



ZEPHANIAH'S PROMISE RANCH

BACK AT THE RANCH...

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The summer program has started in earnest and several times a week the ranch fills with children's voices as they go about their chores, meet and greet the horses, and saddle up or simply walk the fields and let horses graze on the sweet purple flowers they love. (I am often tempted to water those flowers just to keep them coming back so each horse has the opportunity to get their fill.) We have had several families

who have decided they want to come out to volunteer for an afternoon here which is a huge blessing—helping us with things like feeding, cleaning troughs, mucking out pastures, and even helping with projects like putting up the next run-in shed structure. We also have a volunteer that comes up once a week to help with our sessions. Rebekah is great with the kids and is a huge help with preparing activities, learning our feeding schedule, measuring out the grains and mastering driving the Kubota!



Our mission/vision: To provide free equine experiences for youth in a safe, loving, and encouraging environment that is fun for both children and horses.



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ZAC TAILS:



Life on the ranch here can get pretty busy. There's horses to keep track of, chickens to herd, cats to keep in line, and a burro too ... well I don't really know what to do with the burro yet but that's ok, he doesn't know what to do with me either. Sometimes we just look at each other, daring the other to blink first. He usually wins, he has the patience of Job. Me, after about 5 seconds, I am thinking "there's something I need to be doing." After 7 seconds, I'm off doing it and the burro is still looking at where I was standing, not quite believing I'm not there. Yep, there's always something to do here at the ranch. But sometimes there are things to be done away from the ranch. Sometimes I get to go do those things away from the ranch. We get in the truck and go into town to run some errand or another. Usually it's several errands. It's like my people save up a bunch of errands and then do them all at once, go figure. But there are other times when I am given a treat and told to stay home. The man usually says, "Stay here Zac, we'll be back soon." The first time this happened, I was out of my head with worry. How long is soon? What if he doesn't come back. It's taking too long. Something has happened. I'm going to die a lonely death in this house with cats laughing at me. I'm telling you it was almost too much! But soon I heard the familiar sound of the truck driving back to the house and all my worries seemed to fade away. The second time I had to stay home alone, I went through the same thing, but again, he came back and all was well. After several more times of "Stay here Zac, we'll be back soon," I began to trust that he was coming back and I didn't worry so much. I found other things to do, like chase those pesky cats. Now, it's no big deal because every time, he has come back. Trust is a good thing to have. It helps you not to worry too much. If someone in your life has said, "I am coming back soon", trust Him. He will do what He says.

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Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.
Matthew 24:44

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Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sovereign hand
Will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now.
~ "Oceans" by Hillsong

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OTHER NOTEWORTHY NEWS: We are very excited to announce that on Saturday, August 8th we will be holding our first horsemanship clinic here at the Ranch. Taylor Gordon, our trainer, will be here for a full day with a morning and afternoon session to work with horses and their owners on ground

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work and riding. We have been advertising in town and in the surrounding areas, but feel free to spread the word. Space is limited, but we still have openings!! Visit our Website and FB page for more details!

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FINANCIAL UPDATE: Believe it or not it was "farrier time" again this month. Hoof trimming is an important maintenance program we have our horses on. Even though we do not shoe them, it's important to keep their hooves trimmed and filed for proper gait and back maintenance. If you would like to sponsor one horse for hoof trimming it would be \$30 every 8 - 10 weeks. The arena was completed last month, but another \$600 is needed to completely defer the expense. Also, we have started our final project of the summer which is a new run-in shed for a pasture which entails building a frame and attaching plywood. This month we purchased the final ton of hay we need to get us through the next 12 months--one ton of hay is \$225. If you would like to help, even \$10 or \$20 will make a big difference! Donations can be sent to ZP Ranch, 11 Stirrup Lane, Goldendale, WA 98620. ZP Ranch is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. All donations are tax deductible. You can also donate through GuideStar--just click on the link below.



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