estled in the hills of Ozark National Park rests the peaceful Fort Rock Family Camp, run by Wood-Mizer owner Terry Forsyth. Fort Rock was designed for families – for forming families, maintaining families, and rediscovering families. Terry Forsythe woke up one day and came to the realization that the world we live in is too hectic and too weighed down by the bad side of reality. This realization is best described on the Fort Rock website, stating “In 1995, Terry made a life changing decision. God used this decision to place a burden on his heart for families. He realized that the American families of today were too busy and fragmented. Terry wanted to recreate an era where things were a little slower and families could spend time together. Thus a vision of an 1800’s style town began. After an out-of-state move, land acquisition in the Ozark’s of Northwest Arkansas, and several years of construction, Fort Rock Family Camp became a reality.”

We all know what it’s like to take time out of our busy lives and spend quality time with our loved ones –sometimes the stress of the vacation ends up being counter-productive. From the moment you book your reservation at Fort Rock, you’ll feel the difference, because you’re not just a guest at the camp. You’re a part of the family.

Family bonding mixes with wholesome Christian values and fun to be had by all. Activities you can expect to participate in are horseback riding, hiking in the nearby Ozark National Forest, family-focused outdoor games, archery and target practice at the firing range, hands-on farm animal experiences, and even a buggy ride. While you’re there, make sure you take a ride on Arkansas’ longest zip-line.

If you were hoping for one-on-one time with your son or daughter, there’s a program for you too. Father/son, father/daughter, and mother/daughter retreats are available year round. Fort Rock also offers Marriage Retreats for couples looking to get away, yet get closer. This Valentine’s day, the Forsyths have invited Josh and Anna Duggar of Discovery Channel’s “18 Kids and Counting” to share their biblical advice and personal testimonies that can benefit couples’ relationships and encourage couples to teach their children God’s ideals for marriage.

This amazing camp wouldn’t exist if it weren’t for a Wood-Mizer. Owner Terry moved to the hills of Arkansas just over seven years ago and began buying lumber from a friend who owned a Wood-Mizer. Says Terry, “I
loved [the boards cut on the Wood-Mizer] because they were completely perfect.”

From there, Terry decided to purchase his own mill, a used LT40 Super Hydraulic. Without any idea how to saw for himself, he reluctantly called Wood-Mizer customer service. “I know how it works when you don’t buy something right from the company, but I was surprised to find that they were more than willing to help me. Those guys in customer service are great!”

Terry began cutting down logs on his property to build all the cabins – a goal he soon found was pretty lofty. In the end, he built four two-story cabins and a main cabin at 1750 sq. ft. While he didn’t manage to do all the sawing on his LT40, he did complete about 30% of all woodwork (i.e. posts, beams, flooring, siding, trim) using his mill. Still, that’s an amazing accomplishment.

One thing about sawmilling that Terry found particularly useful is Wood-Mizer’s ReSharp service which saves him both time, and money. To a man as busy as Terry is, it’s nearly invaluable.

Visitors at Fort Rock Family Camp leave with unforgettable memories and a familial bond strengthened by the power of God. And to think…it all started with a man and his Wood-Mizer sawmill.