

Why Choose Teen Challenge Ranch of NW Arkansas?

Seeking placement for your troubled child can be an overwhelming task. There are many centers to choose from. Each has different strengths and weaknesses. We know that it is important to you to find the best possible placement for your child. Below is a list of some factors that set our organization apart from others. The list is not exhaustive, but it does reflect some of the things that parents often find important when deciding where their child should go. Please take a moment to review the items below.

We would also invite you to continue to look through our website and to call us with any questions that you may have.

Private Rooms

Our program is one of the few programs of its kind that allows students to have their own rooms. Students have a quiet place to do homework, enjoy some privacy, and relax.

Low Student to Staff Ratios.

In order to provide the best possible intervention to your child, Teen Challenge maintains low student to staff ratios. *Our organization requires that at least one staff member be present for every 9 boys during the hours that students are awake. It is common practice to have one staff member present for every 5 boys.*

Success Where Others Have Failed

It is not uncommon for our center to take in students who were dismissed from other programs. We have had good success working with students who failed to make progress in other centers or similar type programs.

An Experienced Team of Quality Staff Members

Our team has approximately 150 years of combined experience in working with troubled individuals and their families.

An Established Program and Organization

Our Teen Challenge center has been helping boys and their families for over 35 years.

State Licensed and Accredited with Honors

Our center is licensed with the state of Arkansas and has the highest possible level of accreditation with Teen Challenge International, USA.

A Christ-Centered Approach

Teen Challenge is a faith-based, Christ-centered organization. Its curriculum, teaching, program format, and style of intervention are all Biblically based. This is the reason for the incredible history of success that Teen Challenge has had over the years.

A History of Success

The Teen Challenge Program has been shown to have one of the highest success rates in the world. Success rates are regularly 20 times greater than other similar type programs.

Strong Academic Program

Our center has had tremendous success in helping young men further their education. Boys who were not able to progress in other learning environments often make great advances at Teen Challenge. Our program has an accredited Christian school as well as a GED preparation track. So far, all of the students who have completed our GED preparation classes have obtained their GED on the first testing.

Outdoor Adventure

Our outdoor adventure program is affiliated with the Boys Scouts of America. We have received recognition as a Boy Scout Venture Crew. Our students have regular opportunity to experience fun and challenging outdoor activities. Students enjoy camping, backpacking, rappelling, canoeing, and spelunking (cave exploration). All activities are led by experienced staff and are conducted in a safety conscious manner.

Relapse Prevention

Our ministry has sought special training and certification in order to help your child be successful after he leaves Teen Challenge. Staff members will work with you to develop the best possible after care plan for your child. Emphasis is placed on developing a plan that prevents relapse and maintains positive future momentum.

Family Breaks and Home Visits

Unlike many other residential programs, our students have the opportunity to visit their families during our regularly scheduled breaks. Extra home visits are made available as students advance through the program. These home visits and breaks give students the opportunity to try out new living skills in the real world. They also help to keep students from becoming "institutionalized" and are indispensable to preparing for a successful life after Teen Challenge.

Missions Trips

Students are given the opportunity to take part in a Missions trip. It may be difficult to imagine your son being involved in such an endeavor at this point, but as God works in our students lives, their attitudes and desires change. Young men who were once selfishly motivated become more interested in the well-being of others. They have an intense desire to work hard and serve others on these trips. Our graduates often refer to these missions trips as one of the highlights of their time at Teen Challenge.

Vocational Education and Hands On Skills Training

Students are given the opportunity to learn basic vocational skills such as: woodworking, basic electrical, construction and carpentry, welding, basic automotive, and a variety of other skills.

An Advisor who works directly with you and your child

He/She will meet regularly with your child, assist him as he addresses life issues, and track his progress throughout the program. Your advisor will be available to communicate with you and your family about your child's progress, the challenges that he is facing, and other matters of importance while he is at Teen Challenge.

Work with Horses

Many students are given the opportunity to work with horses kept at our facility. Youth who struggle socially, have delinquency issues, and/or behavioral issues often make considerable progress when given the opportunity to work with horses in a therapeutic environment.