

The Ranch Hand

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"Providing a safe home for youth who have experienced physical or emotional trauma, where every act is done with love to help them discover the dignity of the human person and learn the skills to manage life's challenges."

Young Adult Life-Based Classes

Many of the children that come to Home On The Range (HOTR) have been in other placements. Because they have been transferred from placement to placement, the children may not have been attending school on a regular basis, or their academic credits didn't transfer, putting them behind in credits. With the cooperation of the Beach Public School District and the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction, HOTR created an on-site, pilot program that provides education. The courses run concurrent with the school year. We have one class for boys and one class for girls. They each have class twice a week. The Facility Ranch and Plant Director created a syllabus and curriculum with specific topics and goals to be covered every quarter. The work-based learning courses include cattle management, woodworking, welding and vehicle maintenance. In these courses, the children have hands-on practicums, watch educational and safety videos, and may be given homework assignments to complete on weekends. They then take a test or submit a written or oral report, which is graded and turned in to the school district, to keep track of hours of participation and credit(s) earned. The cattle management course teaches children about basic care, feeding, nutrition, reproduction and breeding, calving, record-keeping, cattle marketing, vaccines and disease prevention. There are many on-ranch experiences and practicums, e.g. bottle feeding bum calves, feeding buckets of grain to the cattle or checking the cows during the calving season. The children are taken on field trips to witness other real-life experiences, such as selling cattle in the public livestock auction stockyards or watching the veterinarian ultra-sound cattle to determine the birth date of a calf.

In the woodworking course, the children learn about hard and soft woods, and build projects such as foot stools or wooden art mosaics. With adult supervision and various electrical tools, they learn how to cut out patterned pieces and sand the wood, and then assemble the parts for the final project. After the recent death of a loved ranch dog, the girls worked with the staff to build a casket for the dog.

The welding course teaches the students the different types of welds on metal or pipe, types of rods to use, how to use a cutting torch, and the correct mix of oxygen and acetylene. The vehicle maintenance course teaches the children how to check basic fluids of the car, change oil and filters, record keeping and how to change a tire.

The children practice and put to use an array of academic classes, including economics and free markets, chemistry, math, science, reading and computer skills. Throughout each of the courses, the children learn various skills, which will help them throughout their young adult life, and lead them into adulthood. The children practice teamwork, leadership, accountability, responsibility, communication, independence and public



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financial support from the Bismarck
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through gifts, grants, our agricultural
operation, fundraising events, and
investments.

Financial Statements Available

A copy of the most recent HOTR financial
statement is available to persons or
organizations upon request. Please
contact our business office at
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speaking. They gain a sense of higher self-esteem, self-worth, and self-confidence. The courses are a true win-win for the students. They are earning academic credits to complete the school term, learning life skills to help them be successful, and establishing a foundation for future jobs, careers or college education, in the fields of agriculture, engineering, mechanics, construction or contracting. We had 11 boys and 8 girls complete enough hours to earn a .25 credit in the ag course.

**Thank You to Bank of the West
for the \$6,000 grant supporting
and investing in our youth and the
Young Adult Life-Based Courses!**



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Dakota Scramble



for HOME ON THE RANGE

Sunday June 28, 2020

Bully Pulpit

GOLF COURSE

3731 Bible Camp Rd, Medora, ND

8:00am registration &
driving range open!

10:00am Shotgun
Start

Cost is \$400/Team of 4

Contact Josh Helvik at
joshh@hotrnd.com or 701-690-8685
for registration or sponsorship
information

Proceeds will benefit HOTR Spiritual Program



**We are so grateful
for everything these
ladies do for Home On
The Range. They are
so much appreciated!
(Kendra, Vanessa,
Wanda, Bev and
Cindy)**

64th Champions Ride

Saddle Bronc Match

AUGUST 1, 2020

1:00PM (MDT)



2019 Champion
Wade Sundell on Burch Rodeo's
Lunatic from Hell

Advance
Adult
\$15.00
(Gate:
\$20.00)

Advance
Student
\$8.00
(Gate:
\$10.00)

Event is subject to change due to COVID-19

Home On The Range
16351 I-94 ~ Sentinel Butte, ND
Interstate 94, Exit #7
701-872-3745

Live Calcutta & Sponsor Reception on Friday, July 31 at ND Cowboy Hall of
Fame in Medora, ND at 6PM

~CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE~

Limited bleacher seating but plenty of hillside seating
and handicapped accessible!

Live Calcutta of qualifying cowboys during
Saturday performance!

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**Our girls and staff worked hard to sew an
entire table full of masks and donated them
to our local community ambulance crew!**



Our girls threw a birthday party for our favorite bloodhound, 1 year old Lock, and everybody's buddy Brutus who just turned 4! The girls made the dogs cakes and treats.



Lock



Brutus

We want to recognize some of our staff for their dedicated service to Home On The Range. These staff will be presented with a special "Years of Service" pin and a Certificate of Recognition.

5 years: Aaron B., Vanessa U., Mel R., Megan C., Summer L., JoAnna J., and Jeff M.

10 years: Britt N. and Peggy S.

15 years: Mary J. and Laura F.

20 years: Viki V.



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Upcoming Events

**3rd Annual Dakota Scramble
Golf Tournament at Bully Pulpit Golf Course**
Sunday, June 28, 2020

**64th Annual Champions Ride
Saddle Bronc Match**
Saturday, August 1, 2020 - 1:00pm MDT
(Subject to change due to COVID-19)

Home On The Range is on Facebook and Instagram! Become a fan by searching for “Home On The Range” and “Home on the Range Champions Ride Match” and stay informed of our events and activities.



Our organization provides a therapeutic ranch environment for boys and girls who are disadvantaged, neglected, problematic, predelinquent and delinquent. Children of all races, creeds, and colors are served at our facility located in Sentinel Butte, North Dakota.