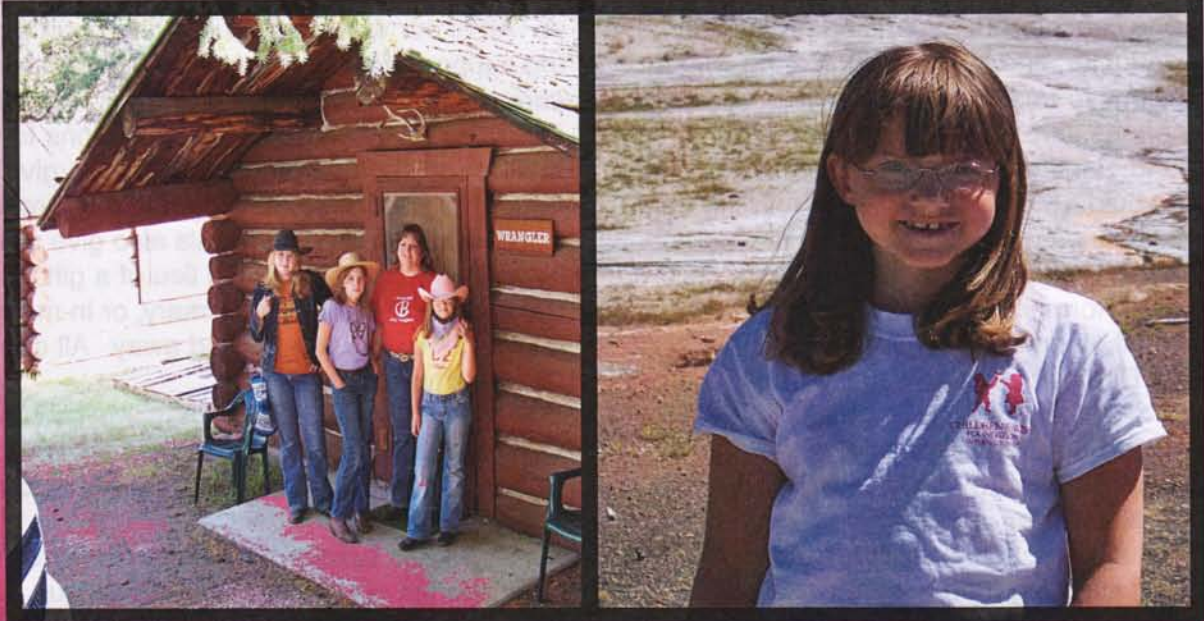




Children's Wish Foundation Intl.

"A Day To Remember Can Help A Child Forget"



Bethany, a 7-year-old from Carthage Missouri faces the daily challenge of a life-threatening brain tumor with courage and dignity. She does not let her illness get in the way of living a very passionate and energetic life. Children's Wish Foundation International gave Bethany the chance of a lifetime to visit Blackwater Creek Ranch, a dude ranch near Yellowstone National Park. Her love of animals and the outdoors helped her decide on the destination of her Wish.

At the beginning of the week, Bethany chose a horse named "Duke." Duke took her on some amazing rides throughout the week including exploring the Shoshone National Forest, Yellowstone National Park, and the Grand Canyon. She was especially impressed with the well-known geyser Old Faithful.

When taking a break from horseback riding, Bethany spent her time river rafting, swimming and of course cooking out over an open fire. Her week was cut short due to the massive forest fire which ravished the parks, but according to Bethany, "that just added to the experience overall. We've never been evacuated for anything before, and the views we had of the fire were spectacular!"

Bethany was so excited to spend special quality time with her family during her Wish trip. She made new friends, learned about life on a dude ranch, but most of all, she made memories her family will cherish forever.

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