



Mill Stream BUZZ...

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Winter News



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

As we leave 2008 behind we were blessed with opportunities and changes. 2009 will bring us excitement and new challenges.



We trust that you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It is always exciting to reflect on answered prayer in the past year while looking forward to what God has in store for each of us.

Mill Stream's ministry longevity is a result of hundreds of people who have dedicated their time, finances and intercessory prayer for the camp.

Recently two of our long-time supporters graduated to be with our Saviour. Ruth Wilson and Helene Connaty have a long history with the camp. Ruth's husband, Elmer, was very involved with construction of the camp buildings at the permanent location in

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of Righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who longed for his appearing."

2 Timothy 4:7-8 NIV



Original entrance and sign in 1965

O m e m e e . Helene was involved with the craft program for 35 years. We praise God for their

years of involvement and support of this ministry.

We are currently establishing a camper and staff alumni group which will provide an avenue to keep in contact with p a s t c a m p e r s and staff which we hope will help reconnect old relationships. More details will follow.



Our website www.MillStream.ws has been updated with all the information you need whether you need information about being a camper, staff member, volunteer, renter or supporter. This year we have made some changes in the ages of our camps and have added a new camp for children ages 5-7. All the details are available on the website.

The date for our Annual Open House and Banquet has been set for September 26th. Remember to mark it on your calendar!

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

We continue to praise God for what He is doing and will do in this exciting new year.



LarryBoy & Aunt Sid

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

Camperzzz Corner



Summer 2009 has exciting changes and a new *Beginnin'* Camp!

Plans are underway for another exciting summer at Mill Stream. Are you getting excited?...we are! One great



change is the introduction of *Beginnin' Camp* for boys and girls ages 5-7. This new camp will be offered in August.

We continue upgrading our program for

this summer. Some of these changes will include the refinishing of the interior of the new archery building including the addition of a shelter for the outdoor table area. We have also moved the Willow cabin up the hill and placed it beside the other girls cabins. We are adding new items for the auction and new weekly themes.

There are four different *Trekkin'* camps (boys and girls, ages 8-13), one *Trailblazin'* week (guys and gals, ages 13-15) and one *Beginnin'* encampment (girls and boys, ages 5-7) being offered this summer. The minimum ages for these camps have changed and now you must have completed certain grade levels as well to attend these camps.

Please 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 and you can download registration forms on our website at www.MillStream.ws/registration.html.

See you this summer!

2009 LTP Camp

Our Leadership Training Program (LTP) will run once again in the month of July.

If you are 14 to 17 years old you can apply to attend and experience 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

Email us at office@millstream.ws

Download the forms at
www.MillStream.ws/ltpcamp.html.

Mail Box Bible Club

It's a new year and you can join Mail Box Bible Club and complete your lessons before camp in 2009!

Current Mail Box members...remember to 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 or write to:
41 Ash St. Unit 201
Uxbridge, ON L9P 1E2*

Aunt Mil

Hey Campers:

Beginnin' Camp for 5-7 year old boys and girls is in August!
2009 Summer Camp registrations are ready and available online at
www.MillStream.ws/registration.html.

Go to www.MillStream.ws/pictures.html to check out the 2008 summer pictures.





Staff Scoopzzz



2009 Summer Staff Applications are available online!

What are you doing this summer?

The 2009 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 summer missions support (if you choose to)
- See you at pre-camp training starting June 27th
- Adult orientation training day will be on June 20th

Applications are being accepted now!

Prayerfully consider how you will let God use you this summer. Contact us if you have any questions or if you

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



Be part of an exciting team!

LTP Camp (2009 Leadership Training Program)

If you are between 14 and 17 years old and are not sure if you would like to serve this summer at camp, LTP Camp may be the right fit for you. LTP Camp is one week where you can explore and develop the potential leadership ability within you. Applications for are now available on-line at www.MillStream.ws/

ltpcamp.html. Feel free to contact us for additional information.



Staff Retreat & Cleanup Weekend: April 26-29

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. Also, bring a friend who may be interested in serving at Mill Stream this summer. What better way of introducing them to the ministry of the camp and checking out whether they feel God may be leading them here. Previous staff of recent years are welcome to come and re-unite with friends. Let us know if you wish to attend!

Spring Promotions

Each spring we visit several churches to promote our camping ministries and raise awareness within the churches of what Mill Stream is all about. If you are interested in joining our presentation team this spring we could use you. 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.

Mill Stream Alumni Group

This year we are in the process of developing a staff and camper alumni committee. We hope to have representation from almost every decade



Swimming in Pigeon River in the 60's

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



Ok staff, remember these dates!



Staff Retreat and Cleanup Weekend—April 24-26



2009 Staff Applications—Available NOW! Pre-camp starts June 27th



Winter Projects

This winter our volunteers are refinishing the interior of the lower motel units with fresh paint.

Other current projects include:

- Refinishing the front wall of the summer chapel (old dining hall)
- Rebuilding an old canoe into shelves

Upcoming Projects

Upcoming winter projects:

- Rebuilding Nelson Lodge boys and girls shower room
- Ceiling tile replacement Nelson Lodge basement
- New buffet serving centre

Volunteer Workers



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

In 2008 we had several volunteers join our year-round team. 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!

2009 Annual Open House and Banquet

The date is set! This year our 2009 Annual Open and Banquet will be held on **Saturday, September 26th.**

One feature for this years event will be our special guest speaker **Dr. Robert (Bob) Evans.**



Dr. Evans is the Past President of BCM International and travels extensively encouraging many of our almost 800 missionaries around the world. You won't want to miss Bob's global report on how God is using BCM ministries worldwide. Mark this date on you calendar now and plan on attending this exciting event!

Oshawa Area Clubs and Prayer Team

Our Annual December Christmas Luncheon for our prayer group was held once again at Marilyn Manuel's home with all the trimmings. Thank you Marilyn for being such an amazing hostess.

Marilynn continues to conduct a weekly after school Bible Club at her home in the west end of Oshawa. Please pray for the children that are attending this club this year and for the leaders as well.



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.