



# West Branch Trailblazer

Keeping in Touch, Seeking Your Prayer and Involvement

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## Prayer Requests

Effective local church, event, and camp ministry in 2020

Filling our summer staff positions for 2020

Reaching our \$250,000 dining hall infrastructure goal

Beginning our dining hall construction in summer 2020

## Project Status

**Dining Hall-** We are working to begin construction this summer. Funds for the building are raised; however, an additional \$115,000 is needed for supporting infrastructure.

**Campground Enhancing-** Construction is scheduled for a rodeo corral with bleachers and staging. We need additional help in March/April to complete this project before summer camps.

## Upcoming Events

3.20-21 Men on the Move  
Williams, AZ

3.30-5.8 Senior Trip Retreats

## We Have a Burden for Bible-based Families

In the past five weeks, we have conducted **three Family Seminars in central Arizona**. Hoping to provide geographical and schedule options for Arizona families, we held these events from January 31-February 29, in Casa Grande, Gilbert, and Goodyear. We thank the Lord for the moms, dads, and grandparents who attended these two-hour seminars to encourage *biblical parenting in an uncertain world*. The goal of biblical parenting is to produce godly children who please the Lord and their parents. With one hour of foundational principles and one hour of practical pointers, along with an accompanying resource of additional articles, we sought to provide initial instruction and motivation to encourage Christian parents to believe God's Word about parenting. We have one additional seminar scheduled in Marana in April, and we are willing to bring this program to other churches in the Southwest.



Family Seminars Held in Three Locations So Far This Spring

## Development Progress

We are still on track to reach our goal of beginning dining hall construction this summer. We are currently pursuing a metal building structure to help with cost, timing, permitting, and completion of our architectural plans.

### Dining Hall site



A donor has promised funds to build the building while we are otherwise responsible to raise the approximately \$250,000 needed to complete the supporting infrastructure upgrades. With some of the raised money already spent on electrical upgrades, we have about \$45,000 available for the next utility priority which is the fire suppression expansion.

4.18	Family Seminar Marana, AZ
5.16	Work Day
6.5-6	Ladies SUMMER Getaway @ WB
6.7-7.18	Southwest Youth Challenge
6.22-26	Junior Camp
7.1-3	Family Camp
7.6-10	Youth Camp 1
7.13-17	Youth Camp 2/ Deaf Camp
9.3-4	Christian School/ home school retreat
9.12	Youth Conference Phoenix, AZ
9.18-19	Ladies & Girls' Night in the Pines
10.2-3	Men & Boys' Camp Out

Visit [westbranchAZ.org](http://westbranchAZ.org) for more details.

### Special Needs

- Stihl chain saw
- Compact Utility Tractor (e.g. John Deere, Kubota)
- New queen size bed
- 6' & 8' Lifetime® Tables
- 6' green collapsible Lifetime® picnic table

### Stay Connected

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Additional itineraries, schedules, & reports are online.

## Development Progress, cont.

We need to purchase an additional 10,000-gallon tank and tie it in with the existing system and then add one fire hydrant closer to the dining hall site. We would love to complete this expansion this year as well.

Work begins March 16 on our new rodeo corral. The camper-participation rodeo is the highlight activity of each week of camp. However, during our five summers in Williams, we have used one of our athletic facilities for the rodeo. This new rodeo corral will not only give us a better venue for our signature event but will also provide an additional activity space for the rest of the week. We have begun preparing the ground by removing a large amount of rocks. We plan to bring in a suitable surface for both camper and horse activity.



[Future Rodeo Corral Site](#)

We have a volunteer lined up to build a western false front for one side of the corral. We are working with another volunteer to run electricity to the site. Additionally, we need to complete some tree trimming, install rustic bleachers, and put up a corral fence. We could use some help with the tree trimming, fence installation, bleacher construction, and electrical lines especially! Volunteers are needed starting March 23, and we hope to have it completed by the end of April. We also have a work day scheduled for Saturday, May 16.

We also need someone with the ability and equipment to move three full semi-trailers to a different location on our property.

## Summer Staff Positions to Fill



[Summer Camp service](#)

Summer camp is fast approaching. Most of our summer staff volunteer positions are filled, but we are still seeking the final couple of counselors as well as a young person to help with child care for one of our busy staff families. Summer camp lasts five weeks and two days including staff training: June 11-July 18.