

DEER VALLEY RANCH

Colorado's Christian Family Guest Ranch



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Saturday

Check-In

Swimming

Exploring

Buffet Dinner

Horse Program

Teens Meet

Ranch Orientation



Ranch Philosophy and History

In 1951 Parker and Clara Woolmington moved to Colorado from Philadelphia to work with Young Life. Three years later they began to build their dream, a Christian family guest ranch. During initial construction of the property, located in a valley between two 14,000' peaks, Parker noted the many mule deer constantly wandering through...thus, the name "Deer Valley Ranch". John Woolmington, their son, and his wife Carol, and Harold DeWalt, their son-in-law, and his wife Sue, bought the ranch in 1978. Throughout the years, our philosophy of operation has remained as it did when Parker and Clara started it: "To provide a beautiful setting where families, couples and singles can vacation in a Christian atmosphere." And the deer and antelope still play around here.



Christian Perspective

What do we mean by "Christian" ranch? We do our best to let our work reflect our faith. On Sunday morning we stop to praise our Lord and Savior in a morning worship service and that evening we gather for a hymn sing and fellowship. You can't help but give the glory to God as you listen to our wranglers sing "The Lord's Prayer" at Wrangler's Breakfast with the Chalk Cliffs as a backdrop. We don't want anyone to feel uncomfortable here...all are welcome. During the 40 plus years of serving our guests, the one comment that is most consistently repeated is that "the Christian atmosphere is the best thing about Deer Valley". To help ensure that special atmosphere, we do ask that there be no alcoholic beverages on the ranch.

Sunday

Pre-Breakfast Falls Hike

Worship Service

Teen Tubing

Riding Program Begins

Soccer

Hymn Sing

Teen Trip For Ice Cream

Dave & Sarah,

We're here! What an awesome setting...right in the mountains! Greg went crazy over the buffet and dessert table last night. Started Sunday AM with a beautiful hike before breakfast. After a very worshipful church service and a huge dinner, I took my first horseback ride...Level 1 instruction. It was amazing to feel like I had some control. Tonight the ranch has a big hymn sing. Amy is going to play.

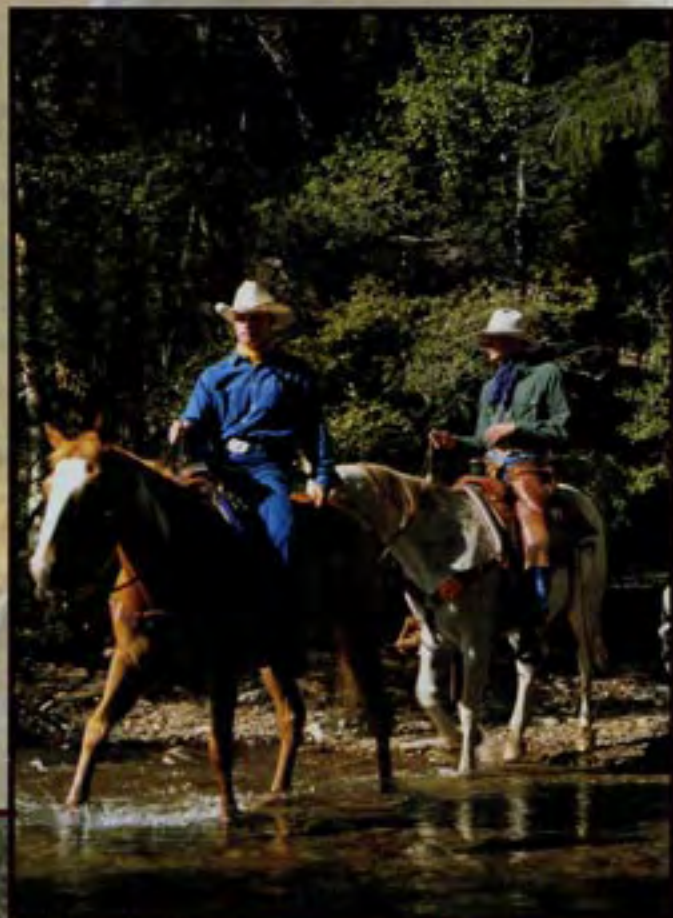
More later, Lauri



Dave & Sarah,

Can you believe I was up at 6:00 this morning to ride a horse (Dakota) to the cookout breakfast! Amy and Bret went with all the other kids on a big truck and Greg hiked to the breakfast. Played tennis earlier, I'm writing this while relaxing by the hot springs swimming pool and Greg is golfing. Tonight we square dance. The staff is so friendly...tell Ryan he should work here next summer.

-Lauri



Monday

Breakfast Ride

Colorado Trail Hike

Wrangler's Breakfast

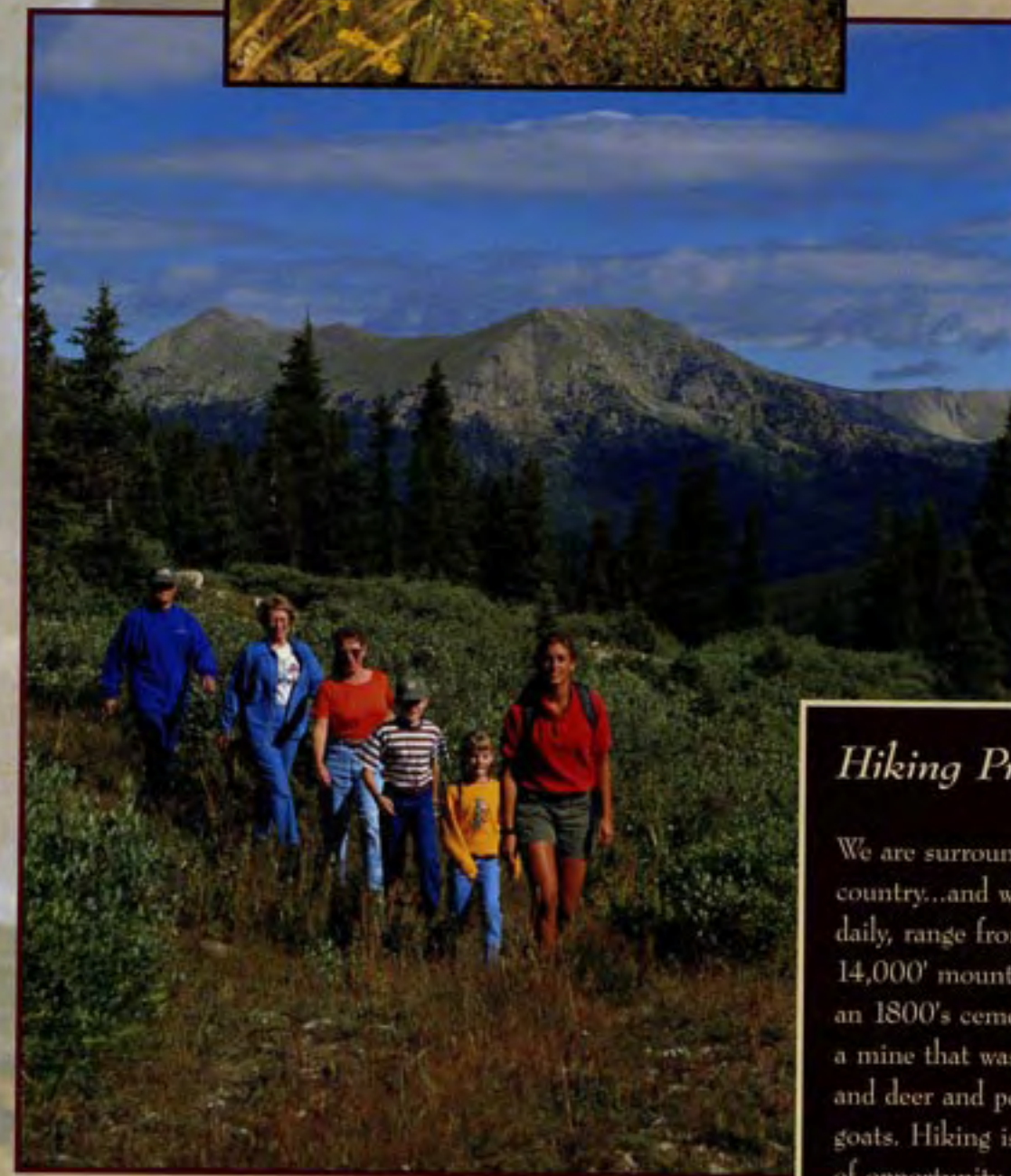
Kids' Nature Hike

Teen Sand Volleyball

Iron City Walk

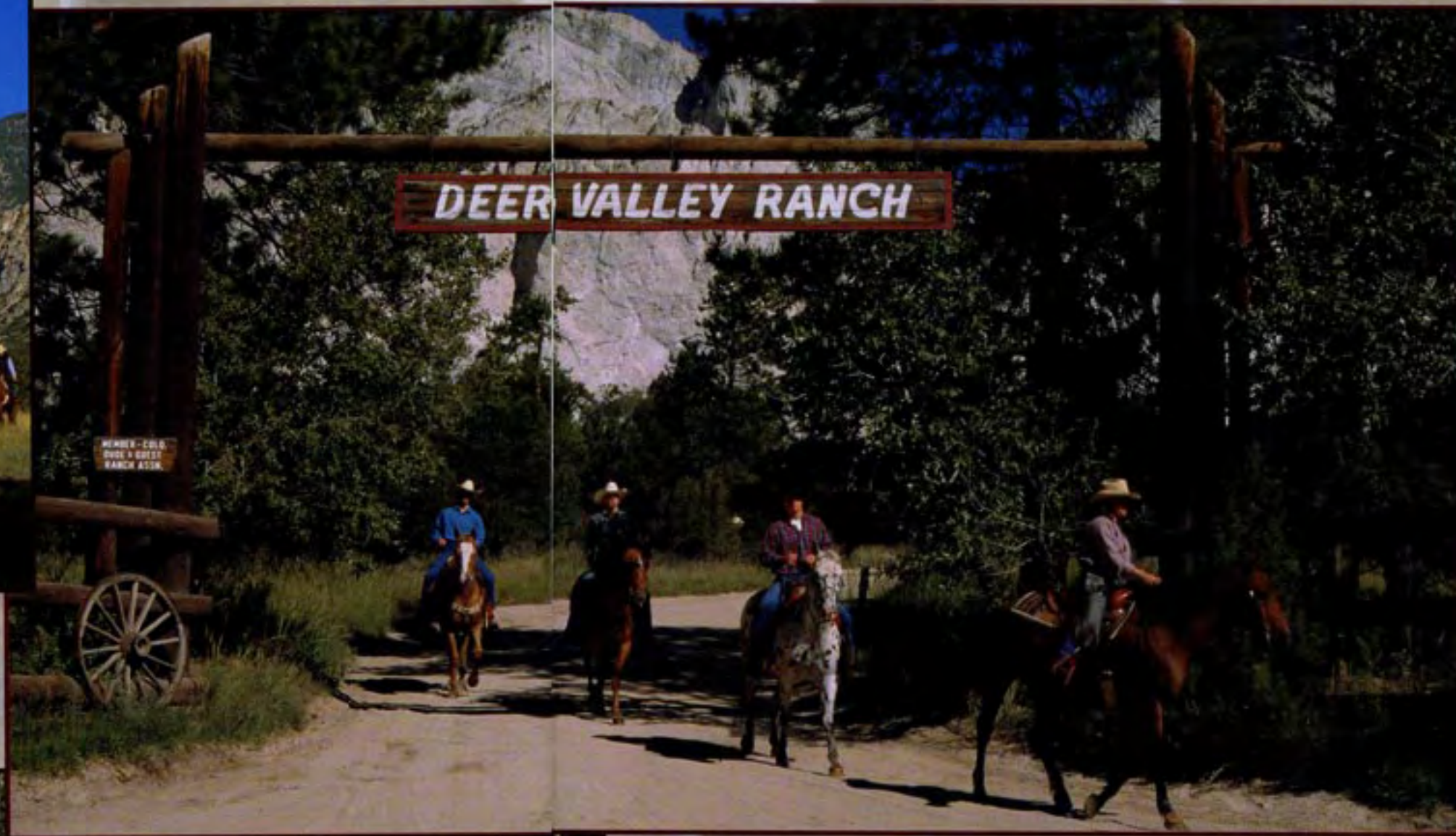
Level II Riding

Square Dance



Hiking Program

We are surrounded by beautiful mountain country...God's country...and we're glad to walk you through it. Hikes, offered daily, range from easy, downhill hikes to difficult 13,000' or 14,000' mountain climbs. Take off from a ghost town and hike to an 1800's cemetery. Hike to a high mountain lake, a waterfall or a mine that was working a hundred years ago. You'll see wildflowers and deer and possibly antelope, elk, bighorn sheep or mountain goats. Hiking is a big deal here and we will give you every kind of opportunity.



Riding

Level I, II & III

Instruction

Cookout Ride

Breakfast Rides

Browns Creek Falls Ride

Ridge Ride

Steak Dinner Ride

Family Ride

Trail Rides

High Country Ride

Riding Program

Simple pleasures...just you and your horse, the smell of leather, the scent of pine, wading through a stream, topping a rise to gaze at a wildflower-filled meadow...it doesn't get much better than this. Horses and riding are an important part of a ranch vacation and we want your riding experience to be safe, educational and fun. We provide daily instruction and varied rides in our riding arena and on private and National Forest Service lands. Our horse-by-the-week program lets you spend most of the week in the saddle, experiencing the best, the highest and the grandest the mountains have to offer.



Wranglers

Our qualified wranglers will ensure a great riding experience, whether you're young or old, a beginner or experienced rider. We take out only small groups of riders...even if it's just one or two!



Horses and Mules

We are very proud of the high quality of horses and mules we own. Our large string allows us to match a specific horse with your riding ability.

Tuesday

Grizzly Lake Hike

Ridge Ride

Kids' Crafts

Teens Ropes Course

Railroad Hike

Mexican Buffet

Teen Sand Jumping

Children's Picnic

Steak Cookout

History Talk



Meals

There's something about the air at this altitude (8400') that seems to increase the appetite and heighten your senses. From scrambled eggs, grits and coffee at our cookout breakfast to a grilled steak dinner with homemade Swiss cheese bread, fresh salad and Black Forest torte, our meals will fill you up and satisfy your taste buds. Hearty and homemade, fresh and healthy, our meals are served family style as well as all-you-can-eat buffets. Don't miss Sue's homemade cinnamon rolls, Deer Valley's famous cowboy cookies, Texas potatoes (you'll want the recipe) and our barbecue buffet. We can work with special dietary needs with advance notice.



Dave & Sarah,

Let me tell you, our cabin is awesome. Bret and Amy each have their own bedroom. We actually had a fire in our fireplace last night...in July! Can you believe Greg square danced last night? It was FUN! Even did some line dancing. Greg took a hike to a timberline lake to fish. He caught seven cutthroat trout. I am eating way too much...great Mexican food today. Saw a deer with spotted fawn by the cabin. Hey to Ryan!

-Lauri



Accommodations

Spacious and comfortable, our accommodations will be your western home-away-from-home. The guest rooms in our lodge are quaint and comfortable, each with two beds and a private bathroom. Our 2-, 3- and 4-bedroom cabins are appointed with every comfort amidst a western decor. All cabins have a fireplace, deck with an incredible view, and a fully equipped kitchen. You can eat in the lodge or in your cabin as you choose. Many of our cabins are perfect for bringing along grandmother, a friend or even another family. At the end of a day of hiking, riding or rafting, you're bound to enjoy relaxing in front of a fire, recapping your day's adventures.



Wednesday

Ridge Hike

Morning Devotion

Colorado Trail Hike

Cookout Ride

Mt. Princeton Cookout

Softball

Rockhounding

Pool Games

Hayride and Campfire

Teen Overnight Campout

Thursday

Cookout Breakfast

Breakfast Hike

Gold Panning

Deck Lunch

River Rafting

Children's Swimming

Falls Ride

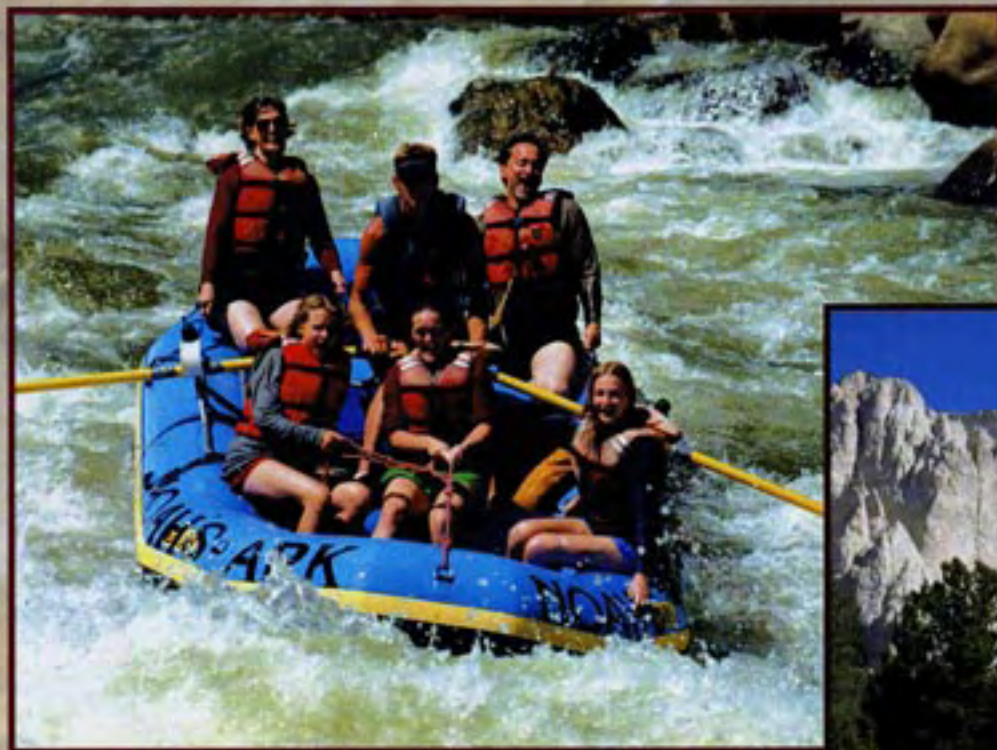
Ladies Hike

Teen Trip

Western Party

Program

Whether it's climbing a "fourteener" for adventuresome adults, an afternoon of "Cowboys" at our children's Western town or an overnight campout for the teens, the ranch activities are well planned and tailor-made for our guests each week. Your children will fall in love with our staff over the course of a week and your teens will make new friends while "adventuring". Let us set you up with a raft trip, teach you how to fly fish or call for a tee time for complimentary golf at two mountain courses. In the evenings, enjoy wholesome, family-centered entertainment like our square dance, western party and campfires. There simply is no other ranch that offers you the extent and variety of activities that we do at Deer Valley.



Dave & Sarah,

Yesterday we went white water rafting. We got soaked and frozen...it was great! Last night the staff performed a western show with music and skits (I was an "involunteer".) Today is the High Country Ride. Six hours in the saddle! Greg left at 6:30 to go mountain climbing. The week has gone too fast! Heading home tomorrow, tired and happy. Next year you've got to come with us!

-Lauri



Friday

Mountain Climb

High Country Ride

Kids Hike

3 on 3 Basketball

Teen Hayride

Steak Dinner

Kids' Ice Cream Party

Teen Swim

Off-Season At Deer Valley



Deer Valley Ranch Retreat & Ski Resort

In the "off-season", Deer Valley makes our excellent resort facilities available for retreats, conferences, ski trips or just spending a few days in one of our beautiful cabins. We can provide meals, lodging and meeting areas for up to 125. Call us for our rates and availability. See our summer information inside for photos of our facilities.

Just A Getaway?

We are within two hours of the airport in Colorado Springs and only 2 1/2 hours from Denver. Deer Valley is the perfect place to spend some quiet time renewing your soul. We have a lot of folks who come with the family for a weekend cabin retreat,...others who come alone to write, read, or reflect. This is a safe environment for singles and the comfortable cabins make for a great place to settle in for a few nights.

Off-Season Rates

Starting at the end of August, we offer our facilities at a discounted rate through the fall, winter and spring. While you don't have the summer program and meal options, you can still enjoy the terrific accommodations and gorgeous location. Hike, fish, snowmobile, cross-country ski or travel 45 minutes to Monarch Ski Area. Enjoy Colorado without the ski resort rates.

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Program as shown is subject to change.