

The Mill Stream Messenger



Spring is almost upon us and with it comes renewal!

It is amazing how each spring everything renews itself...dead grass becomes alive, dormant trees that look dead start to bud and frozen withered flowers start to grow again and eventually bloom. God's creation is always wonderful to experience each spring as He gives us hope looking into a new year.

The past 2 years have been tough on everyone, some more than others, but with the decline of the pandemic and the dropping of restrictions, we will be able to once again experience a year with renewed hope.

Mill Stream will be celebrating two major events this year.

First we will celebrate our Summer 2022 "Welcome Back!" camp season and then in September our 75th Anniversary "Welcome Back!" Open House and Reunion.

We are so excited to be able to offer these experiences to enable all of us to once again enjoy being with each other.

There is much happening and we would like to see you involved.

See YOU this summer!



From the Director

"Be still and know that I am God" Psalm 46:10

As we watch the snow melt, the frozen river open up, and the geese return, it reminds us that God has His hand in everything.

It has been amazing to see how God has had His over the camp these past two years. He has sustained us, He has encouraged us and He has protected us.

My hope is that each of you have felt His presence during this difficult journey and are able to point to a time in the past two years where when you needed him most, He was there.

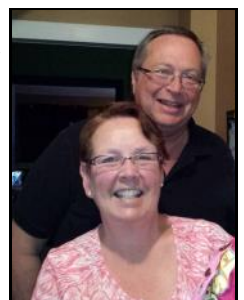
God will sometimes bring events into our lives where he wants you to "Be still, and know that I am God". It's times like these that we can become more focussed, things become more clear, and we are able to move forward as we know He is always at our side...there is much to do!

With this thought in mind, would you consider how you may be able to give of your time or resources to enable Mill Stream to have an amazing "Welcome Back" year. This year we need summer staff, volunteers to ready the camp for the 75th Reunion, finances for projects and, most importantly, much prayer!

We always rejoice in what a great God we serve, we hope you do to!

Enjoy reading the updates.

*Larry Chupa aka LarryBoy
Cindy Chupa aka Aunt Sid*



Summer Camp

“Welcome Back” We missed you!

We are so excited to have our campers and staff back. It will be so amazing to get outside and re-connect with friends and peers and do all the great things camp has to offer.

Register before May 1st to receive our Early-bird pricing discounts such as bring a friend, family, loyalty or multiple weeks.

Go to our website at <http://millstream.camp/summer-camps> for dates, pricing, discounts and additional information.

See you this summer!



2022 Summer Camps

Trekin' Camp
Ages 8-13
July 10-16
July 17-23
August 7-13

Trailblazin' Camp
Ages 13-15
August 14-20
(one week only)

Beginnin' Camp
Ages 5-7
July 24-26
(one session only)

Day Campin'
Ages 8-13
July 11-15
July 18-22
August 15-19

LTP Camp

Our Leadership Training Program will run from August 7-13.

Registration for LTP Camp is OPEN!

This will be our 15th year for this program which has been very successful in preparing young teens to become servant leaders and help identify and develop their God given gifts and talents.

Several of our graduates from our LTP program have become leaders at Mill Stream and other camps. Apply NOW as there are limited number of spots available. This camp is only offered for one week.

Go to our website at
<http://millstream.camp/training>

for more details and to download a registration form.

We would love to serve with you this summer!



Retreat Rentals

We are open and have dates available for booking your Spring or Fall retreat.

With the Covid-19 guidelines being dropped we are booking up fast.

Go to our website at <http://millstream.camp/retreat-centre> and email to info@millstream.camp for prices and availability.

We would love to serve you this year!

Summer Staff



Mill Stream is currently hiring staff for ALL positions for this summer!

Every summer Mill Stream hires individuals into positions ranging from running the program, maintenance and housekeeping, to cleaning the dining hall, working in the kitchen and leading cabins. We view our staff as short term missionaries, serving the Lord in these important roles.

We understand the most important part of any child's experience at camp is the relationship between our staff members and each child. That is where Mill Stream staff shine. Come and join our team making a difference in children's lives!

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 can complete the camp staff application either online or download the PDF version.

Go to our website at
<http://millstream.camp/training>
for details.

75th Anniversary

Our milestone anniversary is approaching quickly.

We are so excited that we will be able to hold a great celebration of Mill Stream (Crusaders) 75th Anniversary Reunion and Open House
On Saturday, September 10th, 2022

After a 2 year pandemic we will enjoy having great food, great fellowship, great praise to our Lord and a great time reminiscing how God has used this ministry for the past 75 years.

This is an event you will not want to miss. Just think, meeting up with old friends and seeing what God has done. This event is for all ages and there will be many special activities happening during the day as we reflect and remember our years here. From jumping castles to a memory lane, there will be something for every one.

Watch for more details on our alumni website at www.millstreamalumni.org.

We hope to see you here!



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Projects

Cabins Update

It is so exciting to look out and see 3 completely renovated Boys cabins completed over the past 3 years. Our amazing volunteers Elmer, Ted, Ray and Ken, are now working on cabin 4. This cabin should be completed for this summer which will give us four refurbished boys cabins.

This is an opportunity for you to be involved and serve with an amazing group of volunteer men and women.



Lighting Upgrade

This past winter our volunteer Ray, worked on our lighting upgrade project. We replaced all of the lights in the upper lodge and kitchen with new LED light fixtures, The dining room, patio, lodge bathrooms and lower lodge rooms all received upgraded LED bulbs. The upper lodge had the ceiling and walls paint touched up to give it a refreshed look.



Lodge Bathrooms

Also this past winter Bill, who is one of our long-time volunteers, returned to complete some painting in the lodge. The two lodge bathrooms were repaired and completely repainted giving these rooms a completely new look. What dedicated volunteers we have making the camp appealing to for our guests and campers.



Camp Needs...

We are introducing this new section to our newsletter to provide you with an opportunity to support a specific project. The projects that we currently have needs for are:

- ⇒ Cabin Costs Increase — with all the changes in material prices we have seen a huge increase for building supplies to renovate each cabin — need: \$5,000
- ⇒ Chair Replacement — our plastic gymnasium chairs which were graciously donated to us 20 years ago. These chairs were almost 20 years old when we received them and are now falling apart. They have served us well but need to be replaced — need: \$4,000
- ⇒ Installing Playground — several years ago a large metal playground was donated to the camp. We have neither had the time or skill to put this back together – need: Your time and expertise



Prayer Partners



The most important way that we can use your support is through prayer. If you are interested in joining our prayer group that meets monthly in Oshawa, contact Larry at 705-799-6521.

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:

www.millstream.camp

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