

Learn about the therapeutic, recreational and educational nature-based experiences that enrich the lives of at-risk youth, children with disabilities and their families.

# CANDLELIGHT RANCH

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## Winter 2018

Check out what's been happening at Candlelight Ranch. Happy reading!

### 2018 - Forever GRATEFUL



Candlelight Ranch is honored by your generous support in 2018. Because of **YOU**, we have helped over 1800 special needs children, at-risk youth and families learn, explore and heal in nature. This year we have grown in so many ways - from deepening our connections with children and families through our Camp Dreamcatcher, Military Family Days and Children in Nature programming, to growing our staff to 6 employees. We continue to make a difference in the lives of Central Texas children and youth by providing uninterrupted time in nature filled with fun and new adventures. I'm excited to announce that we broke ground in November on our new and accessible High Ropes Course and can't wait to incorporate it into our programs!

To all our supporters and volunteers, I want to say, "Thank You!" Your commitment to the children and families we serve is simply amazing. You make it possible for thousands of children and families to transform their lives at Candlelight Ranch. On behalf of our Board of Directors, Advisory Council and Staff, we look forward to creating more joy with you in 2019. In the meantime, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Jenn Hartner

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## DANCE FOR CANDLELIGHT! A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!

What a stellar and memorable night we had! On October 17th, we held our biggest annual fundraiser, Dance for Candlelight! With the support of our amazing donors, volunteers and staff we were able to start the implementation and completion of our High Ropes Course to be utilized in 2019. Because of the money raised we have been reaching out to more schools with our Classroom's In Nature Fund, all because of YOU! We also want to thank our Presenting sponsor, HEB Tournament of Champions, all our sponsors, vendors and dedicated volunteers for making the night so special.

We will be celebrating our **20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY** in 2019 and hope to see you there! Stay tuned for more details to come!

[See pictures from the night here](#)



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## Fun and New Additions to the Ranch!

We had a busy Fall at the Ranch full of giving and gratitude! We are proud and incredibly thankful to be recipients of the Abilities Experience Grant through Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity and Young Men's Service League - Hill Country Chapter's Ultimate Gift!

In early November, 26 young men of Pi Kappa Phi fraternities from various Texas Universities donated an entire weekend of their time and hard work to Candlelight Ranch to build an accessible natural playground. The young men built new, accessible elements including a beautiful and whimsical play house, sensory table, natural weaving stations and assisted in general Ranch beautification projects. It has been a joy watching children of all abilities play and explore the wonders of nature through this new addition! Thank you Pi Kappa Phi!







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## 3rd Annual Chili Cook-off & Car Show Sunday, February 10th, 2019 Noon - 4pm at Candlelight Ranch

You are invited to join us for our 3rd Annual Chili Cook-off & Car Show with Celebrity Judges & Live Music from Haup & Sully - featuring Clinton James and Dan Sullivan of The Detentions along with Kristina Rehling!

General Admission is \$25 for adults and \$10 for children under 18  
Additional activities include Zip Lines for children, Hay Rides, Nature Scavenger Hunt, Canyon Trail Hike and Backyard Bass Casting facilitated by the UHLNC

Follow us on social media or keep an eye on our website.  
Tickets go on sale in January!

[For more details, supporters and ways to get involved---click here!](#)



## THANK YOU!

*We are so grateful for the support of the Candlelight community. Whether you donate your time and expertise as a volunteer, make a financial contribution, sponsor an event, donate items or services to an event auction, or spread the word about our organization, we are honored that you are part of our family. Thank you for all you do!*



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