

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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## Spring 2018

Check out the amazing year Candlelight Ranch is having and get caught up on the latest! We hope you enjoy!

### A word from our Executive Director



Spring is in full bloom at Candlelight Ranch! The blue bonnets are magnificent, and the joyful laughter of children and families echoes off of our canyon walls as they experience firsts in nature - hiking our trails, catching their first fish, flying on our zip lines and interacting with our new bunnies, Ying and Yang, just to name a few. Spring is also a reminder of all the seeds that were planted during the fall and winter months to help our mission blossom. Because of your support, Candlelight

Ranch has expanded our spring programs to include spring break camps and overnight experiences for military families. Your long-term investment has enabled us to grow our staff, having joyfully hired [Tara Gray](#) as our Development Director and [Madison Hill](#) as our Program Coordinator. These fantastic ladies bring a wealth of knowledge and passion to our mission growing our team to six staff!

Thank you to all our supporters who joined us at our Second Annual Chili Cook-Off & Car Show! Over 200 guests braved the frigid temperatures enjoying great chili, live music and some great cars! See a list of winners and pictures [HERE](#)! Finally, thank you to the over 280 supporters who helped us Amplify Candlelight Ranch on March 1st & 2nd. Because of you, we raised over \$50,000 in the 24 hours of giving during Amplify Austin! Your donations will help create joy, smiles and memories for thousands of Central Texas special needs children and families!

We have another exciting summer ahead of us at Candlelight Ranch! We look forward to hosting Camp Glimmer for six weeks and can't wait to see our returning partners from the Phoenix Center, ACE after school programs, Girls Forward among others. We know that our educational and therapeutic programs will inspire minds, heal hearts and create memories. Thank you for your commitment and passion for helping Candlelight Ranch grow and thrive!

With gratitude,

## Update on Programs and Ranch



2018 at

Candlelight Ranch has started out with a bang, serving over 300 at-risk youth, children with disabilities and their families! We have served youth from partner organizations such as City of Austin Housing Authority's Yes Program, Helping Hand Home for Children, Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and The Phoenix Center of Marble Falls. Children participated in activities such as Zip-lining, Equine Assisted Therapy, Fishing, Nature Education, Low Ropes Team Building and Edible & Medicinal Plant Hikes. We hosted our first ever week of Spring Break Camps providing at-risk and special needs youth in the Marble Falls & Austin areas, a safe place to play & learn during their break from school. In 2018 we continue to provide outdoor experiences to active duty military and veteran families through our monthly Military Family Days. Thank you to our Paralyzed Veterans of America, Texas Chapter and Friends & Family of Scarlett Mitchell for sponsoring our spring Military Family Days!

We are looking forward to what the rest of 2018 will bring, as we continue to help special needs and at-risk youth learn, play and heal through nature. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact our Program Coordinator at [madison@candlelightranch.org](mailto:madison@candlelightranch.org) or download an application [HERE!](#)

*"I know now I can do anything. Today is life changing for me and I wish my parents could be here and see what I am capable of." - Anonymous Camper*

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**Thank you to all our supporters, volunteers, interns, board and advisory council members for believing in our mission and helping bring joy to so many kids and families in Central Texas!**

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