Wonder Wood Ranch

A place for Gang-Impacted, Homeless, Foster, Low Income, and other disadvantaged kids to find HOPE ON HOOVES.

Program Activities

| Horseback Riding | Ride the nearly half mile trail through the woods on horseback. (Volunteers walk with you for safety.) |
| Archery          | Learn how to shoot with a bow and arrow and hit the target both on the range and in life! |
| Farm Animals     | Horses, donkeys, miniature horses & donkeys, bunnies, mini pigs, chinchillas, chickens, and more! |
| Crafts, Food Hay Rides, & more | BBQ, s’mores, crafts suited to your age group, rides on and behind the pioneer … |

What is Wonder Wood Ranch?

Wonder Wood Ranch, a 501(c)3 charitable organization located in Prunedale, California, serves low income, underprivileged, gang-impacted, and homeless kids from unreached high crime, at risk areas of Monterey County. Kids learn about horses and ride, usually for the first time in their lives. The look on a kid’s face when he first sits on a horse and realizes there can be more to life than gangs, drugs, and desperation is amazing! From atop a horse, kids find a new perspective, a better perspective, on life.

Our staff are completely volunteer and we operate solely off private donations and small grants. If you would like to volunteer, or if you have a group of kids that fit our demographic and would like to discuss bringing them to the Ranch, contact us at the email address below. We custom-create programs to specifically suit your group of kids and your budget.

We hope you will partner with us to make a positive difference in the lives of kids and in our community! Donations are tax-deductible, volunteers are always welcome and needed, and we love partnering with other organizations to bring hope on hooves to the kids and youth who need it most.

Contact Information

-- Email the Executive Director, Mario Schalesky, at marlo@wonderwoodranch.com
-- 8100 Wild Horse Rd., Salinas, CA 93907 (must be accessed via Crazy Horse)
-- Donations accepted through cash, check, or PayPal using marlo@wonderwoodranch.com