

Mill Stream Buzzz...



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Spring came in like a lion and summer like a...well...it was great for the ducks, thanks to the record rainfall once again...but it didn't affect what God had planned for this spring and summer!



retreats until they are completed. Please contact anyone who you know that may be able to help this situation as we must correct this immediately so it does not affect our retreat season. We will communicate our detailed needs as soon as we know the need.

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Mill Stream was buzzing this spring with all the work being completed with upgrades to the facilities, changes and additions to our summer programs and then...the inspections began.

Please take a few minutes to read through to get all the news of what God is doing at the camp as we seek His will.

For Larry, this year will be remembered as the "*summer of inspections*".

We continue to praise God for what He is doing through our campers, staff, volunteers and supporters, and what He will do in this exciting new year.

It started in June and continued into August. We were inspected by:

- Ministry of Environment
- Health Unit
- Ministry of Health Infection Disease Control Unit
- City of Kawartha Lakes Fire Prevention department
- Building Inspector
- Electrical Safety Authority
- Lombard Insurance

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Wow, what an exercise!

The outcome of this flurry of inspections was both positive but also created some concern. We were required to complete some minor corrections to our electrical systems and have some fire safety issues that need to be addressed. All other inspections passed with little or no changes required.

There are outstanding issues which primarily concern the Nelson Lodge. The Lodge will require an alarm system, emergency lighting, doors and closures upgrades and



several minor changes around the camp.

Please pray that God will send the human and financial resources to complete the upgrades.

The Lodge cannot be used for

Annual Fall Open House & Banquet



Saturday, September 26th at

Mill Stream Bible Camp & Retreat Centre
880 Old Mill Road, Omeme, Ontario

Come and see what God is doing!
Open house starting at 4pm
Silent Auction starting at 5pm
Banquet Dinner at 6pm
Program at 7pm
ALL ARE WELCOME!

**RESERVE EARLY
LIMITED SEATING
FOR THE BANQUET**

Special music will be presented by our own Summer Staff. Updates about building projects and future plans will be presented.

Special Guest Speaker
Dr. Robert T. Evans
Past President of BCM
Current BCM International
Representative
traveling the globe as an advisor,
encourager and trainer



There is no charge; however, an offering will be taken towards the banquet and the Pool Refurbishing Project.

TO RESERVE YOUR SEATS
Call Tdl Free 1-877-979-9990
or Email Us at
office@millstream.ws

Transportation will be available from Oshawa, Whitby and Bowmanville.
Call 877-979-9990 if you need a ride.

RSVP BY SEPT. 21ST

Our First Beginnin' Camp!

We had a blast at our new *Beginnin' Camp* for boys and girls ages 5-7 this



past August. It was a high energy, active 3 days where the campers had an opportunity to experience horseback riding, swimming, canoeing, crafts, nature and much more. Details for next year's *Beginnin' Camp* will be available on our web site this fall.

Trekkin' Camp

We held four weeks of *Trekkin' Camp* (boys and girls, ages 8-13) this summer. Our overall number of campers was down; however, our sponsorships and decisions to follow Christ were up. We give God the glory for the safety, growth and decisions that were made this summer. We also praise God once again for the caring, Godly and fun staff that He provided.



Trailblazin' Camp

This summer's *Trailblazin' Camp* featured a "Canadian Troops Day" with a boot camp, a Medieval Supper, a new night game, a "Wild West Water Day" and teaching from God's word by Doc Rock. Evening campfires were fantastic as we had so many gifted musicians and drama leaders. Doc Rock once again created a great story atmosphere as he played out several characters presenting the need for a new Father (God our Father) to emphasize our theme that "God is for Me!".



Mail Box Bible Club

We had 19 children sign up to take the Bible school courses this past year. Many are still in the progress of completing the course they are on. Six children have finished a course.

They are as follows :

- Sarah Shaughnessy—Peterborough
- Amanda Evans—Uxbridge (completed 4 courses)
- Nicole Durand—Peterborough
- Simone Portelli—Hastings
- Ben Smith—Uxbridge
- Mary-Beth Bykiv—Whitby

Current Mail Box members...remember to keep mailing in your lessons. Remember, you can sign up at any time and the Mail Box lessons are available for any camper age.

If you are interested in signing up for the Mailbox Bible Club please contact me at mgevans@interhop.net or write to:

*41 Ash St. Unit 201
Uxbridge, ON L9P 1E2*

Aunt Mil



Summer Staff, LTP's and Trailblazin' Campers !



Watch for an upcoming date for the next *Servant Leadership Training Weekend* with Dr. Craig "Doc Rock" Brannan in January. This weekend is open for those who are Senior High School to College & Careers ages. It will be a weekend you won't want to miss! Contact us if you are interested in more details.





On August 19 twenty-two of our staff participated in Lindsay with Kidzfest

The afternoon and evening featured a free carnival in the park which was followed by a concert in the Lindsay Armouries. Our staff were involved as volunteers setting up, tearing down, running games, serving food and counselling children, teens and adults. There were



1,200-1,300 hot dogs served, around 950 people at the concert, over 1,500 at the carnival and 71 kids that came forward for counselling. PRAISE GOD!

LTP Camp (2009 Leadership Training Program)

This year's LTP Camp was the most successful ever with 9 participants attending and the entire class graduating. Many of this year's LTP'ers are interested in working on staff next year. If you are 14 or 15 years old by July 1st next summer and are interested in becoming



involved in Mill Stream, apply early next year as LTP Camp was full this year...we'd love to see you here.

April Staff Retreat & Cleanup Weekend

This year, once again, we accomplished a huge amount of work for another busy spring and season. We had fun while catching up with camp friends. Previous staff of recent years came to help as well as the men of Courtice Baptist Church who ensured we accomplished all the jobs we had on the list!



Watch for details about a Winter Staff Retreat to be announced in the next few weeks!

Many Projects, Many Needs

Those who honour me I will honour. 1 Samuel 2:30

Please pray with us in asking God to provide for the many financial needs of the camp this fall. Here is a short list of some of the priority items. Ask God to reveal to you how you can help and identify others that can partner with us to fulfill the many needs of the camp that we may continue to reach many with the *Good News of Christ* and that God can be Glorified through it all. These are estimated costs only:

Nelson Lodge—Fire Alarm System, Emergency Exit Lighting, Fire Doors and Closures, Fire-coat for wood—\$10,000

Winter Motel—Smoke/heat detector system with fire pull stations—\$1,000

Kitchen—New oil hot water tank, stand-up freezers—\$4,000

Mill Stream Alumni Group

We need YOU to be part of an exciting new team!

We are looking for past staff and campers to form an alumni committee. We hope to have representation from almost every decade of the camp ministry.

This new alumni committee will set an agenda by initiating projects in the areas of communications, events and research.

If you are interested in becoming involved in this new endeavor, please contact us at alumni@millstream.ws.



Swimming in Pigeon River in the 60's

Spring Projects

- This spring our volunteers refinished the Nelson Lodge boys and girls shower rooms and boys bathroom floor. Over 1,200 ceramic tiles were installed. This



project was paid for due to a generous donation received from an estate fund.

- The new roof and fascia/soffit was put on the Craft/Summer Program Building this past spring. This project was paid for by a supporting church who adopted this need as a missions project last fall and raised all of the funds.



- After a start last fall, we finally brought down the remainder of the old maple tree beside the house. While it was sad to see this magnificent tree felled to the ground, it was deemed necessary as the core of the tree was dead and hollow and was posing a danger to the property. It is estimated to be 150 years old. A portion of it has been placed in the nature lodge.



Volunteer Workers

We praise God every day for our dedicated volunteers and thank Him for their health and safety. You only have to take a glance around the property to see evidence of how God is using them to correct and improve this beautiful facility and grounds.

Volunteers are always needed in various aspects of the camp operation and maintenance. Whether you would like to volunteer one day a year, a day a month or even a day a week, we've got a job for you. Give us a call!

Camp Reunion Day




We invite you to head down to Rogers Centre on **Saturday, November 7** to see the Argonauts take on the Montreal Alouettes. You can join members of the team on the field following the game for an exclusive Christian Post Game Party featuring speeches from **current Argos players**, Argos Vice-Chair **Michael "Pinball" Clemons** and a special performance by **"Life Support"** and others.

Tickets can be purchased by calling Larry at the camp office or e-mailing office@millstream.ws. Many of our campers and staff have their tickets already.

Get your church involved today!

Oshawa Area Clubs and Prayer Team

Please pray for Marilyn as she had to postpone hosting our monthly prayer time and her after school Bible Club due to personal family reasons. Pray that she will be able to resume these essential ministries this coming fall. 

Won't you consider hosting a monthly Prayer Team in your home? We know that prayer is the source of our power and God wants to answer our needs. Please call us toll-free at 877-979-9990 or email us at office@millstream.ws for more information about partnering in prayer with us.

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



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