

Mill Stream Buzz...

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Happy New Year!
2012 is here already and there is much happening for campers, staff, parents and supporters.

Each year when we think it might be a bit quieter we soon realize that it will actually be busier! **It's GREAT!**



This along with rental retreat weekends, staff applications and camper registrations now being **processed, there's much** happening at Mill Stream.



As you read through this newsletter please check **out what's** happening and make note of dates of events and items for prayer.

Message from the Director



Another new year equals another year of opportunity!

How do you look at a new year...with hope and anticipation of new and exciting things in your life?...new job?...new school?...new home?...new relationships?...new places?...new adventures?...and sometimes those things that are not so exciting, maybe painful, but still new, or different. Isn't it wonderful that each day is new

(no, we don't have to wait for a new year to celebrate!) and we ARE blessed by God as we travel into the newness of our lives each year...day...and even minute. God's promise to us is *"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."* Lam. 3:22-23 (NIV) ...what an incredible promise!

As we enter this new year and wake up each morning let's be excited to see what God will do today...we are! Last year was amazing...this year will be as well, with God in control of it all...trust Him, you'll see.

Larry Chupa
Director/Administrator





66th Year

As we enter our 66th year we look forward to a year of great ministry and new events. Read on...

Staff Read-A-Thon Fundraiser

This April 13th to 15th we will be holding a Read-A-Thon Fundraising event with the proceeds going towards covering the costs to rebuild the pool this spring. The goal is to raise \$15,000 by having staff receive pledges for taking turns reading the entire Bible continuously during the course of the weekend.



If you wish to be involved or sponsor a staff member for this encouraging event, please contact the camp office.

Staff Applications

Staff applications are now available at our web site at www.MillStream.ws/opportunities. If you are looking for a rewarding summer by enriching **children's lives, building new relationships and** growing closer to God while being outdoors enjoying His creation (and having some fun!), then this is where you need to be!



Our great 2011 Summer Staff

LTP Camp Applications

The 2012 LTP Camp application forms are now available at our web site at www.MillStream.ws/ltpcamp. Applicants must be 14 or 15 years old as of July 1st and must qualify for this program which has a limited number of participants.



This program is available for only one week — July 15-21. New this year is a \$150 fee which goes towards covering a portion of the costs for food, accommodations and training materials. Apply early!

BCM Canada National Conference



The 2012 BCM International Canadian Conference will be hosted for the first time at Mill Stream from May 14 -18.



Canadian missionaries will be attending from their ministries from across Canada and abroad.

We invite you to join us on Wednesday, May 16th between 6:30pm and 8:30pm for an informal dessert night and an opportunity to meet or to re-acquaint with our missionaries and National Board members.



We hope you will drop in for a visit and enjoy some delicious desserts!



Mill Stream March Meltdown!

This March we will be offering a March Break 3 day, 2 night Camper Retreat for children and teens ages 11-13. This is a co-ed retreat with very limited space so sign up early.

The retreat will run from Thursday, March 15th after supper to Saturday March 17th afternoon. The price is \$99 plus HST and you will receive a \$20 off coupon for any summer camp held at Mill Stream in 2012!



For more details and to sign up go to www.millstream.ws/camperretreat or contact the camp office...it'll be GREAT!

SUMMER'S COMING!

Don't hesitate to register early for this year's Summer Camps. Trekkin' Camp, Trailblazin' Camp, Beginnin' Camp, LTP Camp and our newest addition, Explorin' Camp, will be filled with fun games, new challenges and great activities and electives.



This year we have held our prices down...there will be NO INCREASE in our camper fees however there is now a fee for LTP Camp. We hope to see YOU this summer!

Mill Stream Web Site

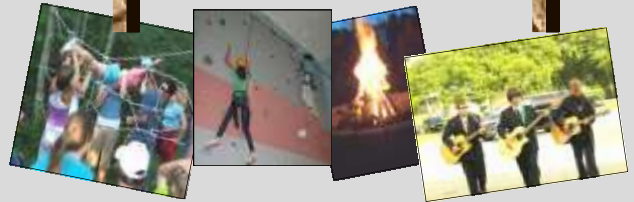
Check out what's available on our web site at www.MillStream.ws

- 2011 Summer Camp Photos
- 65th Anniversary Photos
- March Break Camper Retreat registration
- Summer camp registration
- Staff Applications

Introducing our NEWEST Summer Camp!



Explorin' Camp



If you love music, drama or the outdoors, we know you will enjoy exploring and discovering the hidden talents you have while improving on the gifts that you've already discovered.

Make discoveries about our creator that allows you to have a personal life-changing experience by learning what God has to say from His Word.

Get ready for the challenges and fun with special events, great campfires and team competitions from the water to the land to The Wall!

Don't miss this inaugural year of Explorin' Camp to make lasting memories of fun and friends while exploring God's truths.



Explorin' Camp is for boys and girls

**ages 11-15 years old
July 22-28, 2012**

Fall Staff Retreat

This past Thanksgiving weekend we enjoyed having a wonderful Staff Retreat. Many of our 2011 summer staff returned for a couple of days of fun, reflection and reconnecting. We enjoyed a **frantic round of "Speed Gaming"** as well as a beautiful hike through the local conservation area to name a few activities.

We recognize that God provided a special and unique group this past year who served Him through our camping ministries and we are excited to know them and to see how God will continue to use them.



What's coming up?

This fall our Annual Open House & Banquet is returning on Saturday, September 29th. This year we will have a lunch meal again.

Mark your calendars as this will be a special event with updates, great music, fun, fellowship and wonderful food. More info to come...



We are still finalizing the estimates to rebuild the pool. It was decided to wait until spring to start as we are cautious to ensure we have the funds to cover the entire project. We are praying that

we will receive enough to cover all the costs by spring. We thank YOU and praise GOD that we continue to receive gifts for this project.

Staff Spring Cleanup & Retreat

It's coming soon...we know that winter is just arriving but spring will be here before you know it!



All past staff and future hopefuls, mark April 27 to 29 on your calendars. This is always a rewarding time of fellowship, fun and hard work getting the summer camp open and ready for retreats and events.

We hope you can join us!

Winter Projects

Our wonderful volunteers are still busy at the camp this winter completing some great projects. Already a new drama location has been built, a new (to us) reach-in fridge has been installed in the tuck shop, new pews in the chapel have been assembled and new dining hall benches are being built. PRAISE GOD for these wonderful servants!



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