



Winter News



MERRY CHRISTMAS



Winter arrived with a blast this year. What a change from last year, but isn't this what life's about.

facilities and buildings so those who are new to us (or haven't visited in a while) can see all the changes and improvements over the past few years.



This past December 16th front door of camp house after 1st major storm this winter



Another change is the addition of a Trekkin' Camp week in August now, a new Archery Shack, refinished motels rooms and new dining room tables to name a few.



We trust that you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It is such an amazing time of the year as we rejoice in Christ's birth and enjoy time with our families.

In November we, along with our lawyer, met with MPAC to appeal our property tax increase. MPAC's final decision was to reduce our taxes by approximately \$3,000 per year. We PRAISE GOD for his intervention! Our lawyer also informed us that with some physical changes to the appearance of the camp, we have the possibility of applying for a full tax exemption. This requires expressing what we believe and what we teach into every aspect of camp. Some suggestions have been renaming the cabins after Old Testament characters, renaming our canoes after the disciples, etc. We are looking for other ideas so please send your suggestions to us. We hope to apply for full exemption within the next 18 months.

It is also a time to reflect on the past year and enter a new year with excitement and anticipation of what God has in store for us.

Just as it says in Proverbs 24:25 *"Let your eyes look straight ahead, fix your gaze directly before you"*, we will continue to keep focussed on Christ and pray for guidance in all we do.

Please take a few minutes to read through the remainder of this newsletter to enjoy the blessings and changes that God is doing at the camp as we seek His will.

We do have lots of changes for this year.



One of the new changes for 2008 is the re-launch of our updated web site. We now have staff and LTP applications, rental information, along with camper registrations available for downloading or printing. We are starting to include virtual tours of the

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

Larry Boy & Aunt Sid

JANUARY



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Camperzzz Corner



Even though there is lots of snow outside, we know Summer 2008 will come very fast.

This summer we hope you will return for more Trekin' and Trailblazin'. Come and discover more of Jesus at Mill Stream.



Enjoying a cools slide on a hot summer day

This year we are pleased to move one week of Trekin' Camp into the month of August.

We are busy adding more challenge course elements for this summer and are working on refinishing the interior of the craft room. We have also moved an older building to the archery field. This building will be remodeled into a classroom and storage for the archery class and will have an exterior overhang added to provide shelter



Lots of happy campers

from the sun and elements.

We are offering four different Trekin' encampments (boys and girls, ages 7-13) and one Trailblazin' week (guys and gals ages 12-15).

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.

We are looking forward to seeing you this summer!

2008 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 us at office@millstream.ws.



Mail Box Bible Club

Keep mailing in your lessons. Have a great New Year!

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

Aunt Mil

Hey Campers:

2008 Summer Camp registrations are ready and available online at www.MillStream.ws/registration.html.

One week of Treekin' Camp is now in August!

Go to www.MillStream.ws/pictures.html to check out the 2007 summer pictures that have been posted on our website.





Staff Scoopzzz



2008 Summer Staff Applications are here!

The 2008 applications are ready and available on-line at www.MillStream.ws/opportunities.html. The application process remains the same:

- Complete the camp application and doctrinal application forms
- Complete the telephone interview
- When accepted, start raising your sponsorship
- See ya June 29th—Pre-camp training starts
- Adult orientation training day will be on June 21st



This year's staff retreat and cleanup weekend is open to past, present and future staff members

Write down this date: April 27-29 Staff Retreat & Cleanup Weekend

This year we will be combining our staff retreat with our cleanup weekend. We accomplished a huge amount of work last year 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. This year we are also asking you to bring a friend who may be interested in serving at Mill Stream this summer. This is a great way of introducing them to the ministry of the camp and checking out whether they feel God may be leading them here. This is also an opportunity for previous staff of recent years to come and re-unite with friends.

All correspondence will be via email unless it is not available to you.

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 require additional forms. Please encourage others who you feel may be willing and gifted in serving our God at Mill Stream this summer. Students accepted to serve this summer will be expected to apply for a minimum of 3 weeks.

LTP Camp (2008 Leadership Training Program)

Our first two years of our Leadership Training Program Camps were huge successes. We will be offering this program again this year during a Trekkin' 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 potential leadership ability within you, applications for LTP Camp are now available on-line at www.MillStream.ws/ltpcamp.html. Feel free to contact us for additional information.

Buzz Online

We have now made available archived issues of the Mill Stream Buzz going back to 2005 available online at www.MillStream.ws/newsletter/campnewsletter.html. Also, we have posted many pictures from the summer of 2007 which can be viewed at www.MillStream.ws/pictures.html.

Spring Promotions

Each spring we visit several churches to promote our camping ministries and raise awareness within the churches of what Mill Stream is and what we have to offer for campers and future staff. We complete a short program which includes a video or PowerPoint, testimonies, skits or musical presentations.

If you are interested in joining our presentation team this spring for one or more church visits, we could use you and your gifting. Contact Larry for more information and possible dates.

If you would like us to visit your church, contact us and we will be happy to include your church in our spring schedule.



Ok staff, remember these dates!
Staff Retreat and Cleanup Weekend—April 27-29
2008 Staff Applications—Available NOW! Pre-camp starts June 29th



Winter Projects

Currently, the men are face-lifting the interior of the motel with a new internal access door between the upper units, fresh paint and new flooring.

They are also building new pine dining room tables which will seat ten people comfortably and are very attractive and sturdy. Four tables are completed with eight more to be constructed before summer.



Two of the twelve new dining room tables being built this winter in time for next summer

The remodelling and conversion of the old summer motel rooms 3, 4 and 5 into a large permanent summer craft room was completed in time for camp last year.

This fall work began on tearing out the old walls and ceiling that were originally built with sawdust boards. While this material was cost effective at the time and has served well for the last forty-three years, it is in need of replacement.

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

Upcoming Projects

In October we moved the small building used originally as a freezer shed from behind the old summer dining hall (now the Summer Chapel) to the archery range. This building will be converted into the Archery Hut and will be used as storage for equipment, a classroom



Recycling another old building!

for teaching the archery elective and with an added overhang, shelter from the sun on clear days and from the elements on rainy days.

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!

Oshawa Area Clubs and Prayer Team

There are two clubs operating in Oshawa. Marilyn Manuel is conducting a weekly after school Bible Club at her home in the west end and Grace Baker is holding a weekly club in the north-eastern part of Oshawa. Please pray for the children that are attending these clubs this year and for their leaders as well.



Annual December Christmas Luncheon for our prayer group at Marilyn Manuel's home with all the trimmings

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. Call us toll-free at 877-979-9990 or email us at office@millstream.ws for more information about joining us.



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