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**'Gathering' Teaches Old West Values
And Cowboy Arts**

Who: Cal Farley's
What: 6th Annual Youth Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering
When: Saturday, June 16, 2007
Where: Cal Farley's Boys Ranch (36 miles from Amarillo on U.S. 385)

Amarillo- Area youth from across The Panhandle are invited to join the students from Cal Farley's Boys Ranch and Girlstown, U.S.A., along with America's premier cowboy poets, entertainers and musicians for the sixth annual Youth Cowboy Poetry & Music Gathering. Many of the featured performers from the Friday, June 15, show at the Globe News Center for the Performing Arts will join with prominent western artists, cartoonists and craftsmen in sharing their knowledge during workshops on Saturday, June 16, 2007. The Saturday workshops on the Boys Ranch campus are free for all youth that pre-register by visiting the website: www.youthcowboypoetry.org, or by calling (806) 372-2341. Leather work, chuck wagon cooking, making your own stick horse, roping, guitar basics and crafting rope halters are just a sampling of the types of workshops where professional artists will serve as mentors and teachers. Additionally, students that participate in the Saturday afternoon activities will receive a complimentary ticket to the Saturday evening stage performance and family dance at Boys Ranch. "Cal Farley's is committed to sharing the positive lessons of western folklore, cowboy values and the history and culture of the Old West with our students and any other interested youth," said Dan Adams, president and CEO of Cal Farley's.

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While the Gathering is extremely youth friendly, there will be plenty to keep adults entertained Saturday afternoon. Activities such as a western arts and trade show, tours of Boys Ranch, and adult seminars like "Horse Sense in Parenting" and a cooking class will be offered. Additionally, chuck wagon meals will be available for purchase.

Saturday's activities on the Boys Ranch campus will conclude with an evening performance at the Dobkins Fine Arts Center, followed by a family dance at the Simpson Dining Hall. Tickets for both events can be purchased at the door or in advance by calling (806) 372-2341. The Saturday evening performance will highlight: The Gillette Brothers, Chris Isaacs, Jean Prescott, Dave Stamey and the Boys Ranch Cowboy Poetry Team. The family dance will feature Dan Roberts and the Clear Fork Band.

The event host, Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, is a residential childcare facility located 36 miles northwest of Amarillo, Texas on more than 11,500 acres in Oldham County's Canadian River valley. Founded by humanitarian Cal Farley in 1939, the Ranch is a modern community of boys and girls who have found "a shirttail to hang onto" in the midst of a working cattle ranch. More details are available on the event website: www.youthcowboypoetry.org.

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