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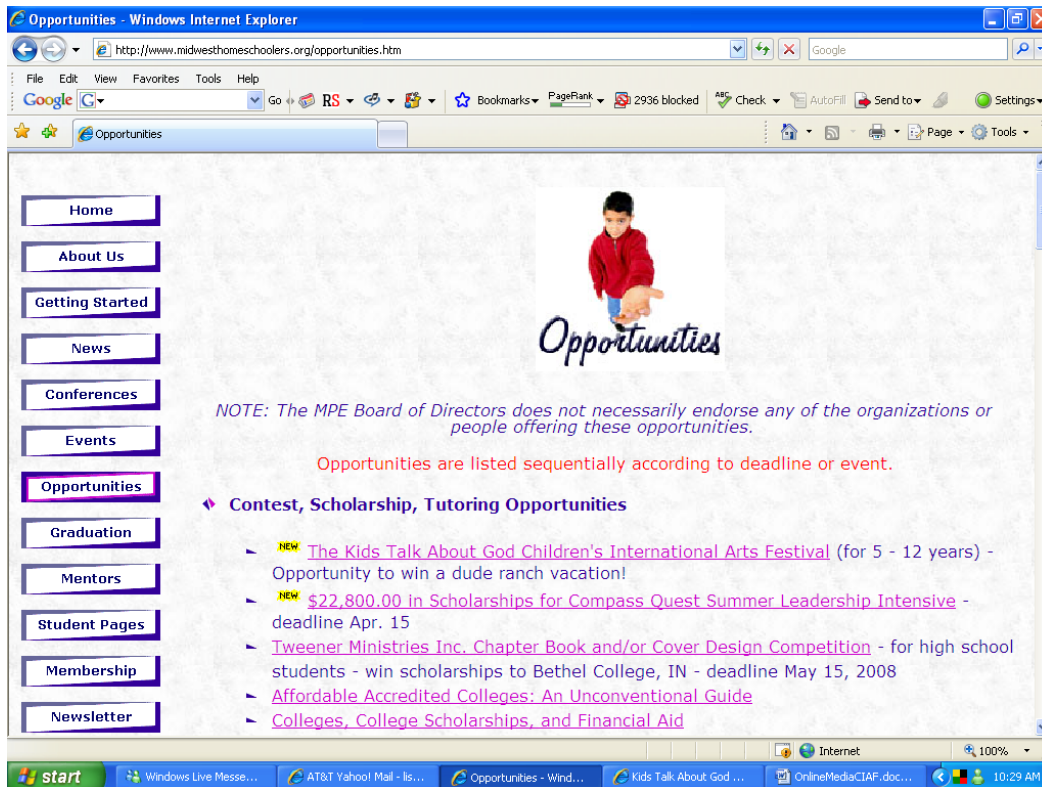
Draw and Win!

Do you like to draw? If you do, and you're between the ages of 5 and 12, you can enter a contest for a chance to win a vacation at a real dude ranch. Yee-haw! All you have to do is write an answer to a Bible question about the book of John and draw a picture to go with it. Even if you don't win, your art may still be published in an online book. Click "Go" to find out all about the contest.

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Midwest Homeschoolers

<http://www.midwesthomeschoolers.org/opportunities.htm>



The screenshot shows a Windows Internet Explorer browser window displaying the website <http://www.midwesthomeschoolers.org/opportunities.htm>. The page features a navigation menu on the left with buttons for Home, About Us, Getting Started, News, Conferences, Events, Opportunities (highlighted), Graduation, Mentors, Student Pages, Membership, and Newsletter. The main content area has a header image of a child in a red shirt with the word "Opportunities" written below it. A note states: "NOTE: The MPE Board of Directors does not necessarily endorse any of the organizations or people offering these opportunities." Below this, a red line of text reads: "Opportunities are listed sequentially according to deadline or event." The main section is titled "Contest, Scholarship, Tutoring Opportunities" and contains a list of items:

- NEW: [The Kids Talk About God Children's International Arts Festival](#) (for 5 - 12 years) - Opportunity to win a dude ranch vacation!
- NEW: [\\$22,800.00 in Scholarships for Compass Quest Summer Leadership Intensive](#) - deadline Apr. 15
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Home School Legal Defense Association – newsletter

<http://www.hslda.org/elert/archive/2008/03/20080318164404.asp>

6. Homeschoolers Eligible for Children's Art Contest

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Read more about it at:

<http://www.hslda.org/elink.asp?id=4901> (links thru to CIAF home page)

The New York Observer

(The press release was dated April 1, 2008, so they first thought it might be a joke! They wrote a cute lead...)

<http://www.observer.com/2008/non-hoax-email-day-dude-ranch-vacations-bible-study-incentive>

THE REAL ESTATE

Non-Hoax Email of the Day: 'DUDE RANCH VACATIONS AS BIBLE STUDY INCENTIVE'

by Max Abelson | April 1, 2008



Inspirational Public Relations.

Getting swept away by funny things on April 1 is always dangerous because you could look a tad foolish. But this reporter received an email that is not a joke (and if it somehow is, the [accompanying Web site](#) is a work of genius, and also God is going to be furious.) Here's the introduction, and the rest is below.

Dear Mr. Abelson, I thought that readers of New York Observer would be interested in learning how children can win dude ranch vacations for their families by answering and illustrating questions from the Gospel of John for an online book. Please let me know if I can answer any questions about the Children's International Arts Festival. All His best...

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

GLOBAL ARTS FESTIVAL OFFERS KIDS DUDE RANCH VACATIONS AS BIBLE STUDY INCENTIVE

South Padre Island, Texas, April 1, 2008 -- Year after year the Bible remains the best selling book in America, yet pollster George Gallup has dubbed Americans "a nation of biblical illiterates" who revere the Bible, but don't read it.

Syndicated columnist Carey Kinsolving wants to change that.

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"These trips are major prizes," says Carey Kinsolving, organizer of the festival. "Each child winner and immediate family will get to spend a week at a dude ranch, including food, lodging, horseback riding and other activities."

The Children's International Arts Festival is sponsored by Kids Talk About God, an online ministry that grew out of Kinsolving's syndicated column of the same name. He began writing the column after years of writing feature stories for The Washington Post and other newspapers.

Festival entries will be accepted through March 31, 2009. Kinsolving plans to announce some winners before this summer and others before the summer of 2009.

The best children's writing and art will be published in the "Kids Color Me Bible Gospel of John." This online storybook Bible will be patterned after Kinsolving's popular "Kids Color Me Bible." Each chapter features children's writing and art. Children who print pages from the free, online book can add their writing and art making each chapter a personalized keepsake.

The first three festival questions are: 1) Why does the Bible call Jesus "the Word" (John 1:1-5)? 2) How does Jesus give light to everyone (John 1:6-13)? 3) What does the Bible mean when it says Jesus was full of grace and truth (John 1:14-18)?

Children who wish to enter the festival can get their parents to download an entry form at www.KidsTalkAboutGod.org. The entry form contains festival guidelines and the address where entries should be mailed. Periodically, new festival questions will be posted on the website and sent to those who want to be notified by email.

"Art is a universal language," said Kinsolving. "Children have a way of cutting right to the heart of a Bible story when they draw art to illustrate it. Their answers to Bible-related questions can be humorous and insightful. We're hoping that opportunities to win dude ranch vacations will motivate many children to share their insights while increasing their Bible literacy."

Of the 12 dude ranches offering vacations as prizes, six are in Colorado and two are in Idaho. The other four are in Montana, Wyoming, Arizona and even east of the Mississippi in upstate New York. All abound with inspiring views, a wide variety of wildlife to observe and photograph, and plenty of horseback riding.

What one dude ranch owner wrote: "You'll find that good riding, good food and good friends will leave you peaceful and content. You'll discover the luxuries of silence, the wind on your face and the stars shining brightly."

KidsTalkAboutGod.org is a non-denominational, Christian ministry that empowers children by publishing their faith expressions and making them available without charge to website visitors. Its website (www.KidsTalkAboutGod.org) features 60 Kid TV Interviews, Children's Bible Art Gallery, "Kids Color Me Bible," "Mission Explorers Streaming Video" and a Bible Lesson Archive. Visitors may download pictures from the Art Gallery and lessons from the "Kids Color Me Bible" for free. As a newspaper column, Kids Talk About God has been in syndication for more than seven years.

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Ano após ano, a Bíblia continua sendo o livro mais vendido nos Estados Unidos, entretanto, pesquisas indicam que uma considerável parte do povo norte-americano presa a Bíblia, mas não a lê.

(Fonte: Brazilian Voice) - Buscando mudar essa situação, o ministério online Kids Talk About God (Crianças Falam sobre Deus) lançou o Children's International Arts Festival, o qual os vencedores, com idade entre 5 e 12 anos, podem vencer uma semana no Rancho Dude, incluindo alimentação, estadia, passeios a cavalo e outras atividades.

As inscrições para o concurso serão aceitas até março de 2009 e os vencedores serão anunciados antes do verão do mesmo ano. As crianças participantes poderão submeter desenhos ou textos. As primeiras três perguntas do Festival são: 1) Por que a Bíblia refere-se a Jesus como "a Palavra" (João 1:1-5)? Como Jesus dá luz a todos (João 1:6-13)? O que a Bíblia quer dizer quando refere-se a Jesus como cheio de graça e verdade (João 1:14-18)?

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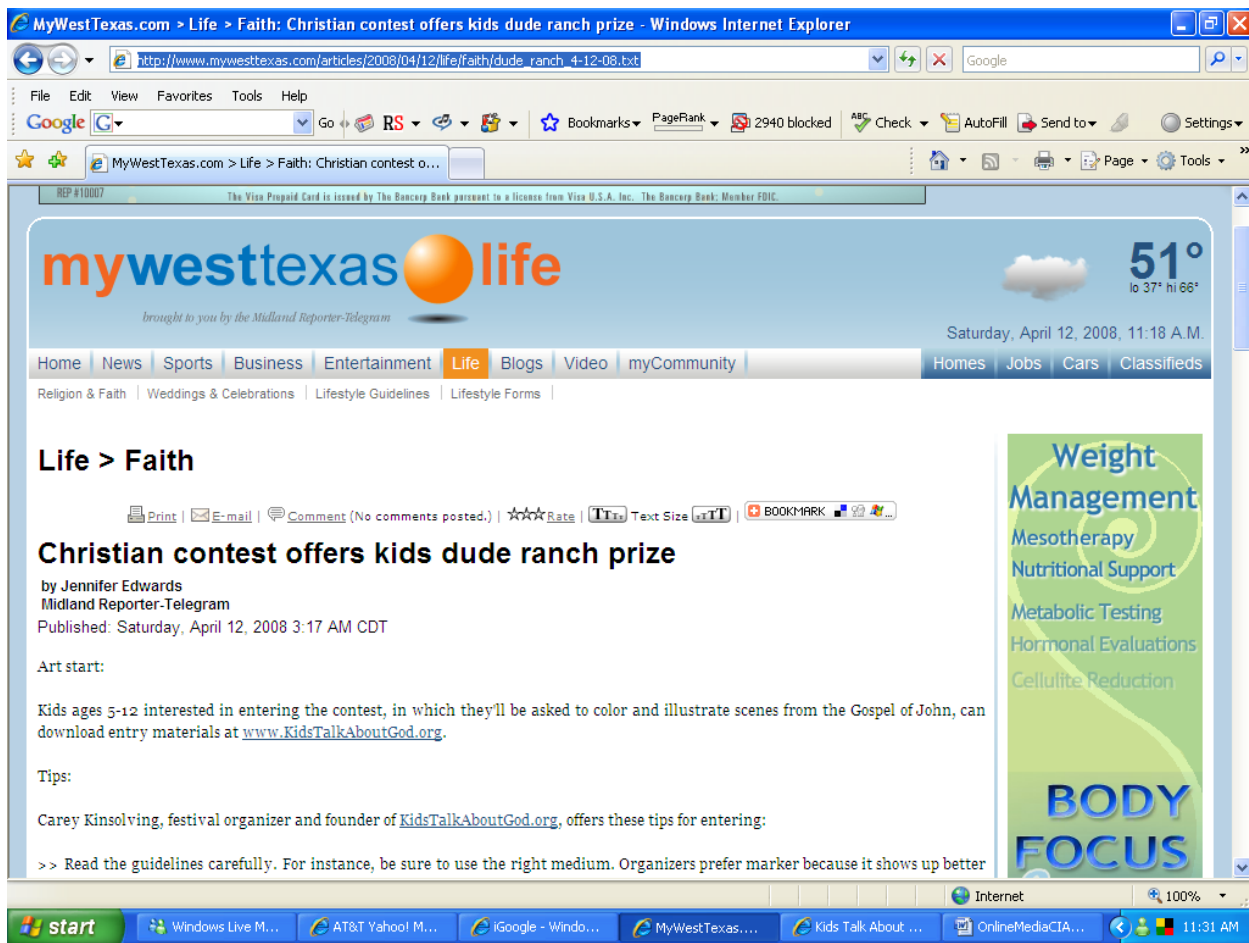
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Christian contest offers kids dude ranch prize

by Jennifer Edwards
Midland Reporter-Telegram

Published: Saturday, April 12, 2008 3:17 AM CDT

Art start:

Kids ages 5-12 interested in entering the contest, in which they'll be asked to color and illustrate scenes from the Gospel of John, can download entry materials at www.KidsTalkAboutGod.org.

Tips:

Carey Kinsolving, festival organizer and founder of KidsTalkAboutGod.org, offers these tips for entering:

>> Read the guidelines carefully. For instance, be sure to use the right medium. Organizers prefer marker because it shows up better

online.

>>Read the Bible passage and try to answer as best you can.

>>Don't worry about being perfect; Do the best you can.

>>Remember: It's not just about winning the prize, but also the process of learning.

By Jennifer Edwards

Assistant Lifestyle Editor

Dude! Where's the contest?

An East Texas-based organization is offering children across the state a chance to get creative with Christianity ... and maybe win a dude ranch vacation in the process.

The Children's International Arts Festival, a digital exhibition of children's art about, and exploration of, faith, is soliciting entries through summer of 2009.

Its challenge to kids 5 through 12: Write and draw in response to festival questions about the Gospel of John. Winners will be published in the online "Kids Color Me Bible."

"The purpose ... is to get kids to answer questions about God and the Bible from the Gospel of John and to publish the best art work and answers," said Carey Kinsolving, festival organizer. "We want to empower kids to express their faith, and we are also concerned about Bible literacy.

"It's one thing to have reverence for the Bible, another thing to read it, understand it and apply it."

The festival honors that process; it isn't limited to one locale or a certain set of days.

"It's an online festival, so we want to make it worldwide," he said. "Really, that's the only way we could do it."

Stellar entries will be posted on the related site of the sponsoring ministry, KidsTalkAboutGod.org, also headed up by Kinsolving. And the 12 best will receive a week-long vacation at one of a dozen dude ranches.

Each donated the week, including Tarryall River Ranch, of Lake George, Colo., located 39 miles northwest of Colorado Springs, Colo.

Kevin Tesch, ranch owner, described the ranch as "very family-oriented and said that the winner can look forward to a jam-packed week.

"How much time ya got?" he said, joking, when asked to list the ranch's activities. Among them, he said, are horseback riding, fishing, whitewater rafting, swimming in the pool, a children's program and cowboy sing-along.

"We have a pretty full schedule," he said. "But the nice thing we like is that you don't have to do everything. The main thing is to relax and have fun."

Tesch said that the family-owned ranch offered the stay because, "We just thought it was a great thing for children to express, whether drawing or writing, their belief in God.

"We're very strong Christians, and that is quite a prize for a family or child to win first place. I hope it's pretty exciting for all the kids who are participating."

Eleven other ranches are also participating, according to a news release. They include five others in Colorado; two in Idaho and one each in Montana, Wyoming, Arizona and upstate New York.

On the Net:

To check out the other dude ranches and to learn more about the festival and contest, go to www.KidsTalkAboutGod.org and click around.

Home Education Foundation – New Zealand

Had it on their Home Page, as well as this one:

<http://hef.org.nz/2008/homeschoolers-childrens-art-can-win-dude-ranch-vacations/>

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By admin | April 10, 2008

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