

Summer 2026



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We love
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Because of you, Summer Camp was a BLAST!



With the generosity of some amazing people this summer, 78 kids came to camp, got the chance to ride and care for horses, created amazing crafts, got reading help with tutors and therapy dogs, made and ate fun, healthy snacks, and learned important skills to help them overcome trauma, bullying, low self-esteem, and anxiety.

They sang songs that we all grew up with like “This Land Is Your Land”, “I’ve Been Working on the Railroad”, “The Happy Wanderer,” and more.

They played outside, running and giggling, playing tag, and swinging on the swings. They went on hikes to catch bugs and enjoyed the forest surrounding the ranch while looking for the fairy tree.

**Because of you, they got to be kids:
no electronics, just good, healthy fun!**

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Kay and Jessie, our Dogs On Call volunteers, are one of the highlights during summer camp. Kay introduces Jessie to the children during rug time first so they get a chance to pet and get comfortable with Jessie. Later on they get to read to her outside on the front porch in the fresh air. The kids love it!

Many of the children have never held a hammer before so the pride they feel at making their own birdhouse is off the charts.

Once they put it all together, they then get to paint it however they want and take it home.

An AMAZING volunteer cuts the lumber for us, sands it down and pre-drills the holes to make it easier to assemble.

The children LOVE it!



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**Reading, gardening and dog
therapy. Volunteers make it
happen and the kids love it!**



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Don't Worry! No one got hurt! :)

The Reedsburg EMS showed the kids how they help people in emergencies. The kids loved going inside the ambulance and check everything out. They had a chance to ask any questions they ever wanted to ask about EMS and ambulances. They had a blast! Corbin, our camp director, arranged to have local EMS and first responders out to the ranch this summer and the children loved it!



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The Sauk County Sheriff's Office spent time with the campers, and it was a huge hit!

A detective, two patrol deputies, and a patrol lieutenant hiked with the kids, answered lots of questions, and even showed them their gear. The children loved getting to know these caring officers and seeing that they are people they can trust.

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If you could ask them any question, what would you ask?



Some of the children asked if they liked donuts. 🤔

They also asked about where they worked and what they had to do to become detectives or patrol officers. They asked so many good questions!

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Look at these amazing children and all of the fruit they helped prepare for afternoon snack!



Each child gets a chance to help prepare one of the afternoon snacks. One of those snacks is a fruit salad with a very tasty yogurt fruit dip. The kids like to choose what fruit they can have in their own, individual, fruit salad.

Another snack they get to help prepare is Salsa made fresh from the garden. They help pick the produce and help chop up the veggies for a salsa that they all share with quesadillas made by campers. Yummy!



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VOLUNTEER CORNER



Volunteers , you are amazing!

Your work with the kids is making such big changes in their lives. They couldn't progress without you and Kids Ranch couldn't do this without you!



Lifesavers needed!

Do you want to bring a child the gift of reading?

Do you like to spend time outdoors or making crafts with children?

Do you want to change a life?

You can become someone's lifesaver!

[Click here to
volunteer!](#)



Just a short note to say how much we love our volunteers and donors! Kids Ranch needs you and you always come through! **You keep changing lives and we thank you for it!!**



Love,

Kristie Gander-Executive Director