

Mill Stream Buzzz...

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If you have only been at camp during the heat of summer, camp would seem like a completely different place to you right now. Currently a crisp white blanket of snow coats Mill Stream and nobody is running around in shorts and t-shirts! The camp looks beautiful. However, even though things look different, camp is just as busy as it is in the summer. Lots of exciting projects and developments are going on at Mill Stream. Read on to find out what!



Summer Camp Preparation...

Now is the time to start thinking about your summer at Mill Stream! Choose one of three ways to get your camp plans started!



1)CAMPERS: Camper registration forms are now available. Contact the camp to get yours and ensure that you get a spot in one of our exciting summer programs!

2)STAFF: Application forms are available for new and returning staff members. We are looking for staff for many different positions including cabin leaders, kitchen staff, maintenance people, and program staff. Now is the time to start praying and thinking about how God might use you at Mill Stream in summer 2011.



3)LTP: We have been running a successful Leadership Training Program at Mill Stream for the past few summers. If you are age 14 or 15 and are interested in being challenged as a servant leader for one week during the summer, contact the camp for more information.

Mill Stream and Social Media...

Mill Stream is working on ways to keep you even more connected to what is going on at the camp year round. If you haven't already found us on facebook, type in "Mill Stream" and do a search. You can also click on the facebook icon on our website to bring you directly to our page. We will be working on updating our facebook page more frequently to keep you posted on our news. Also coming is a Twitter account which will be integrated with our facebook page, so stay tuned for that!



Camp Projects...

We are so blessed to have so many willing volunteers come to camp year round to help develop our grounds and facilities. This winter some of our

volunteers spent time working on a beautiful new serving for our dining hall. This project is 99% completed and we are excited to begin using it for our many rental groups and of course our summer camps.

As usual, more projects are in the works for this spring. These will include lots of repairs and painting. We also plan to start major renovations on our infirmary. This building has served us very well for many years as our nurse's station, but it is time to finally rebuild it. Please pray as we take on this very significant task.

YOU can be involved in helping prepare our grounds for the summer. On April 29 to May 1 2011, we will be having our annual Spring Cleanup Weekend!

This is a time for any willing volunteers to band together to clean the camp and do some minor maintenance tasks. But it won't



be all work! There will also be times of food, fun, and fellowship as we gather together to serve our Lord. All are welcome.

Donations...

God continues to provide for our many needs through the generous donations of various friends. We recently received an estate donation which may pay for our climbing wall, adding another exciting activity to our camp programs. It may also allow us to fix the acoustics in the gymnasium, which will expand the ways in which we can use this facility. A large pool donation has brought our pool funds to about 65%. Please keep praying for our pool project as we are still in need of about \$15,000.



Committee Update...

In our last newsletter we introduced you to the members of the newly-formed Mill Stream advisory committee. We are pleased to announce the addition of another member to our committee, Jacquie Molyneaux. Jacquie has been involved with Mill Stream for many years, and with camping for even longer. Many of you may remember her as the program coordinator named Socks. Jacquie will be taking on the exciting job of heading up the 65th anniversary sub-committee to plan an amazing day of celebration on June 4th. Welcome Jacquie!

65th

Anniversary...



Now that 2011 is here, we are getting even more **excited for Mill Stream's 65th Anniversary** celebration! On June 4th, 2011, we will be having one of the biggest parties this camp has ever seen. A sub-committee has been formed to plan this amazing event that will be held right here at the camp. But it won't be complete without your help. We want each and every past and current camper, staff member, or friend to be there on that day. We also want your memories! If you have any stories or photos from any of the years at camp, please send them in so we can incorporate them into our celebrations. Mark your calendars now as June 4th **is not far away and we don't want anyone to miss this day!** Check out our web site at www.MillStream.ws/65th for updates.





Mailbox Bible Club...

Ruby is waiting to hear from you! If you are a past or current member or wish to be enrolled in the Mailbox Bible Club, just contact

Ruby and she will get you started. Remember, you can sign up at any time and the Mail Box lessons are available for free for any camper age child. If you are interested in signing up for the Mailbox Bible Club please write to:

RUBY
679 Blackwood Blvd.
Oshawa, ON
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or email the camp and we'll put you in touch!



From the editor – communications and prayer...

My name is Eadaoin O'Boyle, and as a committee member I am taking over the responsibilities of the newsletter and social media. If you have any questions about camp communications, you can email me at prayandpublish@millstream.ws. I am excited to be able to serve the Lord in this way.

If you asked me what stands out to me from my years as a past staff member at Mill Stream, I might say prayer. Working there as a teenager, I will never forget how hard it was for us to drag ourselves out of our bunks for our daily 6:30am staff prayer meetings. But I know that we could never have survived the summer without those times of prayer. During those morning meetings we would share struggles, prayer requests and praises for what God was doing in the lives of campers and staff. We also saw the power of God displayed in amazing ways. Camp needs that were brought before the Lord were met miraculously, and I am so glad that I experienced this as a teenager. As a committee member, my desire is to increase the amount of praying that is done for Mill Stream. Every month a prayer group faithfully meets in the Oshawa area to pray for the camp. However, I would like to work to identify key geographical areas where additional prayer groups could be set up. If you are interested in being involved in this, whether by joining a prayer group or coordinating one, please contact me at prayandpublish@millstream.ws. I am excited for this ministry. Please join me in this effort and see how God will bless!

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for *this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

Thessalonians 5: 16-18



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