

# YA'LL COME

**OBJECTIVE:** Ladies will be invited to attend a retreat to become refreshed and renewed through spending joyful time together and with the Lord.

**SCRIPTURAL EMPHASIS:** Is. 12:3 With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

**DECORATIONS:** Develop a Dude Ranch décor through use of bandana fabric and other cowboy type paraphernalia. The Ranch will be called Camp Woe-Be-Gone (after the lake of the same name). Use paper bags for place mats and jelly jars with fake flowers or candles for table decorations. The retreat leader will be called Aunt \_\_\_\_\_ and her helpers will be cousin \_\_\_\_\_. Everybody else can be a sister or a dudette. Encourage everyone to wear "country western casual."

**MUSIC:** Have a good old country hymn sing and some singing around a campfire with s'mores. Sing joyful songs such as "I've Got the Joy," "The Joy of the Lord is My Strength," "Trees of the Field," "Rejoice in the Lord Always," "Peace Like a River," etc. Pull out those old favorite country specials "I Have Decided," the Christian version of "Achy Breaky Heart" (tracks available at Christian bookstores), and "Hand in Hand" by Dennis Jernigan.

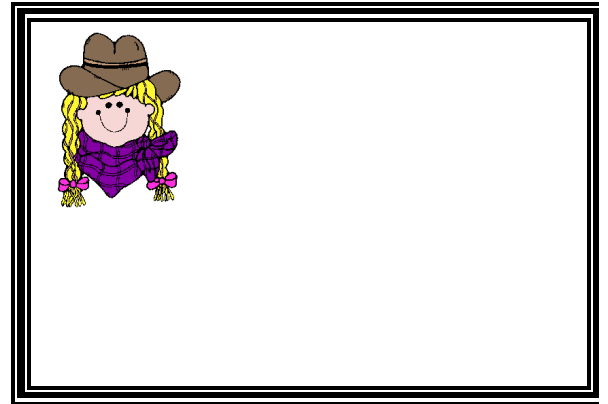
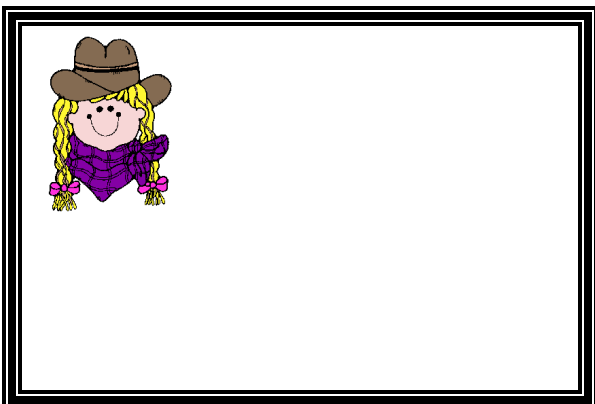
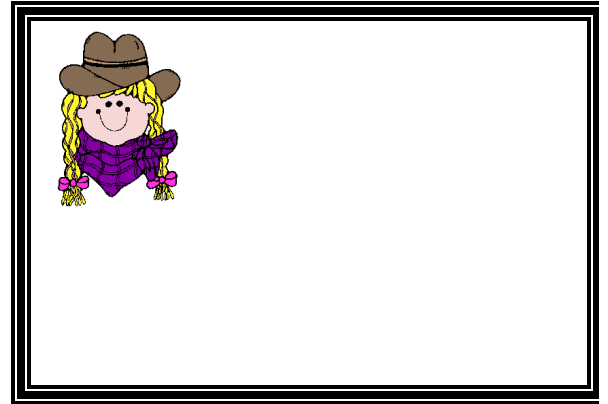
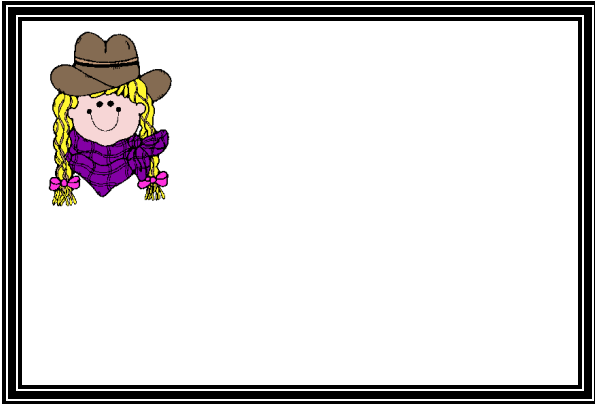
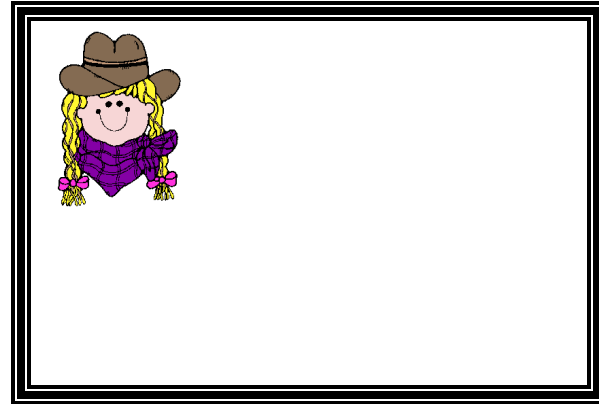
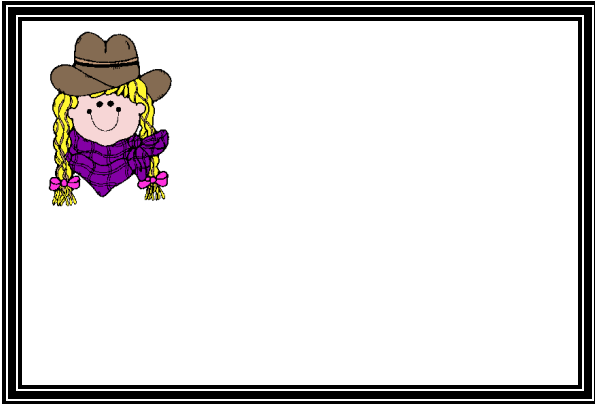
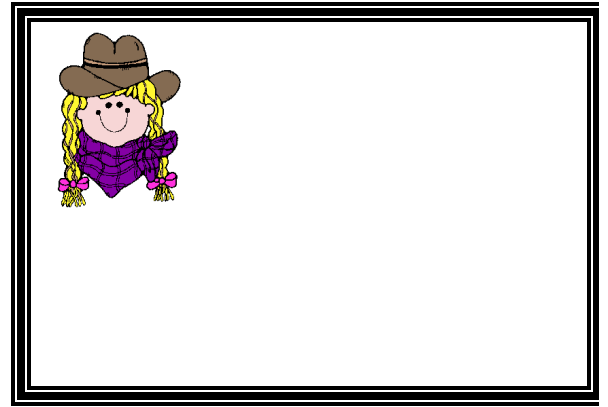
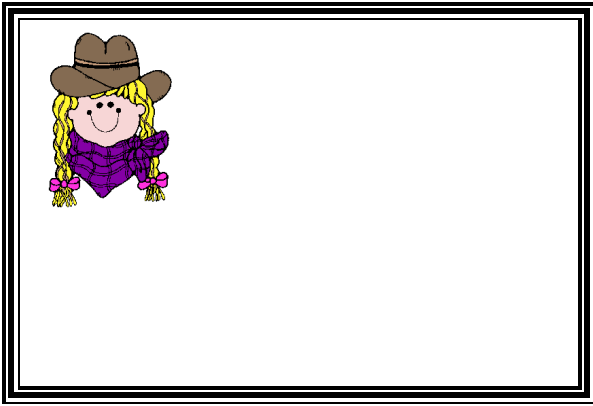
**FAVOR:** Give everyone a "Joy" pin! Purchase wooden stars and paint them. Add the word "joy" on the front and a pin clip on the back. Present pins on the cards provided below.

**SUGGESTED AGENDA:** Adjust to your needs.

**Friday evening:** Encourage and have ladies sign up singly or in groups to provide a "special" presentation at the Friday night Hee Haw time. Try to mix in a good bit of "light" entertainment. We want to be joyful. Depending on how long the Hee Haw time goes, involve ladies in activities designed to get them to know each other better. You could play Guesstures or charades, tell how they met their husband, have them interview and then introduce each other, pin the tail on the donkey, do a relay putting on and taking off clothes, etc. Either begin or end the evening with singing and a short devotion.

**Saturday:** Depending on your schedule, have your speaker speak on the topic of joy two or three times. Intersperse these with a mixer, some special music, some time alone with the Lord, and try to include small group activities within the session times. This is probably a good evening to have your campfire and sing-along.





**Card for star pin.**

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