



August Newsletter



Things are slowly winding down at Ivey Ranch as we enter the last few weeks of summer. We had an exciting season full of happy campers and volunteer celebrations.

Grab your shades and check out what's coming up!



Here's what's happening on the Ranch!

Grooming Gang Resumed - August 11th - Tuesdays & Thursdays

Last Saturday Grooming Gang - August 15th

Lessons Resume - Saturday, September 12, 2026

Volunteer Orientation - Saturday, September 12, 2026

Meet & Greet - Saturday, September 26, 2026

45th Anniversary Western Hoedown - Saturday, October 10, 2026



Summer Highlights - Summer Camp



The Mane Attraction & Their Right-Hand Humans



Jack is our newest addition and has been at the ranch for almost 6 months! He is a registered Quarter Horse and a sturdy, solid boy with a lot of knowledge to share with our riders. At 18 years old, Jack has a "been there, done that" attitude and not much phases him. He is continuing to work toward participating in leadline and therapeutic lessons, and currently excels with our independent riders. We are looking forward to seeing him continue to work into more areas of our program.

Volunteers since 2021, Pat and Debbie have donated over 2,000 hours between the pair of them. They have had a hand in each one of our programs, working with the horses during Grooming Gang and Barn Buddies, helping with Girl Scout groups and birthday parties, interning during summer camps, helping with the Adult Day and After-School programs, helping to make improvements around the ranch, and they co-sponsor Jack. Their favorite part about volunteering is being with the horses and fellow horse lovers, and they keep coming back to volunteer because they feel like they are part of a family and are accepted as they are. Pat and Debbie shared that they can have a lot on their mind but that they can be in the moment with the horses when they get to the ranch. They feel like Ivey Ranch is magical, and we have to say that Pat and Debbie are pretty magical, too!



Christa started volunteering in March and has been a dedicated Grooming Gang volunteer since! While she loves all of the horses and shares that she is blessed to have the time to spend with them, Jack has a special place in her heart and she has stepped forward to be his co-sponsor. She continues to volunteer each week because working with the horses and fellow volunteers has made an impact on her, and she is so happy to have the time to spend with everyone at the ranch. Fun fact: Christa started volunteering after seeing our sign on the 76.

We are so glad she did!

Meet Christina Paad - Care Programs Manager



My passion for working with kids began over 20 years ago as a nanny and daycare provider. After graduating from Cal State San Marcos with a bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies, I began volunteering at Ivey Ranch. I jumped into everything—from Grooming Gang and Barn Buddies to camp, PATH workshops, and tours.

That dedication turned into a career. I was hired as a Therapeutic Riding Instructor, and in 2019, I transitioned to our School-Age Program, soon becoming the Lead Teacher. Looking to expand our impact, I designed and began our Adult Day Program, which launched in summer 2023.

Today, I manage both of our on-site care programs. To best serve our community, I continually expand my knowledge through advanced training in Applied Behavior Analysis, emergency preparedness, and specialized medical conditions. You may also find me assisting with the planning of our Annual Western Hoedown or subbing for Tailored Day Services.

I absolutely love what I do and am so grateful to be a part of this wonderful community!

Open Gate

As you read in the June newsletter, the Children's Health Foundation provided a grant to support North County children through Equine Assisted Services (EAS). For some families, that will be coming out to Ivey Ranch for the first time to check us out, meet a horse, and see what EAS can mean for them and the needs they have. If you know a child or family in need, have them join us at our 9/26/26 Meet and Greet. They can register using the button below and use the Promo Code "Open Gate" so there is no charge for their visit.

Instructor-In-Training/ Volunteer Education Program

Interested in learning more about therapeutic/adaptive riding and becoming more confident around horses? Join us for a new 11-month Therapeutic/Adaptive Riding Education Series at Ivey Ranch! Meeting once a month for 1½ hours, each session will combine classroom learning with hands-on experience in and around the barn and arena. Designed for aspiring PATH Intl. Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructors (CTRI®), current and prospective volunteers, and anyone interested in expanding their knowledge of horses and therapeutic riding, the series will cover essential topics in horsemanship, safety, horse handling, adaptive riding and working with riders with disabilities. Attend the full series or select individual sessions that interest you—no certification plans or previous professional experience required.

\$25 per session.

The full schedule, including all learning topics, will be available on the website, under Equine Programs/ Continuing Education, next week.

thank you!



We want to say thank you to the Carlsbad Police Officers' Foundation for their generous donation to Ivey Ranch! This vital support helps keep our programs running strong and allows Carlsbad residents in need the ability to participate.

We also want to give a special thank you to Debbie George. Debbie is a long-time volunteer and dedicated supporter of Ivey Ranch, and is the one who helped facilitate this donation!



Our community's stories are what make Ivey Ranch so special, and we would be honored if you would share yours. If Ivey Ranch has made a difference in your life or your family's journey, please consider leaving a review on [Great Nonprofits](#). Your words help others learn about the impact of our programs and give Ivey Ranch the recognition it truly deserves.

Personal stories, heartfelt experiences, and meaningful moments all help bring attention to the difference being made every day.

Tap the link below to leave your review and help us continue spreading the love and the mission.

Please Tap Button Below

Leave a Lasting Legacy

A planned gift is a meaningful way to make a lasting impact while reflecting your personal values and commitment to Ivey Ranch's mission. There are several ways to include Ivey Ranch in your estate plans including:

A bequest through your will or living trust

Naming Ivey Ranch as a beneficiary of a retirement account, life insurance policy, or financial account

Establishing a charitable remainder trust

Other charitable planned giving options

Depending on your individual circumstances, certain planned gifts may offer tax advantages or provide income benefits. We encourage you to consult with your attorney, financial advisor, or tax professional to determine which option is right for you.

Tap button below for more information.



Company Match Program

Double your impact today. Many employers offer matching gift programs that can double - or even triple - the impact of your donation to Ivey Ranch. Check with your Human Resources department to see if your employer matches charitable gifts. It's a simple way to make your generosity go even further and create an even greater impact in our community.

How It Works

Ask your employer: Talk to your HR department or search your employee portal.

Submit your receipt: Fill out a quick form after you make a gift.

Double the support: Your company sends an extra donation to help our mission.

Ivey Ranch Trivia



What Year was Ivey Ranch Park Founded?

A) 1987

B) 1971

C) 1981

D) 1989

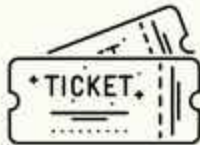
Did you Guess Correctly?



Ivey Ranch Park Association's 45th Anniversary Western Hoedown

Come Enjoy:

- ★ A Steakhouse BBQ
- ★ USMC Mounted Color Guard
- ★ Raffles & a Silent Auction
- ★ Equestrian Demonstrations
- ★ Hayride
- ★ Dunk Tank



GA Adult \$85 VIP Adult \$135

GA Child \$65 VIP Child \$115

*Ticket prices will increase \$20 on event day



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Opportunities

Fun for the whole family while supporting a great cause!

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 10, 2026 - 4:30 PM TO 8:30 PM

Tap below for tickets and information

