

Celebrating the snow...but ready for green this spring!

Well, it has been a mild winter and the last two weeks have been so warm that we were able to saddle up and do a little riding. BUT, just as I was thinking we were done with the white stuff, the clouds rolled in and the heavy wet snow is blowing across the state! Even though we are itching to see the ranch in full bloom, we celebrate the spring snow for the moisture it brings. I hope that the wildflowers will be extra special this year.

Our trees are budding and we can see a hint of green in the pastures. Ahhhh, spring! The renewal of life! We also have new baby animals on the ranch. There are 24 calves this year and three of our beautiful mares, Spice, Roxanne, and Midge are expecting foals any day now.

Blue Birds, Sand Hill Cranes, Blue Herons, and Red Robins are all migrating. The Big Horn Sheep are making their appearance in the Bad Lands and the ewe's should have their babies soon.

If you do not want to miss out on all of the action surrounding around us, we still have room the first few weeks of June. Our talented new Head Chef, Drew Turnipseed plans on giving his tips on smoking fresh trout that our guests catch, having a good ol'southern crawfish boil, and maybe some competitive chili cook-offs where you get to be the judge!

June 1st and 2nd, we are offering a colt starting demonstration by Eli Eastman. Come watch Eli start one of the CM colts and learn techniques about personal growth that can be used in your daily lives. The cost will be \$60 per person which will include the clinic and lunch for both Saturday and Sunday. If you choose to stay the night at the ranch it will be an additional \$62.50 per person and will include lodging, dinner, and breakfast.

For more information please call (800) 455-0721 or send us an email at cmranch@wyoming.com





Corral Talk

PackTrips

Enjoy amazing scenery riding into the mountains, incredible fishing in alpine lakes, dutch oven cooking, hiking, and so much more! Add a trip onto your ranch stay or schedule a time to ride up and camp for as long as time will allow. This is a great trip to take by yourself or with your whole family. If you have not taken advantage of a trip into the magical backcountry, this is an opportunity that you do not want to miss.

Hiking

If you like to hit the trail with your own two feet then bring your hiking shoes this year. We will be offering guided hikes for all ages. Start your day with a sunrise hike before breakfast or a jog down Fish Hatchery Road. Some of the hikes include The Barrel, and God's Chair in the Badlands, Bomber Basin, and Lake Louise. The trails are endless and for all abilities.

Just for Kids!

Our tee-pee will be moved to a new location near the Round-Up. Get your face painted and throw on a cowboy hat for some cowboy and Indian games, and maybe even find an arrowhead or other Indian artifacts. Learn about how the Indians survived in this area a long time ago. We would love to use it for some overnight camping complete with marshmallows and ghost stories as well!

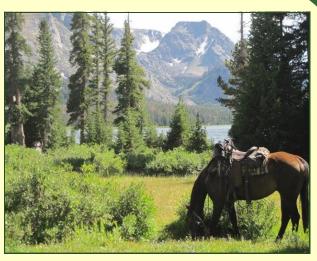
Alex Carlstedt will be returning this summer to teach square dancing, and organizing fun games on the lawn. Sing along with him by the campfire while you're roasting the perfect marshmallow for s'mores.

Fishing: A Note From K-Mock

Hi Folks, I am looking forward to a stellar spring/summer/fall of fly fishing at the CM! Ample snow in the high mountains means plenty of cold water slowly making it's way down to the Wind River via all of her tributaries; guess what? Trout love cold water!

So my early season is spent Lewis and Clarkin' it through bear country, with Holly as my bear dog, figuring out where fish are abundant. It's a dirty job, I know, but somebody's got to do it! This year I am planning to explore Bear Basin (YIKES) and the more remote regions of the Wiggins Fork below Double Cabin.

So, rest assured out there folks, because K-Mock is always fishing! Read more on the CM Ranch Blog.



Pack trip ride to Simpson Lake



Guests hiking to Lake Louis



Kevin Mock teaching new anglers









CM Ranch Blog:

Follow us and our everyday ranch experiences on our Blog at www.cmranch.com. If you would like to share any of your experiences and have them posted, email them to me at cmranch@wyoming.com

Facebook:

"Like" us and view our beautiful photos that we post throughout the year.

Trip Adviser:

If you would like to write a review sharing your wonderful experience with us, please go to www.tripadvisor.com and post something fabulous about the CM!



OUR CREW

We are so fortunate to get to know and work with some of the most wonderful and talented people in the world We look forward to seeing all of our returning crew members and welcome the new. It takes a village to run the CM and we are truly grateful for all of the hard work and dedication from our crew. We could not do it without you!

We still have availability for a Housekeeping Supervisor and a Nanny. If you know anyone that would like to spend an amazing summer out West, enjoys working hard, and making life long friends, then contact us before it's too late.

- **Buck and Kristen Draney**
- Johnny Lucas—Wrangler
- Anna Vanuga- Wrangler
- Denney Ley Photographer
- Kacey Bull-Baker
- Cameron Hardie—Maintenance
- Bryan McCallen- Maintenance
- Margaret Gregg—Housekeeping
- Colleen Leddie- Housekeeping
- 10. Alex Carlstedt— Housekeeping
- 11. Bryce Street—Kitchen
- 12. Scout Hathaway- Kitchen
- 13. Jessica Penman- Office



What does the CM mean to you?

"Dear Guest in Hill 1— Welcome to the CM. You are about to enjoy a trip of a lifetime, so take a minute. Breathe the air. Make new friends, humans and horses. Enjoy every minute and don't worry too much about documenting memories, they stick with you no matter what. Live and love your week here. It will be magical! -Sincerely, Caroline K— age 12"

This note was found written on a torn piece of a brown paper bag, stuck in a crack on the wall to be read by those who visit Hill 1.