The Sounds of Summer Camp!

Across the camps you can hear cheerful voices.

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As a parent of three grown children, I have spent many years thinking about the role of adults in the development of children. Whether we are parents, relatives, teachers, counselors or neighbors, we all have an important part to play in shaping the young lives of those around us. What we teach young people through our words, actions and attitudes help develop and shape the character of the next generation.

At the Youth Ranches, we have a philosophy that if we stick to the main things in life, the other things will pretty much take care of themselves. We know if we concentrate on building character, work ethic and the ability to relate to others, the chance of these youngsters becoming lawful, productive adults is greatly increased.

Our residential and camping programs are all designed with a focus on teaching basic life skills and positive character traits. As youth work, study, play and pray they learn the essential elements of a successful life. Once they leave us for college, the military or back with their families, they have the opportunity to take what they have learned and begin to use these lessons in their daily lives.

All of you in our extended donor family have a part in the success of our young people. You are the ones who feed, clothe and educate them. Your gifts pay the electric bills and the salaries of the Cottage Parents who live with them, teaching them important lessons on life. When you send a check or include the Youth Ranches in your estate plans, you insure that we will be here for the next child who needs our care.

Thank you for your gifts and for your steady and ongoing support. We thank you and our children are better off for your efforts on their behalf.

Thank You and God Bless,

Roger Bouchard, President

Roger O. Bouchard, Jr.
President, Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc.
For the past twenty years I’ve had the pleasure to work at the Safety Harbor, Youth Villa and Boys Ranch programs. I have watched our boys and girls develop into mature, confident and productive young men and women. On occasion, I would have the opportunity to meet a donor and give them a tour of the campus. I enjoyed sharing my pride in the children’s accomplishments and the home where they are growing up.

Recently, I spent a few days with our Donor Relations Officers visiting people from around the state. As I drove home from one of the visits, I could not help but think how fortunate we are to have such terrific people involved in the Youth Ranches. These folks invited me into their homes where I had the opportunity to learn about their fascinating lives. Each person came from a different walk of life, from a different part of the globe and all with stories that left me in awe and truly inspired.

As I listened and quipped with each person I met, the conversation always seemed to come around to their concern for our boys and girls. Some of these folks have never met our children or visited a campus, yet they generously give. Something fueled their desire to help those that are less fortunate and in need of a safe and caring environment.

A day or so later, I was telling my wife about the people I had met and how each one had a great story to tell. Yet with everything each accomplished or experienced there is a part of them that worries for tomorrows children.

My recent experience traveling the state and meeting a few of the people that care about the Ranches has left me proud and quite humbled. To know there are so many people, many of which I have yet to meet, with great life stories and the same commitment to the Youth Ranches leaves me very confident in our future.

Thank you to all of you that have shared part of your life with us.
I was Mother Advisor of the Clearwater Rainbow Assembly in the 70’s and District Deputy. We did many service projects to help the Youth Ranch in Safety Harbor. I was contacted by a donor to ask if the Youth Ranch in Safety Harbor needed a chapel. At the time the answer was “yes!” I arranged a meeting with some donors and the campus and the need was met. My daughter’s were present at the dedication as my husband and I had moved to Texas. The Youth Ranch has always been special to us because we saw first hand the wonderful work you do.

~ Barbara Jones, Donor

I was a resident at the “Boys Ranch”. I ‘did’ learn a lot of things to apply to life as we know it. I have been climbing cell towers since 1993. Had it not been for the Ranch, I’d probably be sitting in a cell somewhere wasting away. I thank you FSBR for strictly showing me life on life’s terms. How to be a productive human being rather than a punk that I was. Today, I am a productive person who knows respect.

~ Loren Gursky Alumni

To the donors, alumni and staff – you all helped make me the man I am today. Thank you! Thanks to the Ranch I learned how to be a good Dad! I have shared all I learned at the Ranch with my children. I am so proud that my son is entering the United States Marine Corps. I thank God for all the donors have done for me and the Youth Ranches and the kids to come.

~ Billy Robinson, Alumni

Editor’s Note: These are just a few of the notes we receive in the mail, Facebook or from our website – www.youthranches.org. Minor adjustments may be made for clarity within the content, but the context remains the same.
All it takes is a “hello” to get Jamie to smile. Over the years you have seen him in “The Rancher” magazine. His smile will light up a room. His eyes twinkle and he holds nothing back with his greeting. However, with a smile like that, you look right past his need for orthodontic work.

The wife of Okeechobee County Sheriff Paul May, Mrs. May met Jamie a number of times through Youth Ranches activities. She decided she could help make Jamie’s smile even brighter! Mrs. May placed a few phone calls and Jamie was scheduled for a visit to Wemmer Orthodontics in his home county.

After fidgeting nervously, Jamie finally settled into the dental chair. An hour later, Jamie had a “sparkling smile!” We are thankful to Mrs. May and her friends at Wemmer Orthodontics for their kindness and generosity.

Waiting for the work to begin!

We are grateful for the team at Wemmer Orthodontics and Mrs. May for putting a “sparkle” in Jamie’s smile. They also did a little touch up work on David’s braces. Pictured left to right are: Wemmer Orthodontic Tech Sam, Delores May, Rancher David, Rancher Jamie, Dr. Wemmer and Orthodontic Tech Maria.
The most highly anticipated event of the year at each of the Youth Ranches is the Awards Banquet! A long standing tradition, this night is where the growth and achievements of our youth are recognized. I know that you are just as proud as we are of the goals these youth meet and the milestones they pass. Included are just a few of the children who were recognized for great achievements this school year.

- Kerrie is a joy to be around! Her attitude and approach to life encouraged others. She received the Program Director’s Award from Youth Villa Program Director Jim Semple.
- Will received the Leadership Award from Boys Ranch Unit Director Steven Wright. Will has the heart of a teacher and mentor. An outstanding athlete and good student, he shared his time and talents with youth struggling in the program. He took time to tutor others and helped coach our middle school rec league basketball team.
- Alex received the Program Directors Award from Boys Ranch Program Director Amber Friis. This award is presented to a youth who has shown growth across all aspects of their life and is a model for other children.
- Tyler received the Most Improved Rancher Award from Bradenton-Sarasota Unit Director John Vertich.

Achievement!
We had a large group of seniors graduate from the Boys Ranch in June. Pictured left to right: Madison County Sheriff Ben Stewart, Lane, Alex, Tim, Bo, Austin, Will, Matt, Suwannee County Sheriff Tony Cameron and Executive Vice President Brad Gregory.

These four young men received awards based on our four pillars “Work, Study, Play and Pray.” Will (top left) received the spiritual award due to his decision to grow spiritually, willingness to talk to others about moral, spiritual and character issues and be a resource to the Chaplain. Kodie (top right) not only is he an all-around sportsman, but he likes to engage and encourage others in activities. Luke (bottom right) received the Academic Award which is based on grade point average. Not only does Luke have the highest GPA, but he also takes college level classes. Wyatt (bottomed left) received the Cattleman’s Award. This award is presented to the student who works diligently and learns the necessary knowledge to excel at his tasks related to work on the Van Ness farm at the Ranch.

Brianna received the Leadership Award from Youth Villa Unit Director Stephanie Crowe. She exhibited initiative and drive through her work on campus and in school. When working as a team or group Brianna would encourage and help motivate others.

Dalton received the Director’s Award from Youth Ranch Bradenton Program Director Dominic Morales.
Jordan teaches youngsters to dig into reading.
Work, Study, Play and Pray…
Growing up the American Way!

Work is an important part of our lives. It provides income, occupation and pride in our accomplishments. At the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches “Work” is one of the four pillars of our philosophy of child care.

Every child at the Youth Ranches has a job. Some work around the Cottages, some work at the different buildings on campus, some work at the farm, but the older youth can explore jobs off campus.

When the boys and girls work on campus they go through the same process we all do to obtain a job. They have to apply and are interviewed. Each youngster can be hired, fired, promoted, demoted and given raises. This element of our programs teaches them what to expect when they go to work in the community.

In addition to working on campus, several youngsters decided to apply for jobs off campus. Lashawnda is planning for her future now. Her desire to work with children led her to an unexpected place – Lego Land! However, as a new employee, you have to start at the parking lot. She helps people park their vehicles and find their way into Lego Land. Every day Lashawnda meets hundreds of people! She enjoys the job and the company. “This job isn’t working one on one with children, but it is time with people, learning how to handle an employer’s expectations and helps me plan for the future.”

Cain and Sean both hope to go into public service in the future. Today they are working at the Sheriffs Ranches Enterprises Thrift Store in Live Oak. Cain’s plans are to be an Emergency Room Nurse and Sean wants to be a Fire Fighter. They laugh when asked how their job at the Thrift Store will help them meet those goals.

Cain shares, “It is all about people. We work with people every day, answering questions, helping them and problem solving. Those things should help when I am a nurse.”

Sean decides to give a funny answer, “Every time I lift something I am building muscles which I will need when I fight fire. Fire fighting equipment is heavy!” Then he gets serious, “Really though, Cain is right. Working here or fighting fires I am helping people.”

Jordan was recruited for his job by a friend from the Ranch. Alex was getting ready to graduate and wanted to find a replacement for his job at the public Library. Alex asked Jordan to come to work with him for a few days. Jordan didn’t just hang around, he helped out. When Alex turned in his notice, the staff asked Jordan if he wanted to be Alex’s replacement. Jordan said, “I jumped at the chance to work at the library! I love books and like working with the little kids.” Alex shelves books and helps patrons find their selections. He also likes seeing the new books as they are purchased for the library.
The Sounds of Summer Camp!

Across the camp you can hear cheerful voices. The girls are singing songs as they ride their bikes through camp. Someone starts out with “This is a repeat after me song!” She is echoed by the rest of the girls “This is a repeat after me song!”

At high ropes you hear youngsters calling out the safety commands. Jacob calls the commands as he starts the course. “Jacob, climbing.” This means everyone is to get in position. The spotters hold the ladder. The belay team holds the rope. Everyone is at full attention and Jacob starts the course.

During camp service little voices say “don’t step on that bug!” or “you missed that piece of paper.” Working together each group does their part to keep camp clean.

In the canoe the paddle commands help keep the canoe headed in the right direction. “Left, right, left, left again! We are headed for the water lillies!”

The environmental education class is a buzz with counting children, counting stripes and teeth on the critters in the display. There...
These boys dodged rain drops in the morning, but enjoyed a dip in the pool before lunch.

are “oohs” and “ahs” and sometimes “what is that!” Then everywhere they go, the campers are looking for something neat to add to the “critter” collection.

At the pool the shrieks and yells of happy campers ring throughout the area. Beach balls fly and cannon balls splash the water from the pool. Everyone enjoying a cool moment during the day.

Thank you to our donor family for helping kids have fun and make memories. We appreciate your kindness as you helped fill the air with the Sounds of Summer! ★

It is so great to have water in our lake at Youth Camp again! These campers are ready to go see what surprises the lake may hold.
Cowboys in the City

Okeechobee County Sheriff Paul May and his wife Delores, host the Riding Ranchers from the Boys Ranch each summer for National Day of the American Cowboy. Okeechobee holds a great family event that begins with a five mile cattle drive through town. The boys were part of the parade that ended at the Okeechobee Agri-center where they participated in riding and roping activities. ★

Smiles on and ready to ride!

Sheriff Paul May (right) takes a minute to brag on our boys and share the story of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.

Saddled up and ready to go. Left to right – Craig, Sean, David, Jacob, Wyatt, Joe and Jamie.
Under the leadership of Sarasota County Sheriff Tom Knight, the Sarasota County Sheriff’s Office and many generous friends host an annual fishing tournament for Youth Ranch Bradenton/Sarasota boys. Bright and early they head out with their volunteer guides in search of the award winning fish.

This year in addition to our great Sarasota County Deputies, we had members of Operation Second Chance come out to fish with the kids. Operation Second Chance helps injured Veterans transition back into civilian life. Sharing stories of their trials and triumphs, the Deputies, Veterans and our children had an incredible day!

When everyone arrived back at the Venice Yacht Club they enjoyed a delicious lunch while swapping fish stories. Prizes are awarded for their fishing triumphs.

Sheriff Knight’s team of deputies and local merchants provided everything for the boys, including tackle, shirts and awards for the kids. Thank you to Sheriff Knight, Sarasota County Sheriffs Office, Sarasota Police Department, Operation Second Chance, Venice Yacht Club, Dock Master Jim McGowan, Captain Geoffrey Page, Economy Tackle and Mahi Macs for making this a day to remember for our boys.

If you would like to see all the photos of the event go to: http://www.flickr.com/photos/sarasotasheriff/sets/72157633543799794/. ★
Deb knew there would be challenging moments so she added some extra pressure...every step she would take would help a child in need!
In 2005, Debbie Crowder, wife of Martin County Sheriff Bob Crowder, retired and decided to fulfill a lifelong dream. She set a goal of hiking the entire 2,181 miles of the Appalachian Trail, straight through from Maine to Georgia. Deb knew there would be challenging moments so she added some extra pressure...every step she would take would help a child in need! Debbie sought out friends and sponsors who made encouraging gifts to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches in honor of her effort.

The first leg of her trip was shortened due to a serious fall and subsequent injury. She healed up and has returned to the trail every year since, slowly but surely knocking off different segments of the hike. “It may not have turned out as I planned, but I am still determined to meet my goal and fulfill my commitment to these kids.”

This summer Debbie completed the trail. She ended this spectacular achievement with the most difficult part of the trail. The final week of her hike was 26 miles from Crawford Notch to Pinkham Notch in New Hampshire. This section included Mt. Washington, the highest point in North America east of the Mississippi and north of the Carolinas. It is 6,000 feet high and known for its fickle, unpredictable weather, including some of the highest recorded wind speeds in the world. Needless to say, hikers have lost their lives on this mountain.

Debbie finished the hike on a cold, wet, windy and foggy morning. She was met at the finish by her husband, retired Martin County Sheriff Bob Crowder. They celebrated and Sheriff Crowder quickly dashed off a message that she had completed the trail!

A number of donors joined Debbie on her hike through their generous sponsorship of her remarkable hike. Almost $60,000 has been donated in honor of Debbie and her perseverance! We applaud her tenacity and invite you to join in this triumph by making a gift to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches in honor of Debbie Crowder! *
It takes so much to educate a child! The right teaching staff, textbooks and supplies. Of course, the children also have to be appropriately dressed, fed and get a good night’s sleep!

Children at the Youth Ranches have a dress code for school, a set bed time to ensure plenty of rest, daily study time and family mealtimes. These are all part of a very different experience for boys and girls who come from tumultuous homes.

We believe children respond well to structure and strong expectations. Soon our boys and girls understand the values we are teaching them – both in the classroom and at home.

Our on-campus schools are possible because of people like you! The support of generous donors enables us to employ and equip capable teachers. Each teacher sees every child as an individual person with specific needs.

Thank you for making the Youth Ranches a great place to grow, learn and excel in life! The children we serve would definitely be in a very different place if they had not been given the opportunity to come to the Ranch.

Your gift, regardless of the amount, enables our children to be prepared for the opportunity to excel in school. Please join us in their journey to excellence by sending your gift today!

Please help a child like Bo become a success! YES! I want to ensure a child receives a good education!

Here is my gift of □ $50 □ $25 □ $10 Other $_______

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Use this form to make certain your gift is properly identified and return it in the enclosed envelope. Please send your gift in the enclosed envelope or mail your gift to Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches – P.O. Box 2000 – Boys Ranch, FL 32064.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CARING AND TIMELY GIFT!
Your gift of $10,000 or more in the form of a Gift Annuity (cash or stocks) can help deserving youngsters and secure a reliable future income for you or someone you love. This irrevocable agreement is backed by the assets of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc.

A portion of your charitable gift annuity is immediately tax deductible. In addition, a portion of your annuity payment is tax free during normal life expectancy. The amount of the payment is based on the amount of the gift and the age of the annuitant. These rates are consistent with the recommendations made by The American Council on Gift Annuities.

If you have cash, stocks or property that you would like to transfer into a Gift Annuity with the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches and want to lock in this annual payment rate, please contact Debbie Parnell at 1-800-765-3797 for a free, personalized example. Joint rates can also be given upon request. Eligible for Florida residents only.

### Rates Effective January 1, 2012
Please call us at (800) 765-3797 if you have any questions.

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### Schedule of Annual Payments for Single-Life Charitable Gift Annuity at indicated ages based on a $10,000 agreement.
Saturday, November 9, 2013
11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

A generous portion of fried fish, hush puppies (Aunt Bertha’s secret recipe), fries, coleslaw and a soft drink.

Tickets: $5 in advance ~ $7 the day of the event

Additional tickets can be purchased from the Pinellas County Sheriffs Office (727) 582-6204 or Mike Heller at the Youth Ranches (800) 765-3797.

Proceeds benefit the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches

Our special thanks to the Pinellas and Hillsborough County Sheriffs Offices for their generous and ongoing support!
Make a Great Charitable Gift!

Would you consider making a gift to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches through your will, trust or possibly list us as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy?

Your gift, small or large, will help us prevent juvenile delinquency and develop lawful, productive members of our communities.

Many people believe in our children and want to help, but they need to preserve the money they have right now to cover the rising cost of medical care and other living expenses. We understand this dilemma and know you should first care for yourself and your loved ones. However, one way you can fulfill your intent to support our boys and girls is by including the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches in your will or other estate plans.

As you think about your plans, a simple way to make a commitment of this type would be to change the beneficiary of a life insurance policy or add the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, PO Box 2000, Boys Ranch, FL 32064 as a beneficiary to your investment or retirement account.

This will ensure the remaining funds will be used to help serve the children in our care. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about these gifting options, please contact President Roger Bouchard at (800) 765-3797.

Your will should be reviewed annually.

About your estate planning...

Many of our friends have thoughtfully made provisions in their estate planning for our boys and girls. If you are considering a gift of this nature or if you would just like to know more about the many and varied opportunities for sharing, we can help. At your invitation, it would be our privilege and pleasure to visit you in your home. If you prefer, you are welcome to visit us or we can furnish information by mail or telephone, whichever is most practical and convenient.

Please send me the booklet:

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The proper legal name to provide a bequest is:

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100% of the residual amount of my estate • a specific amount of $__________ • a description of the property

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Address inquiries to:

Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches
Office of the President
P.O. Box 2000
Boys Ranch, Florida 32064
Telephone: (386) 842-5501
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Join the Florida Sheriffs Association and you will become part of a 118-year tradition that:
• Protects our youth
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• Provides training and support for your local Sheriff’s Office
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Find the membership and level that best suits you by visiting our website: www.flsheriffs.org or call us toll free: 1-800-877-2168. You can also fill out and return the form below.
Your Sheriff – along with all of the men and women who work for Sheriff’s Offices in Florida, volunteers and retirees – thank you for your support!

YES I want to be a Florida Sheriffs Association Member.

I understand that my tax-deductible dues entitle me to:
• An identification card
• A window decal
• Two magazine subscriptions
• Special discounts on insurance through StarAndShield.com
• Additional benefits for Gold and Silver levels (see below)

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Over the past decade, retirees and employees have maximized their gift to the Youth Ranches by applying for the matching gift program of their company. If you work for one of the companies listed here or a different company that has a gift matching program, will you consider helping us get more bang for your buck?

Think about your company connections. Explore their websites to see if you can double your gift through a matching gift program. Please contact your company directly for the forms to help us get MORE BANG FOR YOUR BUCK!!! ★

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Coming soon!

Sheriffs Ranches Enterprises will be opening a new thrift store in Leesburg. SRE is anticipating a soft opening in October with a Grand Opening planned for later in the month.

The new store is located at 27900 U.S. Highway 27 South. Their new telephone number is 352-787-0633.

In other SRE news—Sheriffs Ranches Enterprises now has a toll free phone number. Call 1-800-338-0377 to contact Sheriffs Ranches Enterprises customer service.

At left is an artist rendering of the facade of the new Sheriffs Ranches Enterprises Thrift Store opening in Leesburg, Florida in October.
Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch

56th Annual Open House & Horse Show
October 4, 5, and 6, 2013

Gates Open Wednesday, October 2nd at 8:00 a.m.

Admission - $10.00 Per Vehicle
Horse Show Registration includes Pole Bending, Texas Barrel Weave, Arena Race and Clover Leaf for only $35.00.
A ticket for the BBQ Luncheon on Saturday at the Boys Ranch Arena is included.

Personal Pick-Up is $20.00 per team.
(Does not count toward High Point Award.)

Games begin at 2 p.m. on Friday, October 4th.

Come and enjoy the weekend with us and celebrate our 56th Anniversary!!!

*Coggins papers are required and will be checked before entering the campus.
Please have them available upon arrival.

For the safety of all our guests NO ATVS/Bicycles/Skateboards allowed.
Golf carts will be allowed. If golf carts do not have lights, they are to be parked at dusk.
Drivers must be at least 16 years old.

A warm-up pen is provided. ALL HORSES outside of the arena and warm-up pen MUST remain at a walk.

For more information, please contact Anna Lou Harrell at (386) 842-5555 or AHarrell@youthranches.org.
This year marks the 20th Anniversary of the Calhoun County Gospel Sing. Over the years many wonderful people have performed at the gospel sing, even the Sheriff and his talented granddaughters have made an appearance! Recently Retired Sheriff Buddy Smith and wife Sharlyn presented the proceeds from this year’s Calhoun County Gospel to FSYR VP Donor Relations Alison Evans.

The Florida Bremuda Moose Lodges are always willing to help! This year we had a special need and a tight timeframe in which to meet state regulations. Each of our camp pools needed lifts to meet ADA requirements. Several Lodges teamed up to help with this project, as well as underwrite the end of year Awards and Banquet for the Youth Ranch Bradenton/Sarasota. Thank you so much to Venice Moose Lodge 1308, Port Charlotte Moose Lodge 2121, Englewood Moose Lodge 1933 and Punta Gorda Lodge 1693. Pictured above (l to r) Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard, Lodge 1308 Members Mike McEnaney and Junie Fontana, Youth Ranches Donor Relations Officer Frank Kenny and Manatee County Sheriff Brad Steube.

The Junior Service League of Bartow made a special donation to help with the Youth Villa’s summer fun. This group made a contribution to be added to our budgeted funds to help ensure each young lady has suitable swimwear while participating in swimming, canoeing and camp activities. Melanie Brannan, the wife of Youth Villa Unit Director Mike Brannan, made this special presentation on behalf of the Junior Service League of Bartow.

The Manatee County Sheriff’s Office recently held the 28th Annual Michelle Wells Memorial Golf Tournament to benefit the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. The event was held at the Waterlefe Golf and River Club. The committee for the tournament puts in long hours and a lot of hard work to make sure that this event is a successful fundraiser for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. Sheriff Brad Steube presented the check to representatives of the Youth Ranches. Pictured from left to right: FSYR Donor Relations Office Craig Morrison, FSYR Special Events Manager John Szaroleta, FSYR Bradenton/Sarasota Program Director Dominic Morales and Manatee County Sheriff Brad Steube.

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This year marks the 20th Anniversary of the Calhoun County Gospel Sing. Over the years many wonderful people have performed at the gospel sing, even the Sheriff and his talented granddaughters have made an appearance! Recently Retired Sheriff Buddy Smith and wife Sharlyn presented the proceeds from this year’s Calhoun County Gospel to FSYR VP Donor Relations Alison Evans.
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Donor Relations Officer Reed Rue, right, presents Youth Ranch Safety Harbor Program Director Scott Halbach with a certificate of authenticity on two American flags that flew over the White House on March 2, 2013, the same day as the Youth Ranch Safety Harbor’s Open House. The flags were given to the agency by U.S. Rep. C.W. “Bill” Young.

We are so fortunate to have a great group of volunteer deputies to help with the Youth Ranches summer camping programs. Last summer the Okaloosa County Sheriffs Office deputies noticed the bikes really needed to be replaced. When they called to schedule their volunteer time this summer they told us they would be bringing 26 new bikes! They rallied their community who donated bikes and funds to purchased bikes. Thank you Okaloosa County, Sheriff Ashley, Undersheriff Adams and Deputy Venuti for helping to make summer GREAT for our campers!

The Sarasota County Sheriffs Office Citizens Law Enforcement Academy has been instrumental in raising awareness of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches and the services we provide the children of Florida. We are fortunate that the Sarasota County Citizens Law Enforcement Academy Class #39 chose to support the Youth Ranches with a special gift. Pictured are: Sarasota County Sheriffs Colonel Steve Burns, CLEA Class Member Marlene Hauck and Youth Ranches Donor Relations Officer Craig Morrison.

The Boys Ranch Alumni Association has made it a special project to help underwrite the cost of the end of year awards the boys receive. Alumni Association President Bill Riggins made this special presentation to Executive Vice President Brad Gregory at this year’s banquet to pay for this year’s awards.

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Alachua County Sheriff Sadie Darnell and Youth Ranches Donor Relations Officer Frank Kenny (right) presented Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Donaldson with the Golden Star Award. This represents over 25 years of generous support of the children we serve.

On Wednesday, July 10, 2013, Sheriff Mark Hunter was presented with a $1,000.00 charity check from the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 57. Pictured from left: Nancy Moschetti, Irma Wehrli and Sheriff Mark Hunter. Irma Wehrli, president of Unit 57, stated that the funds were raised from the Auxiliary’s charity fundraising. We would like to express our sincerest gratitude to the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 57, for all of their generous contribution to our youth.

Fraternal Order of Eagles Englewood Aerie #3885 Trustee Tim Ceren presents a $2,000 check presented to Youth Ranches Donor Relations Officer Debi Girard.

Debbie Griswoldt presented a special gift to Youth Ranches Vice President of Finance Wayne Walden and Youth Ranch Safety Harbor Program Director Scott Halbach on behalf of her friend Mr. David Wooster. As personal representative of Mr. Wooster’s estate, Debbie carried out his wishes to make this final special gift to the Youth Ranches.

Can you say “Wow!” The Columbia County Sheriffs office and their committee of dedicated volunteers held another fantastic “Fins and Pins” event to benefit the Youth Ranches. Last year’s event went so well they decided to expand from a Bowl-A-Thon and include a community fish fry. Their extra work and planning almost tripled the amount they raised the previous year. Youth Ranches Vice President Donor Relations Alison Evans accepted this donation from Columbia County Sheriff and his wonderful committee. Pictured left to right are: Youth Ranches Vice President Donor Relations Alison Evans, Patty Wilson, Lt. Robert Holloway, Clara Crews, Ellen Herringshaw, Major Wallace Kitchings, Charlie Keith, Committee Chair Sarah Wheeler, Captain Wilson, Clifton Ward and Columbia County Sheriff Mark Hunter.
Contributions to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches are listed in alphabetical order by name of the deceased. Donors are listed as "Mr. & Mrs." when appropriate.
MEMORIAL GIFTS

With your help we can prevent juvenile delinquency and change the lives of the children in our care.

Thank you for supporting our youth!

Ready to Renew Your Tags?
Put a star on your car and help Florida’s kids today!

The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Specialty License Plate provides Florida citizens with a unique and personal way to help in the ongoing fight against juvenile delinquency and neglect.

Along with the regular tag fees, the additional specialty tag donation will help Florida’s needy boys and girls find shelter, guidance and self-confidence. You can also purchase specialty license plate gift certificates. These make great gifts for family and friends.

Ask your Tax Collector for a Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Tag for your car today!

To learn more about the services provided by the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, call (800) 765-3797 or visit us online at www.youthranches.org.
Helping Our Children through an Honor Gift.

A gift may be made to the Youth Ranches in honor of a person and/or a special occasion, such as a birthday, anniversary, etc. If appropriate, and if a mailing address is provided, a card of acknowledgement will be sent to the person being honored. A listing of the donor and the person honored will appear in a future issue of The Rancher magazine and, when address is provided, the person honored will receive a copy of the issue in which his or her name appears. In the listing below, the Honoree is listed first in all caps.

**Please Donate Your Vehicle to the Sheriffs Ranches Enterprises**

Please Note: The America's Jobs Creation Act of 2004 contains new rules pertaining to the charitable deduction allowed for vehicles donated to a qualified charity after December 31, 2004. Basically, this law limits the donor’s tax deduction to $500, or the gross proceeds from the sale of the vehicle, if over $500. We recognize that each individual’s tax situation is different and the impact of any charitable deduction is based on a variety of circumstances. You are strongly encouraged to consult with your independent tax advisor.

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☐ My address will change temporarily.
Date from ____________ to ______________
☐ Please delete my name from your mailing list.

Name (please print)

Street Address  City  State  Zip

Mark Your Calendar

Pinellas County Sheriffs Office Annual Golf Tournament at Belleair Country Club
September 30 – The address for the country club is 1 Country Club Lane, Belleair, FL 33756. Contact Captain Michael Castine at (727) 464-6321 or Josephine Mattson at (727) 582-6204 for more information.

Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Open House and Horse Show.
October 2 – October 6 – Call 386/842-5555 for more information. The address for the Boys Ranch is 1813 Cecil Webb Place, Boys Ranch, FL 32060.

4th Annual Sarasota County Sheriff’s Office Corporate SWAT Challenge
October 12 – Event takes place at Knights Trail Park in Nokomis, FL. The address for the event is 3445 Rustic Road, Nokomis, FL 34275. For more information, contact Wendy Rose at (941) 861-4927.

Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Golf Tournament
October 25 – Presented by the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office. The tournament will take place at Madison Green Golf Club. The Madison Green Golf Club is located at 2001 Crestwood Boulevard North, West Palm Beach, FL. For more information contact Deputy Kelly Whittles at (561) 688-3929.

Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office Annual Ranch Run
October 26 – The run takes place at Temple Terrace Elementary School. The address is 124 Flotto Avenue, Temple Terrace, FL 33617.

For more information contact: Community Outreach Division at (813) 247-8208 for more information.

Bay/Washington County Sheriff’s Office Annual Golf Tournament
November 2 - The tournament will take place at Bay Dunes Golf Club in Panama City, FL. Bay Dunes Golf Club is located at 5304 Majette Tower Road, Panama City, FL 32404. Contact Sally Sparks at the Bay County Sheriff’s Office: (850) 747-4700 or (850) 814-2488 for more information.

Florida Sheriffs Caruth Camp Turkey in the Ground
November 3 – Come out for a day of food and fellowship. Please RSVP at 352/447-2259. The address for the Caruth Camp is 14770 SE US Highway 19, Inglis, FL 34449.

Leverock’s Seafood House Fish Fry
November 9 – Tickets are $5 for an old fashioned fish fry dinner. Pinellas and Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Offices will have Law Enforcement displays on site. The address for Leverock’s Seafood House is 840 Pasadena Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33707. Come by for entertainment and fellowship in support of the Youth Ranches. For more information contact John Szaroleta at (386) 842-5501.

Florida Sheriffs Youth Camp Turkey in the Ground
November 10 – Celebrate Thanksgiving with your favorite charity! RSVP at 386/749-9999. The address for the Youth Camp is 1170 Youth Camp Lane, Pierson, FL 32180.

For Additional Information Contact: Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Donor Relations Department at 386/842-5501 or the Sheriff’s Office sponsoring the event.
Keep up with current happenings!

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