

## About the founders

Shannon and Gayle Oxford have owned and lived on their small ranch just east of Lodi for 34 years. They raised two daughters and are blessed with nine grand children. They both have a lifetime of experience with horses, dogs and livestock. They raised, trained and shown Appaloosa horses in the 1970's and 1980's. After retiring from the show arena, the family used their horses for wilderness trail riding & camping. In the early 80's together with the family they started breeding, training and showing Australian Shepherds and Border Collies. Both Shannon & Gayle are herding dog judges and their kennel has earned Hall of Fame Status. Their love of teaching has taken them around the world to share their knowledge.

Yet there has been another calling for the Oxfords. Their love of children and horses along with their love of teaching and sharing their passion has lead them to a decision to open their ranch to children and families who yearn to experience the relationship with one of God's most unique and beautiful animal - The Horse.

The program is it's third year. Our prayer is that it will continue to be successful and will grow with the support of our local community, friends and donors.

Please contact us for further information, questions or to lend your support.



## Contact Us:

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*Our program is a Non-Profit Private Foundation.*

*Contributions and donations are gladly accepted and appreciated, and most donations are tax deductible. All proceeds are used to support the care of horses in the program and to maintain a safe & clean facility. Disclaimer:*

*We are a private foundation, and not associated with any school district or any other government programs.*

## THE D.O.V.E.S. GUIDANCE PROGRAM

Oxford Ranch  
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7 miles east of Lodi, just east of  
Jack Tone Rd.

## THE D.O.V.E.S. GUIDANCE PROGRAM

*A Family & Youth Ranch  
Horsemanship Program  
Held At The Oxford Ranch  
Founded April 2008*



*Held at a family owned facility where children of all ages and their families can experience the Horse & learn about Horsemanship. From grooming to riding, children and their families learn that a relationship between a child and a horse can be a very special friendship.*

*A Place Where Hoofs & Hearts  
take Flight & kids shine!*





Discovering  
Our  
Visions through  
Equestrian  
Services

*Where Hoops & Hearts Take Flight!*



### What we are about

Having fun with horses! The ranch is a small ranch, but it has a warm family atmosphere. Kids of all ages and their families are encouraged to come and learn about horses, from grooming and care to basic horsemanship along with ranch activities and chores. Weekly sessions are available or come for a one-time experience. Shannon and Gayle Oxford instruct along with volunteer friends and family.

We have picnic areas and a campfire gathering area. We will be planning special Bar-B-Qs and events for fund raising and for our program awareness. We hope to reach out to schools and community to offer our program to kids of all ages.

**“Our Mission is to give a special child, a special experience, a time and place to remember”**  
*With the use of equine & ranch activities along with family participation & support, It is our goal to help children of all ages & backgrounds to build trust, confidence & character. Encouraging each child to challenge themselves in ways that will develop them into caring & responsible adults.*

### Who can benefit?

Anyone! Children and families who have not had the opportunity to experience the country and ranch life. School & Church Groups for field trips. Parents that are considering a horse for their child, and want to know what the responsibility is in owning a horse. And, especially children or youths at risk, abused or troubled kids. A positive experience with a horse can build a child's confidence and trust. We do have a minimum age, at least 7 years old to participate. The time a child and family spend with a horse in a quite ranch atmosphere is priceless.

*Our horses benefit also, some come from situations of neglect and they love the attention!*

### When can you come?

- 🐾 We offer weekday and Saturday sessions. Fields trips, spring & Fall.
- 🐾 You must call for an interview and to schedule a visit.
- 🐾 As we have a limited number of horses at this time, visits are limited to once a week sessions per child/family.
- 🐾 We are seasonal. During the winter and summer months we hold sessions “weather permitting”

### Special Moments.....



### How can you help?

*We are a 501(c)(3) non profit foundation and our program is free to most families. All monies to support the horses care, maintenance and to maintain a clean and safe facility, must come from donations or sponsors.*

### Ways to Help:

- 🐾 Donate money
  - 🐾 Donate tack or supplies
  - 🐾 Donate Feed and or services
  - 🐾 Help with fund raising
  - 🐾 Ask about sponsoring a horse
  - 🐾 Volunteer to teach or train horses
- Donations are tax deductible and donated money goes into the general fund, unless*