

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



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Summer 2017

Welcome to the Summer edition of our newsletter!

We hope you enjoy reading the highlights of the last few months.

Also, please visit [our website](#) and/or connect with us on [Facebook](#) for more details about what we do, our commitment to serving children and youth who experience challenges in their lives, and inspiring enduring connections through nature!



Candlelight Ranch provides therapeutic and educational nature-based experiences to enrich the lives of at-risk youth, children with disabilities and their families.

In Fall of 2016 **Oldcastle Materials** learned of **CandleLight Ranch**. Within weeks Oldcastle team members toured the ranch property and expressed enthusiasm to help improve the lives of at-risk youth and children with disabilities. Within a few short months the Oldcastle team combined their engineering skills & material resources to build a dock that would improve the safety and accessibility of children seeking experiences with nature and water activities previously outside their realm of possibility. Prior to Oldcastle's involvement, a dock was a cost-prohibitive dream. Oldcastle's team made the dock a reality. This summer, with the lake water high and our campers eager to enjoy the pleasures cool water brings in the Texas heat, CandleLight Ranch is able to further our mission of improving lives.



To learn more visit us at
<http://candlelightranch.org/>
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The joy we see on kids' faces when they catch their first fish or paddle their canoe is priceless. Thank you, Old Castle!

Jenn Hartner, Candlelight Ranch Executive Director

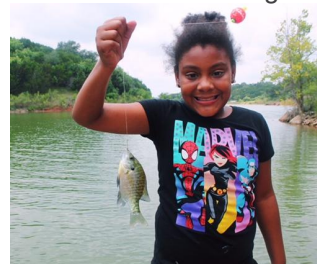
Spring Update!

A huge thank you goes out to all those who played a part in making our Amplify Austin and Light The Way campaigns so successful. Many new supporters learned about Candlelight Ranch through those actions. We added monthly Military Family Days first as a trial to see if there was a need and interest and each event filled up so quickly that we have now scheduled these through the rest of the year. The next one is on July 29th. Quarterly Family Days have also filled up quickly and the next one is on July 30th.

Available dates for summer camps have been filled at 100% by Camp Glimmer, Camp Phoenix and Camp DreamCatcher. Summer at the Ranch has been all about JOY, FUN, and NATURE... and a lot of smiling faces!

We are so grateful for each of our volunteers, partners and supporters who make all of this

possible. Together, we heal hearts and create joy - and that is a beautiful thing to be able to do!



Dance For Candlelight is happening on October 18th!



Event volunteers are busy lining up sponsors and finalizing details for our annual Dance For Candlelight presented by HEB Tournament of Champions! This year it will be held at the beautiful Texas Federation of Women's Clubs in Austin. Dig out your dancing shoes and be prepared to dance the night away with Ange K. So dig out your dancing shoes and be prepared to dance the night away! Enjoy food from several of Austin's top restaurants.

Tickets go on sale September 1st and are \$175 for VIP, \$125 for General Admission, and \$150 at the door. If you are interested in learning about sponsorship opportunities, visit our [website](#) or [email](#) us!

[Click here to find out more about the 2017 DANCE FOR CANDLELIGHT!](#)

Welcome, Belle & Astro!



In mid-May, Astro, the donkey on the left, and Belle, an Appendix mare, arrived at the Ranch to join Rusty and Comet. Both were donated by Falon and Anne Beville who are also sponsoring them for a year. Belle and Astro are great additions to our herd!



From Their Perspective

"I learned I can have fun without technology."

"I learned I could make new friends and have fun again."



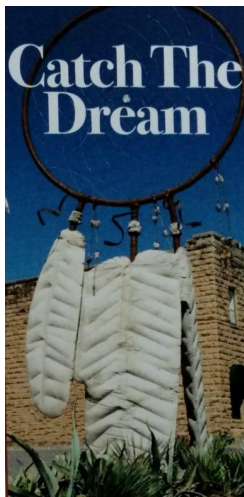
"I am so glad my mom signed me up for this camp - what a great adventure!"



"I learned I could trust others again."

[Read more about the experience of the children we serve!](#)

The DreamCatcher sculpture is coming to Candlelight!



Artist William David Reynolds' sculpture *DreamCatcher* will be on loan to the Ranch and will be installed in August or September. Previously it was on display in Marble Falls.

Candlelight volunteer, Susan Yewell, planned a fundraiser to cover the costs to transport and install the sculpture. Catch The Dream was held in Marble Falls on June 21st and included complementary wine and appetizers, a silent auction and a surprise live auction item donated by the artist.



The sculpture will be placed at the ranch where it will stand tall over the areas where overnight campers sleep. Details on the arrival of the statue will be posted on Facebook and our website soon!

[Find out more about the DreamCatcher!](#)

Interested in Volunteering or joining our Nonprofit Board?

We are always on the lookout for dedicated volunteers! Interested in assisting with camps and other programs? Working in the Garden? Mowing or property maintenance? Website design? [Contact us!](#)



On September 30th we will hold Zip Line Training & Verification. To learn more about this or any other volunteer opportunities, email [Lynette](#). [Learn more about volunteering!](#)



Candlelight Ranch is currently recruiting enthusiastic and passionate individuals to join our Board of Directors, Advisory Council, and various committees. [Email Jenn Hartner](#) for opportunities. [Find out how to get involved!](#)

Host your next Corporate Retreat at Candlelight Ranch!

- Easy access from Austin or Marble Falls
- Remote and serene location
- Plenty of options for team-building activities
- Comfortable meeting space

By hosting an event at the Ranch, you help to support the underlying mission of the organization to serve special needs and at-risk youth in the Central Texas community.

[More information and pricing](#)



More ways to help!

Visit our WISH LIST on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and purchase needed items that are shipped directly to us. You can choose from many items, including art supplies, items for the horses, office supplies and more.



And when shopping at Amazon, just log onto smile.amazon.com and choose Candlelight Ranch as your favorite charity. A portion of your purchases will be donated back to us.

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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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