

## “Cowboy College” Kansas Working Cattle Ranch

College at a Working Cattle Ranch is different than any college you may have ever been to. It is a way for an individual, to get to experience ranch life, learning as you go. Ride your horse or one of the ranch horses. Stay in your own trailer, (with electrical hookups) or for those with no trailer you can stay in the ranch camper or local lodging. To get the most out of your experience, you will be doing exactly what a rancher does everyday. The boss lays out the day, of what needs to get done for that day. A typical day on the ranch, maybe like this. Get up, feed your horse, eat breakfast, then saddle up. You may ride out on your horse or load up in a stock trailer to check on cows that are calving. While riding, some horses can be fresh or don't want to ride off alone. Here is a great opportunity, to get help on your horsemanship from the Ranch Instructor, David Stackley. We may gather up cows with their calves and drive them up to the sorting pens. In the sorting pen, the cows will be separated from the calves. You will get to experience what cutting a cow feels like, on horse back. The pens can sometimes be scary to horses. Here you can work on your horsemanship, of getting them through being scared. You will also work on opening and closing gates from horseback. Another lesson is learning to work as a team with the other riders as you take the cows up the alleyway to the chutes. It's time to break for lunch. Now you may feel like a nap and that is ok. You can choose to take a nap, go fishing, shopping in town or lounge around. If you are still wanting to cowboy, there is plenty more work to do. After lunch we head back to the sorting pens to preg. check the cows. Some riders will work the pens from horseback and others will help on foot with the chutes. When the last cow goes through the squeeze chute, the calves are run through and turned back out with the cows. Time to drive the herd back to the pasture they came from or to rotate them to a new pasture. Before it is called a day, we may ride to take another peak at the heifers, checking to see if any have calved or are in trouble. A days work is done and your dream of being a cowboy has come true. Your horsemanship and cattle handling has improved. Time to ride home for a home cooked meal. The evening is not complete with out soaking in a jetted hot tub under the starry sky and having good conversation...



Rancher and Instructor, David Stackley, has been doing these type of “Cowboy Colleges” for 6 years. David is the 5<sup>th</sup> generation on his families ranch in El Dorado, Kansas. The ranch is located at the foot of the beautiful Flint Hills. David has made it a quest to work in quiet harmony with his horses and cattle. Tom Dorrence and Ray Hunt have been a great influence on David's horsemanship along with Bud Williams on his cattle work. “Cowboy College” is set up two times a year Spring (April) and Fall ( Oct). This year the Fall date is **October 19-23, 2006**. You can ride one day or all week at \$100 per day. There is limited space so if you would like to attend “Cowboy College” Kansas Working Cattle Ranch. Check out [WWW..MilbournRanch.com](http://WWW.MilbournRanch.com)  
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