



Mill Stream BUZZ...

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News

Mill Stream Buzz is a camp ministry newsletter for Campers, Parents, Staff, Volunteers and Supporters of Mill Stream from the desks of Larry (LarryBoy) & Gindy (Aunt Sid) Chupa

What gets you excited, really excited? A long weekend...a new video game...new tools...a trip to Florida or maybe even DQ?

For us it's answered prayer! Jesus said, "If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for." Matthew 21:22 NIV

We already know how powerful prayer can be but how do we react when prayer is answered?

Last fall we communicated the need to replace the roof on the summer chapel. A few months ago we received the "Matching Gift Offer" and then received partial donations towards this offer.

This morning Larry picked up the mail at the

end of the driveway and opened a letter which had a note and a cheque in it. It was enough to meet and exceed the Matching Gift Offer! PRAISE GOD!

When was the last time you got excited, really excited, when you saw prayer answered? The more prayer, the more excitement...let's create some excitement!

Our next **URGENT PRAYER REQUEST** is for our property tax assessment hearing on May 23rd. Pray that the decision will be fair and favourable in the reduction of the huge increase that was implemented 2 years ago.

Let's praise God and give Him all the glory for what He is doing and will do this year.

LarryBoy & Aunt Sid

MILL STREAM BIBLE RETREAT CENTRE & BIBLE CAMP BCM INTERNATIONAL

New!

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DESSERT NIGHT
CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
OSHAWA, ONTARIO



MONDAY, MAY 14 7:00 PM

Come and share in an evening of praise and thanksgiving of God's faithfulness. Hear and see how God is using this ministry to reach all ages for Christ and enjoy a delicious dessert buffet.

**THIS YEAR'S OFFERING PROJECT:
DEBT REDUCTION OF MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING AND NEW WATER SYSTEM**

RSVP - Bring a friend!

Toll Free 877-979-9990

or by email to office@millstream.ws

(our annual banquet will be held in the Fall at the camp—see back page for more details)

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Camperzzz Corner



Hey Camperzzz!

Summer 2007 is coming fast with exciting new themes and games.

This summer we're doin' lots of Trekkin', Trailblazin' and Explorin' as we discover more of Mill Stream our adventure, Canada our Nation, and Jesus our enabler.

The cabins and the camp will be set up as provinces and territories with specific areas designated as major landmarks across our nation. Our program staff is having so much fun setting up this summer's program and we know you won't want to miss a single day of it.

We are pleased to add a fourth week of Trekkin' Camp which will run into the month of August.

We are busy adding more challenge course elements for this summer and have completed a new program office with lots of storage to hold more games and activity equipment.

Don't hesitate to contact the office if you have any questions concerning this summer's encampments or if you require additional registration forms. Feel free to pass our brochures on to as many of your friends as you like. Registration forms are also available on the



Internet at www.MillStream.ws/registration.html and can be printed or downloaded.

More games, more activities, more friends, more fun... we are looking forward to seeing you this summer at Mill Stream!

2007 LTP Camp

Did you know that if you are 14 to 18 years old you can apply to attend our Leadership Training Program (LTP) which runs in the month of July? If you are interested in becoming a future leader, whether at camp or within your church, here is a great opportunity to explore and develop your servant-leadership abilities. This camp is limited to only a few campers. If you are interested in attending, contact us for an application by calling us toll-free at 877-979-9990 or by emailing us at office@millstream.ws.

Mail Box Bible Club

Three more children have received a reading course certificate. Praise God that one of the boys who attended Handi*Camp has ask to join the Mail Box Club.

Please keep praying for these children.

Aunt Mil

P.S. Remember to send in your lessons as soon as you finish them.

If you are interested in signing up for the Mailbox Bible Club please contact Aunt Mil at mgevans@interhop.net



Hey Campers:

2007 Summer Camp registrations are available online at www.MillStream.ws/registration.html.

We have expanded our Scrapbooking program and Team activities for 2007 !



Staff Scoopzzz

Ok guys, here's the scoop!

Scoop 1: 2007 Summer Staff Applications

Applications are being accepted now!



Prayerfully consider how you will let God use you this summer. Don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or if you need additional forms. Please encourage others who you feel may be willing and gifted in serving our God at Mill

Stream this summer. **We still require staff** in all areas including cabin leaders, housekeeping, maintenance, kitchen, dining hall, program, nursing, Bible teaching and pool life-guarding/instruction.

Scoop 2: LTP Camp (2007 Leadership Training Program)

Our first Leadership Training Program Camp was a huge success. We will be offering this program again this year during the week of Trekkin' Camp that runs **July 22-28**. If you are between 14 and 18 years old and are not sure if you would like to serve this summer at camp, but would prefer to attend just one week to explore and develop the potential leadership ability within you, applications for LTP Camp are now available. Feel free to contact us for additional information forms.

Scoop 3: Write down this date: April 27-29

This is the **Staff Cleanup Weekend**. Last year we accomplished a huge amount of work and we can use each one of you this year. This is a great opportunity for you to have some fun, catch up with camp friends



and help get camp ready for another busy spring and summer season. There is no charge for this weekend event. RSVP by April 24th.

Scoop 4: Fall Servant-Leadership Retreat with Doc Rock

If you missed the first one, here is an opportunity to be involved in one of the most helpful in-depth Leadership Training Workshops!



Mill Stream will be hosting the 2nd Annual Fall Servant Leadership Retreat with Dr. Craig Brannan from **Friday, October 26th to Sunday, October 28th**. "Doc Rock" will conduct interactive seminars geared to those who are interested in developing their leadership abilities and life skills. If you came to the first one, you will want to be involved in this one as Doc Rock will take you to your next level of servant-leadership.

Why not invite a friend to come as well and share in what God has to say about your role as a leader? Contact the office to make sure your name is on the mailing list for this event!

Scoop 5: Teacher Training

BCM Teacher Training workshops help develop individuals effective Bible teachers through workshops that meet the needs of teachers and leaders. We train leaders, staff and volunteers in time-tested techniques that will make teaching children rewarding and joyful.

We are planning a very special day of very practical, hands-on workshop sessions. These workshops are designed for all ages and will be held at the camp on **Saturday, September 15th**.

Some of the topics include:

- How Do I Handle These Kids?
- Let's Have Fun With Review
- Making Lessons Come Alive
- ...and more.

Watch for more details!



Ok staff, remember these dates!
Staff Cleanup Weekend—April 27-29
2007 Staff Applications—NOW! Pre-camp starts June 30th



Tidbitzzz



Winter Projects

The winter projects have been wrapped up. The girl's bathroom counter and sinks are now completed.



The men have returned to the lodge kitchen and have completed the renovations, transforming this area into an office space and a housekeeping centre. Both of these rooms look incredible and will serve the camp for many years. The costs for these projects have been covered by donations.

The volunteers are currently working in the patio area of the new building. This requires the installation of wiring, insulation and 10" finished pine boards. The



majority of the money needed for this project has already been received. We still require \$750 to cover these costs.

Please continue to pray for the health and safety of our dedicated volunteers. We praise

and thank God for their continued faithfulness.

Upcoming Projects

This spring we will be installing vinyl siding on the program office/craft-room building (old summer motel). This building's conversion was completed last year.

We will also be installing the much-needed new roof on the summer chapel (old summer dining hall) as 100% of the Matching Gift Offer has been met.

Volunteer Workers

Volunteers are needed to help complete the above projects along with various other maintenance jobs. If

you could volunteer one day a year, a day a month, a day a week, or if you wish to bring a team up, we've got a job for you. Give us a call!

NEW Annual Fall Banquet!

This year we will be making a change in our annual banquet. In May we will hold a dessert night event instead of the usual banquet. Please see the front page for the announcement.



The new event this year will be a **Fall Banquet** held at the camp on **Saturday, September 29th**. Mark this day on your calendar as the event will start at 3:00 pm which will allow time for an open house, tours and silent auction. The day will conclude with a fantastic banquet and more!

We look forward to seeing all of our ministry supporters, volunteers and staff at one or both of these exciting evenings.

Oshawa Area Clubs and Prayer Team

Marilynn Manuel of Oshawa is wrapping up her weekly after school Bible Club in her home. Pray for the children that have attended this year that the seeds that have been planted will take root.

Marilynn also hosts our monthly prayer time on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The Prayer Team meets at 163 Gibbons Street in Oshawa. Please consider joining us, as it is a wonderful time to hear updates about BCM ministries.

Dates to Remember

- Staff Cleanup Weekend—April 27-29
- Annual Dessert Night—May 14
- Property Tax Hearing—May 23
- Adult Staff Orientation Day—June 16
- Precamp starts—June 30
- First day of summer camps—July 8
- Teacher Training—September 15
- Servant-Leadership Training Retreat—Oct 26-28



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