys have been monitoring water quality at Stockton Lake this summer as part of the Lakes of Missouri Volunteer Program. They are also involved in a Missouri Stream Team on the Niangua River.

The boys at Good Samaritan Boys Ranch are busy this summer keeping one area river clean and testing a local lake for water quality. The experience gives these young men a hands-on lesson in nature conservation and protecting our natural resources.

The residents at the Ranch are participating in the Lakes of Missouri Volunteer Program, a state water quality monitoring program. Every three or four weeks, a group of boys accompanied by Good Samaritan Boys Ranch staff,

travel to the Sac River Arm of Stockton Lake and collect water samples. The boys prepare and send the samples for testing to the University of Missouri-Columbia. The results will show the amount of organic and inorganic materials in the water which indicate water quality in the lake.

Residents at the Ranch have also volunteered in the Missouri Stream Team program for the past six years. They patrol the Niangua River and collect trash as well as document wildlife, river erosion

and usage. Their observations are recorded and sent to the Missouri Department of Conservation in Jefferson City.

These outdoor experiences are part of the recreation program at the Ranch which is an important part of each boy's treatment plan. "Having our residents participate in projects like this are a great lesson in how their behavior impacts other things such as nature and the outdoors," says Recreation Director John Whitaker.

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The Good Samaritan Boys Ranch has provided a home to abandoned, abused, and neglected children since 1959.

Giving a troubled child the opportunity for a better

Boys Enjoy Dining in Style

After six months of seeing the new dining hall under construction, the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch moved into the new Kathy and Wayne Morelock Nutrition Center in June. The new facility doubles the amount of dining and kitchen space available for meals at the Ranch.

The building was dedicated on June 27 and was built entirely through donations raised using Missouri Department of Economic Development Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) tax credits.

An average of 300 meals are served each day at the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch. The new facility will make preparing and serving meals a much easier task for the kitchen crew. It includes a large walk-in freezer and refrigerator, steam table, steamer, loading dock and increased stor-



Wayne and Kathy Morelock (center) cut the ribbon at the new dining hall. Also pictured are Past-President Jeff Lee (left) and Executive Director Kevin Killian.

age area. It also provides seating for 200, twice the area of seating in the old dining hall. The additional space will be an asset when the boys dine with community groups such as the Bolivar Rotary Club for their annual Christmas dinner.

School Supply Drive

Local radio station 99 Hit-FM in cooperation with area Wal-Mart stores are sponsoring a back-to-school supply drive for the residents at the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch.



The drive will take place through the month of August at eight local Wal-Mart locations including stores in Springfield, Ozark, Nixa and Republic. Shoppers can donate school supplies at collection barrels located in the customer service area of the store.

In addition to collecting school supplies, 99 Hit-FM will also be asking listeners to purchase a new pair of jeans for each boy at the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch.

Names and jean sizes will be announced daily on the station during morning and afternoon drive.

For more information about the school supply and jean drive, call 99 Hit-FM at 831-0995, Ext. 11.

School Supplies Needed

- Notebook paper
- Pens & pencils
- Backpacks
- Binders
- Folders
- Blue jeans
- Colored pencils
- Journals
- Markers
- Crayons
- Watercolors
- Rulers
- Calculators

Summer at the Ranch

It has been a busy summer for the residents at the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch. Here are some of the activities that have been keeping the boys busy.

A group of boys and staff competed in national competition at the Summer H'Olympics 2006 held in Pittsburg at Mellon University. The boys captured several medals in this sporting event including a silver medal in the 400 meter and the long jump. The swimming team took a silver medal in the 50 meter freestyle and one of the residents was awarded a sportsmanship medal from his peers. Following the competition, the group stopped at the Kentucky Horse Farm for a tour.

The boys participated in the Bolivar Area Relay for Life on June 16 helping to raise money for the American Cancer Society. They also assisted in setting up the event.



There is always much work to do at a ranch and the boys stay busy helping to keep the property and livestock in good shape over the hot summer. The boys are also in charge of a large garden this summer where they are growing corn, tomatoes, beans, peppers and cucumbers.

A Note from the Director

As you know, Good Samaritan Boys Ranch is involved in many activities in the community. We help with river clean-up, set tables for the Alzheimer's Gala event, help set-up for the Millwood Reliable Superstore Children's Charity Classic, walk the grounds of Highland Springs golf course after the Nationwide Tournament picking up trash, release the fish at the annual fishing tournament for Ronald McDonald House and ring bells for Salvation Army in Pleasant Hope and Bolivar. These activities are part of a program called "KIDS HELPING KIDS". We use this program to teach our boys that being part of society and giving to people in need creates a sense of worth and satisfaction. Our boys realize that by helping others they are helping themselves. They get a sense of accomplishment from a job well done. They realize that by doing these special events and tasks that they have earned the trust of the staff to be able to interact with people they don't see everyday. They also realize that hard work is a skill they can use the rest of their lives.

Kevin Killian

Fall Harvest Tasting Party

Featuring

Chef James Clary

Sunday, October 8, 2006

Clary's Restaurant

A five course menu highlighting the bountiful harvest of the Ozarks. All proceeds benefit the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch.

Call the Ranch at 376-2238
for ticket information.

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Thank You Friends of the Ranch!

The **9th Annual Reliable Superstore Children’s Charity Classic** was held on June 11 & 12 at Millwood Golf and Racquet Club. The Good Samaritan Boys Ranch is one of the charities who will benefit from the proceeds of this event. Thank you to Dan Schumacher and the staff at Millwood for the hard work that goes into this event!

The Good Samaritan Boys Ranch is one of 40 charities who benefited from the **17th Annual Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr. Pepper**. The Ranch would like to send a special thank you to Gerald Andrews and the staff of Missouri Sports Hall of Fame for their efforts to make this event a success.

The **Ozarks Health Advocacy Foundation** has awarded the Ranch a grant for \$1,200 to fund safety equipment for the indoor pool.

O’Reilly Auto Parts made a \$5,000 grant to the Education Fund which has been established by a \$100,000 challenge grant awarded

to the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch by an anonymous donor. The Ranch continues to build this fund which will assist resident with pursuing higher education goals.



Residents at Footsteps got a special treat when members of the **Messiah Lutheran Piece Makers Quilt Guild** presented handmade blankets for each young man staying at the facility. Footsteps is a transitional living facility operated by the Ranch for young men who are transitioning to independent living.