



**COWBOY'S REST  
CHRISTIAN CAMP**

*"Return to your rest, O my soul, for the LORD has dealt bountifully with thee."  
Psalm 116:7*



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# Happy Thanksgiving!



## PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS by Danny Clifford

Around these parts I'm known mostly as the Cowboy's Rest plumber. My gifts are not speaking, leading worship, or working on a generator. After 36+ years as a plumber, I am very confident in my service to CR as the pipe guy. However, in the last few years I have learned that there is a much more important word that begins with a "P." That word is prayer: something we all need to be striving to do more of. Deb and I have been praying daily for Cowboy's Rest for several years now. We are learning to make daily prayer a part of our life, and I know God honors that. Please join us in praying for Cowboy's Rest as we prepare to embark on a new season. You will be blessed, the Lord will be pleased, and all involved with the mission will benefit from your prayers.

## POWER AT THE REST?!

God provides. For 14 years Cowboy's Rest has been electrified via large generators. That's expensive, and not always dependable, but God has been faithful! This year CR has applied for power lines to be extended to the facility by Wells Rural Electric. We are waiting for permits from the BLM and the Forest Service, which could take a few months to two years. If we receive permits, power pole installation will cost close to \$400,000. Currently we do not have that money, but we are confident in God that He will provide! Please be in prayer for God to move, to provide, and to show His **POWER** by providing power.



## We love VOLUNTEERS!

Cowboy's Rest has no more than 2 employees in the fall, winter, and spring. We *depend* on **volunteers** to have the facilities sparkling and ready for retreats and campers, and there are all sorts of projects **you** could do.

**Contact us to see how you can help!**

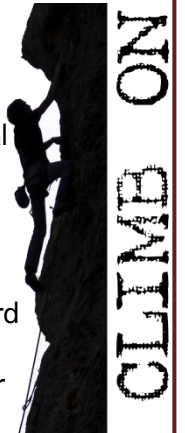
## DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

by Brian Starkey

*"Unless the Lord builds the house, the worker strives in vain." Psalm 127:1*

We entered the year looking to God for guidance and provision; provision of safety, a great staff, and success in proclaiming Jesus to as many people as He saw fit to bring here. Three volunteer groups then came out here to work: build a ga ga pit and 16 benches, paint the teepees, install tiles in the bathhouse, service ALL the engines on campus, and paint the stage for summer. This place is built by God's workers! During the spring retreat season, four churches came out to unplug from the world and refocus on God. A highlight for me was the Day of Prayer and Fasting when a dozen people came to the ranch to walk and pray over the buildings, the grounds, the tables, everything. It was a wonderful springtime here at CR.

Going into the summer there had been still more hours and hours of prayer by many people throughout the world for this place and the summer's events. The "Climb On" curriculum was effective, inspiring campers to climb on with their relationship with The Creator. God brought us a staff that was close to Him and highly capable in all their individual Duties, from counseling to video to emcee-ing. The speakers (Jared Bryant, Eugenia Parker, Brennen Beheimer, Claire-Marie Ward, Dan Maruyama, Matt Ahearn) were God-fearing people who heard His leading and presented God's word effectively. How grateful we are to God for moving here: for all the baptisms, recommittals, and people accepting Christ as their Savior for the first time, for impacting eternity right here at Cowboy's Rest!



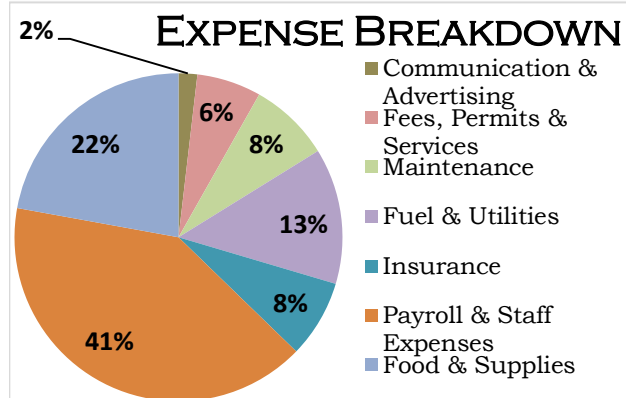
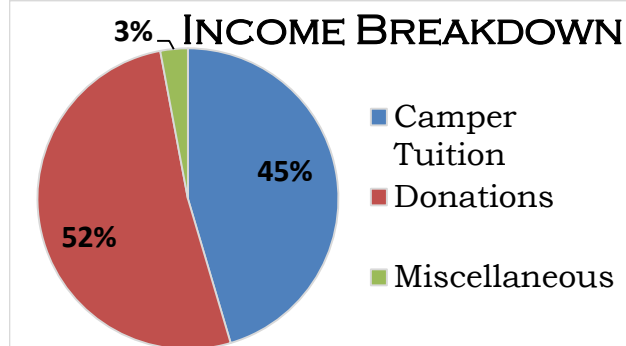
For the most part, all our camps were fully packed. No one was seriously hurt! Family Roundup saw nearly a hundred people getting away from society to share God with their own and other families. Occasional visits by our friends in the Navy have been fun, too! An amazing summer, all thanks to Jesus Christ. He built the house this summer, and it was awesome.

The fall retreat season was cool as well, with the Men's Retreat Trap Shoot and Game Feed. It was quite a time, especially with Bob Parker of Idaho preaching a very powerful word from our Lord. For other fall weekends *The Rest* was rented to local churches that enjoyed typical Cowboy's Rest hospitality, good cooking and a great escape from the world.

Currently we are all winterized and looking to next season: What is God going to do, how will He move in hearts again this coming summer? How exciting! And a hint to next summer's theme...Well, let's just say it's...**OUT OF THIS WORLD!**

## COWBOY'S REST FINANCES

Thank you so much for your generous **DONATIONS**. They allow us to keep camper costs low and share the gospel with more children! Check it out!



### LIFEGUARDS WANTED!

Cowboy's Rest always needs lifeguards for the summer season. Get certified early. Contact us to help get you in a course.

### COWBOY'S REST BOARD MEMBERS

Bob Burrows, Reno  
 Derrick Carpenter, Minden  
 Danny Clifford, Fallon  
 Mark Roberson, Fallon  
 Herb Shedd, Gardnerville  
 Brian Starkey, Jiggs  
 Toby Thomas, Fallon

## ON THE CALENDAR...

### JANUARY

- 2 Staff reunion, 12:00 pm in Elko
- 4 Staff reunion, 2:00 pm in Reno

### FEBRUARY

- 1 Registration opens for CR summer camps

### MARCH

- 15 Summer Staff applications due
- 24-28 Hilltop Youth Work Retreat

### MAY

- 23-26 Marriage Retreat (sponsored by CR)

### JUNE

- 7 Volunteer Day (sponsored by CR)
- 9-14 Staff Training
- 16-20 High School Camp (sponsored by CR)
- 23-27 Junior High Camp 1 (sponsored by CR)

### JULY

- 3-6 Family Roundup (sponsored by CR)
- 7-11 Kids' Camp 1 (sponsored by CR)
- 14-18 Kids' Camp 2 (sponsored by CR)
- 21-25 Junior High Camp 2 (sponsored by CR)
- 28-Aug 1 Open for rental

### AUGUST

- 4-8 Open for rental
- 11-14 Girl Scouts

### SEPTEMBER

- 12-14 Koinonia Rendezvous Men's Retreat (sponsored by CR)

## PRAYER CORNER

by Chris Burrows

*This year, we are especially thankful and praise God for...*

- yet another wonderful summer.
- a great summer staff
- many committed volunteers
- men and women who taught God's word with conviction
- gifted musicians who led us in worship
- very full camps
- only 1 trip to the ER
- a great harvest of souls, and some huge spiritual breakthroughs
- beautiful weather for our campers
- a full reservoir in the midst of serious drought
- a prayer team interceding for us week after week
- no fires during a potentially dangerous summer
- God's continued financial provision
- some of the least expensive camper tuitions in the country

*Some of our prayer requests are for...*

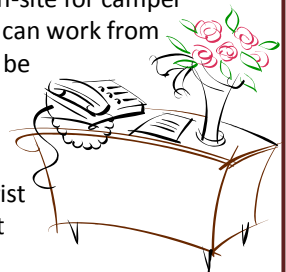
- power lines to the ranch
- a secretary/registrar
- a very wet winter (Currently the reservoir is 5' lower than usual because of two winters of little snowpack!)
- continued unity and guidance for our Board Members

If you would like to join our prayer team, please drop us a note at:

[cowboysrest@hotmail.com](mailto:cowboysrest@hotmail.com)

### HELP WANTED!!

The Cowboy's Rest Secretary/Registrar position is available. This position is part-time and seasonal (few hours in the off season and many hours during summer camps). The employee must be on-site for camper check-in each Monday afternoon in summer, but can work from home the rest of the time. The right person must be able to perform secretarial duties (good with computers, printers, Word, and Excel), great at answering the phone, ready to be the "voice" of Cowboy's Rest, and most of all dependent on Christ and called by Him to serve. For more details, visit [cowboysrest.org](http://cowboysrest.org) or call us at 775\_934\_9806.



### NOW BOOKING: SPRING AND FALL RETREATS

Call or email us to book your event today. As the Lord wills, it would be our privilege to serve you and your church family here at Cowboy's Rest. Sign up soon! Do available dates not work for you? Give us a call; with at least 6 weeks' notice, we can work out a date for your group of 15 to 35 people.

### AVAILABLE DATES IN 2014

April: 18-20, 25-27. September: 5-7, 19-21, 26-28  
 May: 2-4, 9-11, 16-18, 30- 6/1 October: 3-5, 10-12

**GABAL**



### 2013 by the Numbers

- 10,736** meals served
- 801** guests from **6** states
- 81** volunteers
- 30** maximum staff members per week
- 29** campers recommitting their lives to Christ
- 13** first-time commitments to Christ
- 11.3** miles from the nearest power pole
- 5** campers able to attend camp because of your scholarship donations
- 1** trip to the E.R.