

## FAMILY TESTIMONIAL – THERAPEUTIC FAMILY RETREAT

When my husband walked out on me and our 5 adopted children, I thought I could easily manage the changes we were being faced with. After a few months, I realized we were in a crisis and needed professional assistance. Our counselor suggested a weekend therapeutic retreat at Paradise in the Sky and I knew it would be beneficial. On site accommodations were provided for our counselor while the children and I stayed in a charming log cabin a short distance away. Our counselor was able to provide multiple intense family and individual sessions in a unique setting. Sessions that would have taken 8 weeks to complete were done in 2 days. From the equine activities to our family sessions roasting marshmallows around the campfire, we were able to open up about our pain, grief and feelings of loss. We left feeling refreshed, stronger and having more confidence to face the days ahead. Paula, Rich and their staff at Paradise in the Sky were very supportive, knowledgeable and nurturing. They provided an environment where we could forget our hectic life at home and focus on our healing process while being guided by our counselor.

### ALL COMMUNITY GROUPS WELCOME

- Scout Troops
- Church Youth Groups
- Family Reunions
- Birthday and Anniversary Parties
- Weddings & Receptions
- High School Reunions
- Staff Retreats

### *The sky's the limit at Paradise in the Sky.*

All requested donations go towards operational expenses for Paradise in the Sky.



**OUR MISSION** is to inspire and motivate youth of all diversities with the assistance of rescued equine, canine and feline friends to overcome challenges and adversities through the use of peace-

ful outdoor recreational and educational activities that focus on empowering the individual to unlock his or her potential for future success while promoting respect for all individuals.



## YOUTH REFLECTIONS ABOUT VISITING PARADISE IN THE SKY

*“This place makes me want to be good!”*

*“Paradise makes me happy way inside”*

*“Paradise is a bunch of laughter”*

*“Paradise allows me to feel more connected”*

*“Paradise and Paula as a role model teaches me consistency and her role model encourages and gives me hope”*

*“Paradise has helped me blossom over the last year while allowing me to become stronger and more self confident”*

*“Paradise is always adventurous and it always feels like family here”*

*“When I’m at Paradise the animals make me feel loved”*



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A dream is just a dream. . . .

. . . . A goal is a dream  
with a plan and a deadline.

Paradise in the Sky, Youth Motivational Services, Inc. is an outdoor facility that was established to provide youth of all diversities and challenges the opportunity to learn and practice leadership skills and ethical decision making while participating in a variety of unique and fun activities. Our desire is that this experience will empower each participant to unlock his or her potential for future success. Through sound business and management practices, this facility provides affordable, educational, recreational activities in a safe, clean, inviting environment.



## ACTIVITIES OFFERED

**Equine Interaction** – Each participant will have one on one individual motivational interaction with a horse in the round pen. Horseback riding on designated trails through the forest. Grooming is also available. All activities planned prior to group arrivals.

**Feline Interaction** – Participants will have opportunity to interact with rescued feline family. (Kittens and Cats)

**Canine Interaction** – Participants will have the opportunity to interact with rescued canine family. (Puppies and Dogs)

**Fishing** – Facility pond on site is stocked with a variety of fish. Participants supply their own bait and tackle. All fish are catch and release.

**Camping** – Participants and groups supply their own tents and supplies. Activities can be customized prior to event with all or some of activities listed. Bonfire included.

**Enchanted Forest Adventures** – Rides include riding through the beautiful manicured forest on a utility vehicle that comfortably seats 6 with seat belts. Group hiking adventures with unique opportunities for photo shoots at designated stops. Horseback riding on designated trails.

**Family, Individual and Couples Nature Photo Shoots** – Each event would include a disk with all pictures and a slide show with music to remember the unique country experience. Each photo shoot can be customized to include some or all of the activities listed.

*Note: Each event can be customized to meet group's or individual family's desire with choices from the activities listed. Disability events are available upon request. Paradise in the Sky reserves the right to evaluate participants to ensure they can physically and safely participate in chosen activities as well as protecting the safety of all animals on site. Photos of all events can be made available upon request.*

## EVENTS OFFERED

**Group Day Camp** – Custom designed with choices of all facility activities offered. This is customized prior to event using time allotted and number of participants per group.

**Family Retreats, Couple Retreats, Family Reunions & Birthday Parties** – Each retreat or event is customized to suit each family for the time frame chosen and number of family members participating in all or some activities offered. Cabin rental is also an option for this event.

**Therapeutic Family Retreats** – This would be with the family's therapist on site during the retreat. The activities would be planned ahead of event with list of available activities while therapist works with the family.

**Youth Motivational Events** – Special motivational events can vary with Motivational Speakers, Musical Events and can accommodate up to 500 people. Special events are coordinated by facility members and advertised in local and surrounding media. Facility grounds can be utilized for private motivational events.

