

Cal Farley's Alumni Newsletter

"If no one cared who you were, where you were or why, it would be a pretty dismal horizon to face, wouldn't it? Thousands of boys and girls face it every day in this great nation of ours." –Cal Farley

Hello,

As the leaves change color and fall to the ground, it brings back memories of football games, festivals and meals shared together. While it may not last on the trees for long, the autumn colors on the trees at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch are a spectacular sight. Recently, our high school seniors were able to take advantage of the photo opportunities to get their senior photos taken near the chapel.

We are entering into a time of Thanksgiving, which brings with it many gatherings and traditions. We wish you safe travels and as you gather with friends and family this holiday season. As I am sure you know, the time for the annual Boys Ranch Cantata is approaching.

This year's event will take place at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10 at the chapel. This annual tradition is not only a time for our residents to remember the reason for the season, but also for the Boys Ranch family to come together. The Cantata will be followed by food and fellowship in the Dining Hall. It is a wonderful time to honor the past, connect with the present and look forward to the future of Boys Ranch.

The 79th Annual Boys Ranch Rodeo was held over Labor Day weekend. It was a wonderful day of celebration. The 2023 Boys Ranch Alumni Association Awards went to **Michael Rogers** as the Distinguished Alum and **Alan and Sharon Hill** as Distinguished Staff. We not only honor these individuals' dedication to Boys Ranch, but also the community at large. On the day of the Rodeo, the Board of Directors broke ground on the new FFA barn. This new space will be modern and functional, as well as a dedicated space for training animals and for show animals. We hope to showcase it at the 2024 Rodeo.

I am happy to report that our total youth served for 2022-2023 went from 309 to 535, representing a 73% increase from the previous fiscal year. Our independent living program experienced one of the most significant increases from 39 youth in the previous fiscal year to 108, representing a 177% increase in youth served. This fiscal year, we opened two new community service programs: Transitional Aftercare and Family Preservation. Transitional Aftercare served 34 youth and our Family Preservation Program served 81 youth and families. Two of our other existing programs, Family Engagement and Alumni Case Management, also had a significant increase in the number of youth and families served. We also experienced a significant increase in alumni who received financial support through our Scholarships Program with 96 individuals receiving scholarships this fiscal year compared to 57 last year, representing a 68% increase.

We here at Boys Ranch are grateful for each one of you. We wish you the best this holiday, and may you know that you can always call Boys Ranch your home.

My Best, Richard Nedelkoff



Alumni Support Services

Cal Farley's remains committed to our former residents into adulthood. It's a familial bond much like that of a traditional family. We invest in our alumni's future by helping them pursue educational success and a smooth transition into independent life. Maintaining a lifelong relationship with former Cal Farley's residents allows them the comfort to know their needs, from a caring ear to casework and a wide range of other services are always available, should they ever have the need. For more information, please contact Kim Reeves at 806/570-6465.

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2023-24 Calendar

Dec 10 – Cantata
Dec 16 – 50/50 Drawing
Feb 17 – Dallas Gathering
May 18 – Graduation
Oct 12 – 80th BR Rodeo

(See Alumni website for Gathering details)
www.calfarleysalumni.com

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Condolences

BR
STAFF

Joy Berner
October 24, 2023
Plainview, TX

BR
STAFF

John Love
October 3, 2023
Amarillo, TX



Bob Bryson
Boys Ranch 52-54
September 10, 2023
Taylorsville, KY

BR
STAFF

Nina Jo Sherley
September 6, 2023
Granbury, TX

BRISD
STAFF

Karen Black
August 28, 2023
Amarillo, TX



Terry Funk
Boys Ranch 50-53
August 21, 2023
Amarillo, TX



Robert Stricker
Boys Ranch ??-54
August 21, 2023
Unknown



Thomas Richardson
Boys Ranch 61-69
August 18, 2023
Bridgeport, TX

BR
STAFF

Geneva Finstad
August 8, 2023
Clifton, TX

BRISD
STAFF

Tommy Hickerson
July 25, 2023
San Antonio, TX



McKartneigh Arnold
Boys Ranch 19-20
May 28, 2023
Augusta, KS



Joey Thomas
Boys Ranch 89-93
November 14, 2021
Amarillo, TX

CSC
STAFF

Bea George
November 27, 2016
Amarillo, TX

BR
STAFF

Dory Funk Sr
June 3, 1973
Amarillo, TX



Announcement: Boys Ranch Rodeo 2024

The tradition of the annual rodeo at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch continues – with a noticeable difference. The date for the 80th Annual Boys Ranch Rodeo will be **October 12, 2024** instead of the usual Labor Day weekend.

The change will enhance the event for its 80th anniversary, alleviate heat concerns and eliminate conflicts with other Labor Day activities. The event will also be extended to a full-day celebration, beginning at 10 a.m. with an expanded festival leading up to the annual rodeo which in addition to our traditional events and riders, there will be brief exhibitions from professional and college riders as well.

**Counseling & other services
are available to Cal Farley's
Boys Ranch alumni needing
help**

Contact Kim Reeves, administrator of
admissions & alumni support services

800-687-3722

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8 A.M. – 5 P.M.

central time,

Monday – Friday

Prayers, Congratulations & Farewells

Farewell and good luck to Brian and Angel McGraw (BR) as they start their new adventures in Michigan.

Prayers go up for Mel and Judy Jones (BR) for healing and good health. You got this Judy!

Sympathy is extended to Hap Rainbolt (69) and his wife Debbie on the recent passing of her father, Robert.

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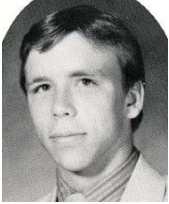
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THE PRESIDENT'S WORD

by Tony Wade (87)

Hello there!



This is Tony Wade, your Alumni President for 2023 – 24. I know many of you and hope to get to know those Alumni that I have not met.

The Alumni major fund raiser is going strong and the drawing for the 50/50 will be held on December 16 this year, as opposed to the being held in February. The Outdoor Extravaganza drawing will be held at the Dallas Gathering February 17, 2024. There are plenty of those tickets left, check out the amazing prizes listed in this newsletter.

The Alumni Association is in a very good status at this time, and I will do my best to work to continue to grow our association.

We welcome and congratulate new board of directors, Butch Eide, Bentley Lovelace and Tom Maynard, please contact them, encourage them, and thank them for serving our association.

We are very appreciative of the service of the retiring board of directors, Jimmie Boatwright, Cam Lindsey and Daniel Scroggs. We will miss them; they have all worked many years for the good of the association and they will each still be in the background helping and working for the Alumni!

Over Labor Day weekend the Alumni had an excellent turnout of Alumni for all the events we hosted. The Annual Fishing Derby on Saturday morning has been officially named "The Raymond "Razz" Hill Memorial Fishing Derby" because Razz loved to fish, and he loved the Ranch! There were many fellow fishermen that joined in to try to catch the largest fish that day. The golf tournament on Friday was one of the largest turnouts in several years. This raises funds to help maintain the Boys Ranch Cemetery and Veterans Memorial. This year we hope to purchase a couple of benches to place at the cemetery as there are not any places for people to sit and enjoy the beauty of the Memorial and Cemetery unless a funeral is going on at the time.

Saturday breakfast was greatly enjoyed by all as David Tallant and his crew cooked up the awesome food. At the Dipple Center at Boys Ranch over 100 Alumni had a great BBQ lunch and were able to visit in a cool place before heading to the rodeo. Saturday evening brought the Alumni Banquet and our honoring of very deserving Distinguished Staff, Allan and Sharon Hill and Distinguished Alumni Michael Rogers. We congratulate them on their loving dedicated service to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch and the Alumni Association.

The Alumni picnic on Sunday afternoon was, as always, a great time to have some great food and visit together with Alumni and friends from far and near and say "Farwell until next year." We do enjoy seeing everyone, especially those Alumni that take time out of their busy lives to come back home to visit. We had some 1950's Alumni that we do enjoy seeing! The group of Alumni from 1963, that we don't see every year, but every couple of years these lifelong friends meet at the Reunion, play golf, and spend time with the younger generation! Thank everyone that came to the Reunion 2023! No matter your age or when you lived at Cal Farley's, we all have a common bond, a bond of family. Keep in touch with your family!

Tony

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Be sure and check us out on Facebook!

Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Alumni

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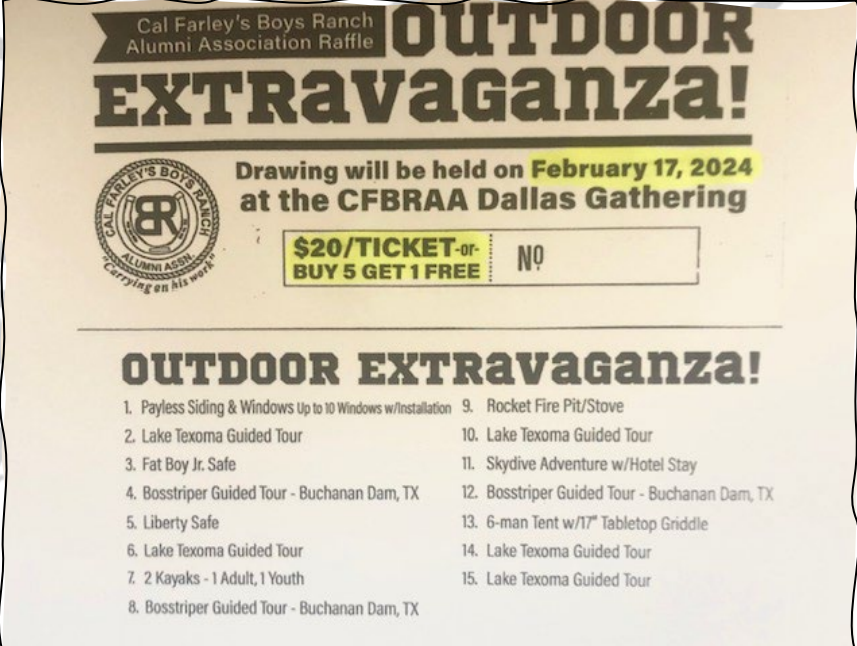
Outdoor Extravaganza

Raffle Drawing

The Outdoor Extravaganza Drawing will be held at the Dallas Gathering February 17, 2024. Doors will open at 6 PM, there will be dinner and the drawing. Please make your reservations so we can order the food, either email, text or phone call, rsher9@aol.com, 806-655-3884

If you would like a raffle ticket you may contact Tony Wade at 806-584-1029 to purchase one for \$20 or buy 5 raffle tickets and receive one FREE!

All prizes are listed below.



Cal Farley's Boys Ranch
Alumni Association Raffle

OUTDOOR EXTRAVAGANZA!

Drawing will be held on **February 17, 2024**
at the **CFBRAA Dallas Gathering**

\$20/TICKET or
BUY 5 GET 1 FREE NO

OUTDOOR EXTRAVAGANZA!

1. Payless Siding & Windows Up to 10 Windows w/installation
2. Lake Texoma Guided Tour
3. Fat Boy Jr. Safe
4. Bosstriper Guided Tour - Buchanan Dam, TX
5. Liberty Safe
6. Lake Texoma Guided Tour
7. 2 Kayaks - 1 Adult, 1 Youth
8. Bosstriper Guided Tour - Buchanan Dam, TX
9. Rocket Fire Pit/Stove
10. Lake Texoma Guided Tour
11. Skydive Adventure w/Hotel Stay
12. Bosstriper Guided Tour - Buchanan Dam, TX
13. 6-man Tent w/17" Tabletop Griddle
14. Lake Texoma Guided Tour
15. Lake Texoma Guided Tour

Looking for BR Yearbooks! 1958, 1960, 1961 & 1962

They will be returned, unharmed and at no cost to you. I only wish to make a copy of them for my files. If you have one (or ALL!) please contact Cheree at cgilliam@calfarley.org or 806/322-2645