

# The Mill Stream Messenger

## Happy 75th!

Mill Stream is turning 75 this year and you are invited to celebrate with us!



It's hard to imagine what the camp founders would think about Mill Stream 75 years later. From starting the ministry by setting up tents in a field to the beautiful facilities that God has provided us with today.



We are planning on holding an outdoor 75th Reunion and Open House on Saturday, September 11th, 2021 (Covid restrictions permitting)

It will be a great time of food, fellowship, praising our Lord and reminiscing how God has used this ministry over all these years. There will be many more details to follow in the next several months so mark this on you calendars NOW and pray with us that our province will be healthy enough for us to hold this event.

Please contact the office if you would like more details about this event at our toll free number: 1-877-979-9990 or by emailing [office@millstream.camp](mailto:office@millstream.camp).

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



## From the Director

Are you ready for summer!?!  
We are!

We are so excited that we can operate camp once again this year...but it'll definitely be

different. Even if it's only day camp, with everything that we all have experienced this past year, won't it be nice just to be at camp in God's amazing creation enjoying activities, friends and FUN!

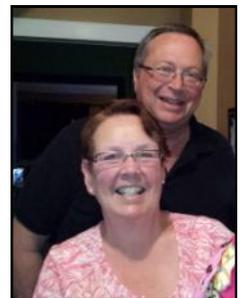
We are working hard to get the camp ready to meet all the Covid regulations, to have a safe environment and have a great summer program for all of campers.

But, there is much to do. We need summer staff of all kinds, helpers on the Cleanup Day in April, volunteers for the 75th Reunion and much prayer!

Thank you for your continuous prayers and support for this ministry. We rejoice in what a great God we serve. Enjoy reading the updates.



Larry Chupa aka LarryBoy  
Cindy Chupa aka Aunt Sid



# Camp is a special place... we missed you!



**Camp is a special place. I know for me, camp helped make me into the woman I am today.**

As a camper I was trained in the word, given strong role models to look up to (many of which I now have the honour of calling my friends), and became more confident in who God made me.

Then as I became a staff member I learned how to lead, how to be a role model, what it really meant to rely on God to give me the strength I needed to get through each day, and grew exponentially in my trust in God and His promises.

Moving into the program team taught me what I was capable of. Program was one of the most daunting tasks I had overtaken at that point and when I started I wasn't sure I would be able to. In that position I learned how to lead a team of other leaders, how to be organized, and how to run an amazing program from all those who led the Program before me.

And last summer, I felt the distance. COVID has taken a lot, but it hit closer to home when camp wasn't able to run as usual. By the point we knew that in person camp wasn't happening, I had planned a lot of the summer. Granted, most of it was noodle tag with six foot noodle but we changed gears and adapted to an online model of delivery with daily activities and bible lessons. We did our best to give our campers a taste of their home away from home.

Despite our best efforts, it definitely wasn't the same and it broke my heart to be there and not hear campers yelling at the pit ball, or the bell ringing for meals, or campers reciting verse songs for our Bible teachers. I might have been at camp physically, but camp is way more than the buildings. It's the people. It's bonding with your co-cabin leader as you get your campers ready for breakfast, it's playing sweat dodgeball with the other electives in the gym on a rainy day, it's chatting with your campers over lunch and hearing about their electives. But, most importantly, it's about telling your campers how much you love Jesus and all He's done in your life and just how much He loves every single one of them. It's about serving God, teaching the little ones that He cherished so much about how special they are to Him and how Jesus died so that they could be part of God's family.

Camp is such a special place and even with COVID-19, God is still at work here. I am so happy that we'll be opening this summer and I am so excited to see all that God is going to do at and through Mill Stream Bible Camp.

Miss you all! ♥ *Curly Fry*



## Summer Staff

**Come and join our team!**

**Mill Stream is hiring staff for ALL positions  
right now!**

The minimum age to work at Mill Stream is 15 years old. Positions at this age include maintenance, housekeeping and dining hall duties. Cabin Leader opportunities and Cabin Leaders in Training begin at age 16.

You are required to complete the camp staff application either online or download the PDF version.

**Go to our website at [www.MillStream.camp](http://www.MillStream.camp)  
and click on Ministry Opportunities for details.**



# What's coming up?

*After coming through such a quiet year  
we can't believe how much is coming up!*

## *Summer Camp*

With uncertainty about this summer, we have still decided to plan for a somewhat "normal" summer camp this year. We are unsure what's going to happen between now and the summer but Mill Stream will be a offering Summer Camp program!

We will be operating at half-capacity so register early to ensure your spot. For this summer we are only asking for a small deposit to keep your space and the remainder of the fees will be due by June 1st. This deposit will be fully refundable in the event we can't run an overnight camp.

Even If we can't run overnight camp, we are still running Day Camp. We hope to make the decision about overnight camps before May 1st.

**Summer Camp registration is NOW OPEN!**

We know this has been a difficult year and that your children (our campers) need to get outside and re-connect with their friends and peers and do all the great things camp has to offer. We are excited about what we can offer your family this year!

All of our summer camps will be back with some modifications to meet Covid-19 restrictions.

### 2021 Summer Camps

Trekkin' Camp  
Ages 8-13  
July 11-17  
July 18-24  
July 25-31

Trailblazin' Camp  
Ages 13-15  
August 1-7  
(one week only)

Beginnin' Camp  
Ages 5-7  
August 8-10  
(one session only)

Day Campin'  
Ages 8-13  
July 12-16  
July 19-23  
July 26-31



# More... What's coming up?

## **Virtual Campfire**

On Saturday April 10th we will be hosting a **virtual campfire** for all of our campers.

There are two campfires: One for ages 5-10 held at 1pm and one for ages 11-15 at held 3pm.

There will lots of games and activities.

Contact us at [office@millstream.camp](mailto:office@millstream.camp) or call us at 705-799-6521 to leave your email address and the Zoom link and details will be sent to you.

Hope to see you there!



## **Staff Spring Cleanup Retreat**

On Saturday May 1st we will be holding our Annual Staff Retreat & Cleanup Day on the camp property. This will only be a day event this year but since we missed it twice last year you'll want to here this time. This day is open to all previous staff members and individuals that are considering working at Mill Stream this summer. The day will be spent opening the camp for this summer (yay!) and ending with an evening campfire and time of sharing. Contact us at [office@millstream.camp](mailto:office@millstream.camp) if you would like to attend.



## **New Alumni Website**

This month the Mill Stream Alumni Team has launched a brand new Mill Stream Alumni website. This website has over 4,400 pictures and will be adding videos, old articles and past newsletters soon.

If you have ever been a camper, staff or supporter of Mill Stream (or Crusaders Bible Camp) you can join by going on the Members page and signing up. You will receive updates and news about upcoming events and when more archived information is added.

To check it out go to [www.MillStreamAlumni.org](http://www.MillStreamAlumni.org).



We also have an Instagram Page and facebook page for you to check out and like!



## **Projects Update!**

With the second lockdown enforced from the end of December to later in February, all of our camp projects for our volunteers came to a halt. With re-opening in the Orange Zone and now spring upon us, our wonderful volunteers are anxious to return. The completion of Boys Cabin 1 is on their minds and they will have it ready for camp this summer. We have several other small projects scheduled to be completed this spring as well.

Here is opportunity for you to be involved and serve with an amazing group of men and women. Contact Larry at the office to find out more.



## **Prayer Partners**

The most important way that we can use your support is through prayer. Our prayer support group usually meets on the second Tuesday each month at Marilyn Manuel's in Oshawa but do to Covid-19 we can't be together in person, but we can all still pray at home.

Please keep Mill Stream in mind during your prayer time as we continue to minister to many!



The Mill Stream Messenger is a camp ministry newsletter for campers, parents, staff, and supporters of Mill Stream Bible Camp. For information on booking a rental, registration for summer camps, and anything else you may need, visit our website at:

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