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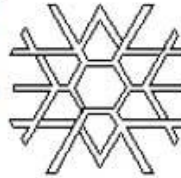
News

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS

What an interesting fall and winter we've had. No doubt, we knew winter would arrive and it has. We woke up this morning to -33C temperatures.

After we thawed out a frozen water pipe in the house and got the old Ford tractor boosted and running, things got back to normal to the usual snow-ploughing, emails, year-end finances...all the fun stuff.



2 Peter 1: 3-11 reminds us that in every thing we do (including the not-so-fun stuff), God has already given us His promise to help us persevere as we follow His will, that we may be productive and effective as we serve Christ. But we must make the effort to *"add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love."*

May this year find you rejoicing and sharing in God's love which He has for each of us as we strive to add to our faith.

New for 2007

Appointment

BCM International (Canada) Inc. and Mill Stream Bible Retreat Centre are pleased to announce the appointment of *Mr. Dale Kingyens* to the ministry staff at Mill Stream. Dale completed candidate school in October and will be responsible for church communications development and teacher

training in the greater City of Kawartha Lakes and Peterborough areas. Dale will be coordinating the "In Step with the Master Teacher" training courses which provides detailed and comprehensive training for Sunday School and VBS teachers and leadership within churches and para-church organizations.

More Weeks Summer 2007

Due to the increase in camper attendance, Mill Stream Bible Camp will be adding one additional week to the Trekkin' Camp (ages 7-13) calendar this coming summer! We praise God as He increases our opportunity to reach more children with the Good News! Don't hesitate to get registered early.

Warmer memories from summer at the pool during Trekkin' Camp 06



Please take a few minutes to read through the remainder of this newsletter to enjoy the blessings and challenges that God has bestowed upon the camp.

We continue to praise God and give Him all the Glory for what He is doing and will do this year.

LarryBoy & Aunt Sid



"His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him..."

2 Peter 1:3

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, 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 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 you this summer at!



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 toll-free at 877-979-9990 or email at office@millstream.ws.

Mail Box Bible Club

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

Aunt Mill



Hey Campers:

2007 Summer Camp registrations are ready with another week added! Check out the website for 2006 summer pictures that have posted with more to come. Go to www.MillStream.ws/pictures.html and click on 2006.





Staff Scoopzzz

Ok guys, here's the scoop!

Scoop 1: 2007 Summer Staff Applications are here!

Yes, it's true...the 2007 applications are ready and available. The application process remains the same:

- Complete the camp application and doctrinal application forms
- Complete telephone interview
- When accepted, start raising your sponsorship
- See ya June 30th—Pre-camp training starts
- Adult orientation training day—June 16th



potential leadership ability within you, applications for LTP Camp are now available. Feel free to contact us for additional information.



Scoop 3: 2006 Summer Staff Retreat

This year's staff retreat was smaller in numbers but larger in fun, especially the DQ run. Some time was spent in brain-storming for this summer's program, however much of the weekend was just hang-time, sharing what's happening in each other's lives.



Scoop 4: 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 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.



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 additional forms. Please encourage others who you feel may be willing and gifted in serving our God at Mill Stream this summer.



Scoop 2: LTP Camp (2007 Leadership Training Program)

Our first Leadership Training Program Camp was huge success. We will be offering this program again this year during a Trekin' Camp session. 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



Scoop 5: Buzz Online

Current and past issues of Mill Stream Buzz are now available online at www.MillStream.ws/newsletter/campnewsletter.html. Over the coming months we will archive many of the past issues online.

Also, many pictures from the summer of 2006 have been posted on the web with more to come. You can view them at www.MillStream.ws/pictures.html.

WINTER



Ok staff, remember these dates!

Staff Cleanup Weekend—April 27-29

2007 Staff Applications—NOW! Pre-camp starts June 30th



Winter Projects

The winter season always means project time. This winter our volunteers focus has been primarily the Nelson Lodge. The boy's bathroom required new sinks and therefore a new counter and stainless steel sinks were installed. The girl's bathroom counter and sink is on the list to be completed this winter as well. These costs for these projects have already been covered by donations.



Currently, the men have returned to the lodge kitchen and are completing the final renovations which has transformed this area into two rooms; an office area and a storage/housekeeping maintenance area.

The remodelling and conversion of the old summer



motel rooms 1 and 2 into a large summer program office was completed by December. This office provides much needed space and has lots of storage available. Covering the entire building

with vinyl siding will be completed this spring.

We are so thankful for our dedicated volunteers and we praise and thank God for their health and safety.

Upcoming Projects

In February we are planning to finish the patio area of the new building. This requires the completion of wiring, insulation and installation of 8" finished pine boards. The majority of the money needed for this project has already been received.

Matching Gift Offer!

This spring we will be putting a much needed new roof on the summer chapel (old summer dining hall). We will be installing a steel roof for a cost of approximately **\$4,000**. Praise God we have received a Matching Gift offer of \$2000 from an anonymous supporter! We have already **received \$1,000** towards this matching gift and therefore only need an **additional \$1,000** to complete the matching project. Please pray that God will supply the needed funds in the next couple of months so we can start this project in the spring.

Volunteer Workers

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!

NEW! Spring Dessert Night and Fall Banquet

This year we will be making a change in our annual banquet. This coming **May** we will hold a **dessert night** event in exchange for the usual banquet. This evening will still be held on a Monday evening similar to our past banquets in Oshawa, however we will only be providing desserts, beverages and a shorter program.

The new event this year will be a **fall banquet** held at the camp and will be held on a Saturday allowing time for an open house, tours, a banquet and more!

We look forward to seeing all of our ministry supporters at one or both of these exciting evenings. Watch for further details.

Oshawa Area Clubs and Prayer Team

Marilynn Manuel of Oshawa is conducting a weekly after school Bible Club in her home. Pray for the children that are attending this year.

Marilynn also hosts a monthly prayer time on the 2nd Tuesday each month. The Prayer Team meets at 163 Gibbons Street in Oshawa. Please consider joining us.



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