



## ***Statement of Faith***

The Ranch is here to participate with the God of the Bible in His work of restoring His creation, principally mankind, to a living relationship with Himself. At the very least we will share in this work in the following ways:

1. Worshipping and praising God, seeking His will for the Ranch in prayer and responding to His guidance in faithful obedience to Him as Lord;
2. Regularly running activities that teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people;
3. Acknowledging God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) as the authority of the Ranch to whom all Directors and Members are subservient.

The following statement of faith expresses the core doctrinal convictions of Teen Ranch. It is recognised that understanding and convictions regarding core doctrines develop as a disciple grows in Christ-likeness. It is expected that the following convictions will develop, over time, in each volunteer, employee and director.

1. **God** – eternally existing in three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; being the Creator, Sustainer and Sovereign Lord of all things.
2. **The Bible** – God’s written revelation to man, being totally inspire and infallible and the supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
3. **Jesus Christ** – being fully God and fully human; His virgin birth, sinless life, death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, and present ministry of intercession for us; His coming for His church and His personal return to earth in power and glory.
4. **Salvation** – all need to be saved from the guilt, power and penalty of sin; available only through the sacrificial death of our substitute, Jesus Christ; only received through personal repentance and faith.
5. **The Holy Spirit** – produces the new birth; indwells the believer, enabling such to live a godly life.
6. **Satan** – his existence and power as the enemy of God and mankind; although he is Christ’s defeated foe, he continues to attack the kingdom of God.
7. **The Church** – the universal body composed only of those (whether now living or dead) who have trusted in Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Since Teen Ranch is inter-denominational and the staff members come from various backgrounds, denominational and doctrinal differences will be present amongst the community. Respectful and loving discussion amongst staff is encouraged but should be conducted in such a way as to minimise divisions and to promote harmony amongst brothers and sisters in Christ. The many different backgrounds and experiences of the staff can be a rich and challenging environment for growth provided there is a genuine concern for love, truth and unity amongst us.