

December 6, 2018

Dear Friends,

Please don't look out your window or at the weather forecast while reading this. I want you to imagine it's June, the first week of summer camp at the Farm.

A 13-year old boy, <u>Andy, is saddling up the horse he's riding this</u> week, <u>Pixie.</u> He's thinking about what he's learned so far: "Keep my heels down in the stirrups. Hold the reins in one hand, just above the saddle horn."

Andy isn't thinking about the fact that <u>his parents are split up</u>. Or that he, his mom and sister <u>had to move out of their house</u> because of a mold problem they couldn't afford to fix. Or that his <u>Dad got laid off at work</u> and hasn't been able to help much financially.

Because of the generous people who support the camp scholarship fund, Andy can put that stuff aside for a week and just have fun.



He wrote me a letter after camp, but I think it could have been addressed to anyone who donated to the scholarship fund.

I wanted to thank you so much for the scholarship that you gave me. I wouldn't be able to go at all if it wasn't for your generosity. Horse camp has helped me a lot spiritually to accept God into my heart and to have faith and courage in Jesus. The awesome, wonderful and super nice staff has taught me how to ride horses, in which I enjoy thoroughly.

The activities are also super fun and cool. I loved how Seth tied the obstacle course into our relationship with God. The food is always good as long as it is a kind of food that I like (sorry I didn't like your meatloaf Jessie. I'm sure it's the best in the land)

The Friday worship meeting at the end of the day made me cry. Everyone singing worship together was unlike anything I've ever been to. Thank you to everyone at Marmon Valley Farm for being so awesome and caring.

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Encouraging kids to have "faith and courage in Jesus" is one of the main goals of camp. Last summer, 42 campers prayed to trust Christ for their salvation!



There were 107 kids who got to enjoy a week of camp last summer with assistance from the scholarship fund. In a few weeks, we'll start accepting scholarship applications for next summer's camps. I'd like to say "Yes" to as many boys and girls as possible.

Please consider making <u>a tax-deductible</u> <u>donation</u> to support the Summer Horse Camp Scholarship Fund.

A gift of \$675 pays for a full week of Original Horse Camp for one kid.

If you can give \$337, half-a-week of camp is covered.

Contributing \$112 supports one day of that camp. \$56 covers the cost of a half day.

A donation of any amount will be greatly appreciated by the campers and families who will benefit.

To make a secure online donation, click on the Donate Now button below.

From our family to yours, Merry Christmas & a blessed New Year.

Wrangler Matt Wiley

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