

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



**M**ichael, or Mikey as everyone calls him, is a first-time Roundup River Ranch camper. He was invited to attend camp because he has a brain tumor. As Mikey battled cancer, he missed his friends and going to school – he'd tell you that this was the biggest challenge he has faced since receiving his diagnosis. **Having a brain tumor, not growing, and missing school was not easy for him, so Mikey looked forward to attending Roundup River Ranch.** He wanted to meet other kids like him, kids who understood his experiences.

This summer at Roundup River Ranch, Mikey learned to ride a horse, something that he is very proud of. His favorite memory from camp was soaring down the zip line – he felt like he was flying! Roundup River Ranch provided an opportunity for Mikey and other kids with cancer to enjoy fun times and get a break from “stuff”. **His friends at camp were different than his friends at home because they have similar experiences with all the “medical stuff”.** They just got it and understood him in a way that his friends from home do not.

While Mikey loved the activities at Roundup River Ranch, he thought the counselors were extra special. The counselors were the reason why Mikey really loved Roundup River Ranch. **He can't wait to return to Roundup River Ranch in the future to meet more amazing volunteers and counselors.**

