

Hi! It's so nice to meet  
you. My name is  
**ALAN.**



**E**ight-year-old camper Alan had a heart transplant when he was only a few months old. **He wishes that people understood that the heart that beats inside his chest is different from the one that he was born with;** his heart transplant saved his life. One of the biggest challenges that Alan faces with his illness is remembering to take his medicine at the same time every day to ensure that his body does not reject his heart.

Alan's parents encouraged him to go to camp last year, and while he was excited to go to Roundup River Ranch, he was a little bit nervous. **He was most excited to go to Roundup River Ranch so he could learn to ride a horse.**

And, Alan did just that. When he was at Roundup River Ranch, Alan learned to ride a horse, and riding the horses became his favorite activity at camp. **He thinks it feels cool to sit high atop a horse as he explored the picturesque landscape that makes Roundup River Ranch feel like home.** Next year, Alan hopes that he can ride the "cow horse", a horse that is black and white like a cow.

To Alan, Roundup River Ranch is awesome, cool, and fantastic fun. One of the best parts: it was awesome for him to try new things without his parents. **He learned to be more independent at Roundup River Ranch and he can't wait to see what else he can do with his newfound sense of independence.**

