

# How 'bout them apples?

The Jessup family hosts at Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch in Loveland, Colorado, planted an apple tree for Carl and Judy Nemecek's 40th wedding anniversary. Family reunions at Sylvan Dale hold a special place for the Nemeceks, who not only met at the ranch in the late '50s but got married there. Why an apple tree? Well, Carl tossed apples at the window of Judy's Sylvan Dale cabin to get her attention at that first meeting, thus beginning the first of many ranch reunions.



Carl Nemecek helps with cattle herding.

Folks like the Nemeceks return to Sylvan Dale year after year not only for the fresh mountain air, horseback rides and fly fishing, but the special "gathering" rooms set aside for reunions. Sylvan Dale is clearly legendary for creating lifelong memories. Families or groups receive a hand carved wooden name plaque

upon arrival to identify their gathering area. Many leave it hanging in anticipation of their next reunion.

Sharon Nemecek Slaterly, who has enjoyed the ranch since she was young, shares, "We've had 4 generations of Nemeceks at Sylvan Dale, starting with my grandparents in the early '50s when my parents were children.

This past summer, we reunited at the ranch with 18 family members from five states. I can't do justice to all that Sylvan Dale has meant for my family, but it has a special place in our hearts."

Sylvan Dale is described as a unique and heart warming reunion site. The 3200 acre, secluded site offers dude ranching and cattle drives all summer and an array of year 'round activities for all ages. Contact 877-667-3999; [www.sylvandale.com](http://www.sylvandale.com).



Nemecek Family Reunion. Note Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch name plaque.