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Hello folks!

It's a whopping 49° here today! I'd say spring is on its way but tomorrow the weather says 100% snow with up to 3 inches of it. The weather has certainly been different this winter.

Charles continues to impress us with his cooking prowess. I don't think he knows how to make a bad dessert—everything is over the top. He makes a fresh batch of cookies every day and fills up the cookie jar, just to see it completely empty—often by mid-day! We're very happy to have him on our team.

This week Roby's sister Vanessa came out to visit us and ride. She even tried her hand at roping after spending a few days practicing and started doing quite well! Wendy, a repeat guest, was here as well, riding her favorite horse Quick. Vanessa and Wendy both come from English backgrounds which makes it all the more neat to see them with ropes in hand, and working cattle.



Wendy on Quick—he's got a really nice expression in this picture!

There's Vanessa, pulling her slack after making a clean shot



We also had a fellow Montana-n, Arnold spend the week with us. He brought his kid's horses with him, Woody (after Toy Story) and Craig (we couldn't figure out what show that name came from!) Arnold came with a totally open mind and tried to absorb just about everything he could with his week here. He tried everything from dragging the roping dummy, to setting shots, to roping plus all of the groundwork and horsemanship that they were working on each morning.

When Arnold wasn't working on his horsemanship he was asking lots of questions! We think he'll have a lot to take back home with him, and his horses seemed to pick up on this way of riding so quickly that it'll be interesting to see how much he gets done between now and the next time we see him here.

Jeff is the luckiest one of all the guests here this week—because he's staying with us next week as well! He drove out here all the way from Wisconsin so he wanted to get in a good, long stay. Right now the boys have him put to work outside!



There's Jeff to the left, Roby and sis Vanessa above, and Arnold with Craig to the right

The wranglers had quite the undertaking this week, as they had to collect poo samples from each of the 90 horses in the herd to send to the vet to determine each horse's unique worming regimen. It's a new thing we've decided to do this year so that we can make sure no horse gets less than it needs or more than it needs to stay at peak health. Stephanie and Erin headed up most of it and were running back and forth with their sharpie pens and zip-lock baggies for several afternoons.

Stephanie's family came out to the ranch for a couple of days to visit with Steph and watch her ride. They were very impressed by how ropey she's gotten! By the time branding



This might be one I could add to the "This Could be You" photo gallery on the website!



Awww, great shot!

week comes around, I think she's going to be all set to rope with the old timers ;)

I've been spending each spare moment working on getting a new brochure out. It'll look a lot like the last one, but with lots of new photos. This is looking to be another busy guest season for us, and we're very excited to see what the season has in store for us. If any of you guys are still planning on coming out this season but haven't booked yet, give us a call so we can getcha in before we get all booked up 😊

Have a great weekend,

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