Masters Ranch and Christian Academy

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Masters Ranch and Christian Academy is a Christian boarding school and academy for young men ages 12-17 that are having difficulties in school, have been expelled or have a history of truancy; are exhibiting violent behavior or are verbally abusive, have trouble with authority figures, are maintaining negative peer relationships, are depressed and withdrawn or are involved with drugs and alcohol.

David Bosley B.D., M.Div., is the Pastor and Administrator at Masters Ranch. Academics are tutored one to one and the Masters Ranch and Christian Academy uses the School of Tomorrow Educational Program for the curriculum.

Operated as a family environment, the young men live in a structured and disciplined routine, with daily chores that include indoor basics to milking the cows. Vocational training is instilled in the young men learning computer basics, carpentry, welding and plumbing and students also are taught animal husbandry, learning and working with horses and dogs. Students attend Bible study, church attendance and devotions, in addition to participating in counseling with staff.

"Good clean fun" is stressed to the boys as they participate in swimming, horseback riding, playing basketball and softball as well as playing indoor board games.

[This information came from the Masters Ranch website. This is all the information on staff and programming available.]

Ventures In Peace

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Ventures in Peace, which opened in September 2008, is a new transition program for young men and women ages 18-24 years old, who may have graduated from an emotional growth boarding school or long term care facility that will no longer accept them due to program completion or based on their age or is ready for college, yet may not be ready to make healthy choices in other areas of their lives.

Steven Rookey and Elissa Rookey are the Co-Directors at Ventures in Peace. Steven has spent the last twenty-four years involved in alternative education initiatives which include fifteen years as a Wilderness First Responder, with full training, has been a fifth grade teacher at the Sandpoint, ID Waldorf School, and most recently, was a peer group leader and senior life skills manager at the Monarch School in Heron, MT. Elissa,



graduated from Skidmore College in New York, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology, early childhood development and studio art. She has taught pre-school at the Sandpoint Waldorf School and previous to opening Ventures in Peace, worked at Monarch School in Heron, MT as a life skills instructor and college counselor. Both Steven and Elissa are licensed Master's of the Avatar Course.

Young adults that enroll at Ventures in Peace have the opportunity to continue their education in several different manners; they may complete their high school courses through correspondence with their previous school or they can obtain their diploma through Blueprint Education or Indiana University, in addition to getting their GED through the Lifelong Learning Center in Missoula, MT. if they choose to do so. College courses are available through distant learning options, or students can enroll part time or full time at the College of Technology or the University of Montana, both in Missoula, MT.

While at Ventures in Peace, students may opt to participate in vocational studies that include culinary arts, organic gardening, farming and food production from the sustainable one acre garden space, alternative energy study/installation and maintenance, in addition to household organization and personal finance.

Personal growth will be explored through regularly scheduled experiential workshops presented by Steven and Elissa Rookey.

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They have extensive experience in the field of education and child advocacy law. Representing the firm of lawyers are a board president of an education corporation; a former school board member; former special education and elementary teachers; current and former law professors; a professor of psychiatry; a former juvenile court probation officer; a former attorney for the Cook County Office of the Public Guardian; former public defenders; a former judge; and a number of board members and directors of educational,

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