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Make-A-Wish Foundation® grants “City Slickers” wish to Bothell child Tuesday and Wednesday 7-year-old girl will get a full-blown western experience as she realizes her wish

Who & What:

Yee haw! Grab your cowboy boots, hats and chaps and join the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Taylor Mountain Ranch in celebrating 7-year-old Alyssa’s wish to be a cowgirl and live on a ranch. This “City Slickers” inspired wish will be realized **Tuesday, August 25th and Wednesday, August 26th** in Maple Valley when Alyssa is able to experience western-style living first hand!

“Although we haven’t met Alyssa yet, her story and her love of horses touched our souls,” said Barb McCracken of Taylor Mountain Ranch who is donating this experience. “We’re delighted to bring together friends and neighbors who’ve been inspired to help create a magical day. We can’t wait to meet her.”

Living with a brain tumor, Alyssa’s wish is one not to be missed!

Where & When:

Taylor Mountain Ranch
28603 SE 204th St.
Maple Valley, WA 98038

Tuesday, August 25th

- 9 a.m. – Alyssa, her family, and her 3 best friends will be picked up in a GMC ranch truck—not a limo—at her house in Bothell. Later, they will be transferred to a pony cart for the ascent up to the Taylor Mountain Ranch. All morning and afternoon Alyssa will learn horsemanship from real cowboys before taking a break for lunch.
- 1 p.m. – The big event takes place! Alyssa witnesses a real-live cattle drive as she follows behind on a horse!
- 5:30 p.m. – It’s time to chow down! Alyssa’s wish party kicks off with a hoedown and BBQ dinner with 150 friends, family, volunteers and community supporters.

Wednesday, August 26th

- 9:30 a.m. Pony riding will commence after breakfast where Alyssa will have a chance to learn some helpful hints about horseback riding from world-renown rider, Kim Gately of Paradise Stables.
- After Alyssa’s feet leave the stir-ups it’s time to head out of the ranch, not forgetting her goodbyes to all the animals and people who have made her wish come true.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Alaska, Montana, Northern Idaho and Washington grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. Since its inception in 1986, the chapter has granted more than 4,000 wishes to children in the Northwest and will grant 291 wishes this year alone. For more information about the Foundation, contact us at 800.304.WISH or visit our Web site at www.northwestwishes.org.

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