



# The Mill Stream Messenger

MILL STREAM  
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Edition



## Will we see you at our 2018 Fall Banquet?

Our annual fall banquet and open house is right around the corner! Join us on Saturday, September 22nd at noon for a time of great food and fellowship. This event will include a hot lunch, followed by a short program with music from our summer staff, a special guest speaker, a testimony from our staff, and much more! Expect to be updated on all the exciting things that happened at camp throughout the summer, as well as what we are looking forward to in the coming months. Come a little bit early or stay after the program to tour the camp, as we will also be hosting an open house. The open house portion of our event will start at 11am.

There is no cost for the luncheon, however an offering will be taken up to cover the costs of the banquet, as well as to help with the costs of operating the camp and to help move forward projects that we are working on around camp.

Please contact the office to reserve your spot at this event by calling our toll free number: 1-877-979-9990 or by emailing [office@millstream.camp](mailto:office@millstream.camp). Please RSVP no later than Sept. 17th.

God is doing amazing things at Mill Stream, and we would love to give you a glimpse into how he has been at work. We hope to see you there!



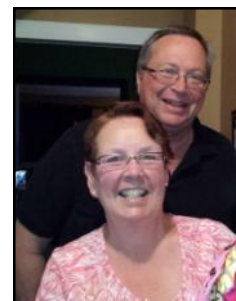
## From the Director

the years and have become the leaders of this ministry. With Samwidge, Ske7ch and Jymmi handling so much of the day-to-day operations and Pascal taking the nursing load off of Cindy for this summer; it allowed us to watch the joy expressed by our campers as they completed their electives and activities.

These are the things we will miss as we step back this December into different roles at Mill Stream. Please pray that God will present the person(s) of His choosing to take on the leadership roles of Camp Director and Food Services Manager/Head Cook who we will be able to mentor and support this coming year.

We thank you for your continued prayers and support for us and this ministry as we continue to rejoice in what a great God we serve and transition into our new roles. Please enjoy reading the updates in this letter as to what God continues to accomplish through this camp ministry.

*Larry Chupa aka LarryBoy*





# Reflections from the Program Coordinator...

## Thinking back on a great summer camp season!

“Welcome to Hollywood at Mill Stream!” This sign greeted our campers and their families as they turned the final corner of the Mill Stream driveway. Entering the parking lot, smiling staff in bright gold shirts welcomed them to another amazing summer at Mill Stream Bible Camp!

This summer, we experienced life as a “Hollywood star”. Campers received a personalized star cut-out for each week they attended. Unfortunately, our staff’s stars seemed to get misplaced each week. But, our campers diligently recovered them from around camp and returned them to our appreciative staff. The famous director, Francois Francois, and his assistant, Bel-Jean Bel-Jean, gave numerous challenges to our intrepid film stars, including set design (sand castle building), stunt delivery (an archery tournament), and prop collection (a scavenger hunt). We also got to step inside a film with several theme meals, including Christmas movies, beach movies, and medieval movies.

This summer, the staff enjoyed being reunited with many returning campers. Check-in day is feeling more and more like a big family reunion where campers and parents reunite with the rest of the Mill Stream family. We also enjoyed giving many campers their first camp experience. What a blessing it is to introduce a child to the wonders of camp! We also experienced an especially large Teen Week this year, as numerous Mill Stream campers hit the much-anticipated age of 13. Several of these campers had attended Mill Stream’s first Beginnin’ Camp eight years ago. What a pleasure it has been to watch our campers grow physically and spiritually over the years at Mill Stream!



Finally, we praise God for the opportunities we had to share His love and His truth this summer. As staff, we find ourselves doing two things a lot each summer. First, we rejoice. We rejoice for the amazing work that God accomplishes in only a short week at Mill Stream. Second, we pray. We pray that the campers will remember and apply what they have learned, that God’s Spirit will take our small work and multiply it, and that we will see our campers return next year spiritually healthy and strong. And so, as we come to the close of another summer, I ask: Would you join us in rejoicing and praying? Praise God for the amazing work He did this summer at Mill Stream and pray that the campers and staff continue to grow in what they have learned and experienced. “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine... to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!”

*Samwidge*  
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***“Morning View”*** Watercolour painting by Ske7ch. This piece was painted from the perspective of the nurses cabin deck.

# ***Projects Update!***

Our amazing team of volunteers and summer staff got a lot accomplished over the last few months! There were many little projects completed before our campers arrived.

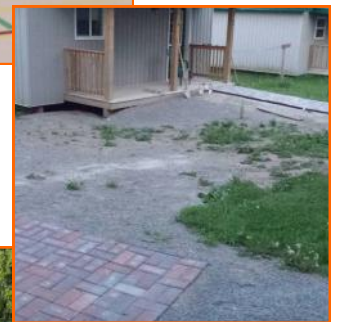
First, thanks to Brad Lloyd for giving of his time to come and re-wax our floors in the dining hall, kitchen, and gym. They look great now that they have that sparkle back!

Our amazing team of volunteers levelled the canoe shed for this season, as the frost had moved it to be on a tilt. Now it has been levelled and was good to go for the camp season.

Thanks to Adrian “Google” Gianello for giving of your time to come and finish off the interlocking brick at the girls cabins. The walkways are all finished and look great! What a nice touch to the cabin project.

Thanks to our program team, Samwidge, Ske7ch, Jymmi, and others involved in making the pool sparkle. It was cleaned out and given a fresh coat of paint this spring. The program team also helped to completely resurface our sports pad and put new lines on it. It will be ready for many sports enthusiasts for years to come!

Not pictured, we also have new ramps leading up to our nature shed and to the lodge building. Both ramps had become old and needed some TLC to be back in good working order. Our volunteers replaced each of the ramps and they are looking good as new. We also moved the poles back at the archery range that the net sits on in order to accommodate the strength of the new bows used in our archery program. Last, but certainly not least, we were able to put new gravel down on our paths thanks to a group of volunteers that came in for a weekend. We are amazed at how God has provided for these projects that have put a sense of polish on our facilities!



# Whats coming up?

Well, the campers may have gone home and we may be done for the summer, but camp is never a dull place to be no matter the season! Check out some of these different events coming up soon to see where you could be involved in our ongoing camp ministry.

## Book your Retreat with Mill Stream

Retreat season is here! If you know of a group in a church or other organization who are looking for a space to meet for a retreat, conference, or other event, Mill Stream is the place to be! Our facilities can hold up to 119 people year round. It is an ideal place for a get away that is outside of the hustle and bustle of life, where you can enjoy nature and reconnect with God. If you are interested, contact the office to book a tour or receive a quote on costs by emailing [office@millstream.camp](mailto:office@millstream.camp). Book now, as our weekends are filling up quickly!



## Get involved!

There are many ways that you could be used at camp! Mill Stream has an amazing team of dedicated volunteers, and camp would without a doubt be unable to run without their service. If you or someone you know is able to give some time to help out with projects at camp, we would love to have you! Contact the office to find out more.

The most important way that we could use your support is through prayer. Each month, a group of prayer warriors lifts the needs of camp in prayer, and they would love for you to join them. The next meeting is on September 11th at 1pm, and continues on the second Tuesday of each month. This meeting takes place at 163 Gibbons St. in Oshawa. Please keep Mill Stream in mind in your prayers as we continue to minister to many!

## Would your church host Mill Stream?

Our promotions team is so excited to be booking dates to come into churches and spread the word about summer camp at Mill Stream. You may know that our vision statement is "Reaching Children, Serving the Church", and we would love to fulfill the second part of that statement by coming to meet you! If your congregation would benefit from having us there, whether that would be running your kids church or getting to know your attendee's, we would love to come and get to know you better. Contact our promotions coordinator by emailing [lizzy@millstream.camp](mailto:lizzy@millstream.camp) for more information.



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