

PUBLICITY SKIT

Have a few volunteers perform this skit before a worship service, during your announcements, at a midweek program, or during children's church or Sunday school.

Harvey steps onstage slowly, giving his best slow, bowlegged amble. He whistles the theme song to "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly."

Helen: *(Rolls eyes.)* Harvey, what are you doing?

Harvey: *(Tips his hat and speaks in his best, awful John Wayne imitation.)* Just practicin' my amblin', Miss Helen.

Helen: Ambling?

Harvey: Would you prefer that I mosey? *(Changes his walk slightly to another over-the-top cowboy walk.)*

Helen: I'd prefer that you take off that silly get-up and get ready to head home. We're going to be late and the Martins are coming over for lunch—

(Harvey takes out a guitar and begins singing off-key)

Harvey: *(Singing)* Oh give me a home where the buffalo roam, where the deer and the antelope play.

Helen: Harvey!

(Harvey continues to sing.)

Helen: *(Louder)* Harvey!

(Harvey continues to sing.)

Helen: *(Yelling)* Harvey!

(Harvey drops his guitar in surprise.)

Helen: Does this have *anything* to do with the announcement in today's bulletin about Avalanche Ranch?

Harvey: *(Excitedly)* It's a wild ride through God's Word—wah-hoo!

Helen: Well, you're welcome to volunteer...*(takes guitar)* but probably *not* to lead singing. And it doesn't start until [your VBS dates], so you can take off those ridiculous clothes until then! Now, let's go home and have lunch with the Martins and you can think a little bit more about what you'd like to do at Avalanche Ranch.

Harvey: Maybe I should leave these on and get one of those mechanical bulls. Then I'd *really* be ready!

(Helen sighs and walks off with Harvey's guitar.)

Have your pastor or Avalanche Ranch Director come up to give the details of the times and dates of your Avalanche Ranch and how to register or sign up to volunteer.

SETTING: your church

PROPS: cowboy boots, cowboy hat, chaps (optional), Avalanche Ranch flier, guitar