



YELLOWSTONE
Boys and Girls Ranch Foundation

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The Spiritual Life Program at YBGR is supported entirely by generous donors and churches like yours!

Average Attendance in 2021:

Chapel Service (weekly) - 35
YoungLife Club (every other week) - 41
Bible Studies (monthly) - 18

Bibles Gifted - 57

Spiritual Care Sessions - 57

30-Day Challenges completed - 16

Due to pandemic health restrictions on YBGR's campus, most SLP activities were conducted virtually from Marh 16, 2020 to June 30, 2021, making data collection very difficult.

Numbers above are reflective of the time period from July 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 when campus was fully open.

Yellowstone Spiritual Life Program

The Spiritual Life Program at Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch exists to help youth, families and staff to understand and experience God in ways that foster healing and relational maturity. YBGR attempts to treat the whole person, including the mind, body, and spirit.

CHAPEL is a weekly Christian non-denominational youth-oriented time for the boys and girls at YBGR to share in worship. Youth are also introduced to the core concepts of discipleship. Chapel services take place in a small group setting within the YBGR Chapel for all interested in attending. Chapel services provide Christian instruction from a Biblical perspective.

SPIRITUAL CARE provides understanding prayer and support for youth who desire spiritual counsel on an individual basis.

YOUNGLIFE is a club that offers exciting and kid-attractive activities to introduce youth, who normally would not consider attending a church function, to the love of Jesus. YoungLife Club is voluntary and is evangelical in nature. Each club closes with a Gospel message.

BIBLE STUDIES are provided for youth interested in studying God's word. The sessions focus on learning the concepts of Biblical interpretation, as well as memorizing scripture. The groups also emphasize personal prayer. Small group Bible study is an opportunity for the youth to learn how to apply God's specific revelation to their lives for personal growth and maturity development.

30 DAY CHALLENGE is a voluntary program youth can participate in to form a stronger and deeper relationship with God. Once a youth decides to accept the challenge, he or she commits to reading passages from the Bible each day for thirty days. After each scripture, youth journal S.O.A.P (scripture, observation, application, prayer) notes. These notes help youth reflect and interpret how the Bible relates to their own life experiences and encourages personal prayer. At the end of the challenge, youth meet with a Spiritual Life leader to discuss their S.O.A.P notes and how their faith has evolved.

It Sure Makes A Difference When You Know Somebody Cares!

Austin (on front) came to YBGR struggling with abandonment, trust, and chemical dependency issues, and severe depression. The first time the Chaplain visited with him, he considered himself to be a believer, but he felt that God had abandoned him. One fall day, Austin asked to speak with the Chaplain and shared that numerous loved ones had died during this season of the year. Together, the Chaplain and Austin talked about the benefits a relationship with God could have on his life, especially in dealing with loss and grief. Austin attended Bible study in the lodge that evening where he received a Bible with a list of selected scriptures for him to read through. Austin continued meeting routinely with the Chaplain and going to Bible study. Gradually a change in his demeanor and attitude were noticed, and he has shared that he is encouraged with his progress. Austin has been changed through God's power, His forgiveness, and His guidance. Today, Austin attends Chapel services each week, enjoys Young Life Club regularly, reads from God's Word, and his outlook on treatment and life have dramatically improved.



Chaplain John Broeder leads Group Bible Study in the Robbie Chapel on the YBGR Campus

Kendra came to YBGR struggling with issues surrounding her self-image, depression, chemical dependency, and a real distrust of authority figures. In her early conversations with the Chaplain, she indicated that she did not believe in God because she had prayed to Him before but He had never answered her. Slowly, through spiritual counseling, she started to understand the help God could provide for her life. Before long, she requested a Bible and started reading the Bible on her own, looking at various scriptures and talking about the meaning they could have for her life. Her eyes would light up when the Chaplain and she would talk about scripture when they got together. Kendra started attending chapel services each week and enjoyed attending Young Life Club as well. It was during this time that her grandmother had to undergo open heart surgery. To Kendra, her grandmother was more like her mother. Kendra and the Chaplain prayed together for a successful surgery and recovery. When all went well, she could plainly see that the Lord does hear and answer prayers. Today, Kendra reads her Bible each day, prays to God constantly, and enjoys a real relationship with Him.

