



The BUCKING Board

NEWS AND UPDATES FROM SILVER BIRCH RANCH



January - March, 2018

GOD'S PLAN FOR THE NEW YEAR

- Dave Wager

God's plan will be accomplished with or without us. When we think about that statement, we might get angry at the fact that we are so insignificant, or we might get excited about the fact that we could align our lives with His will, and be a part of both the victorious fight and celebration.

As we start our 51st year, God has a plan – a plan for how He will demonstrate Himself to us through the ministry of Silver Birch Ranch. The big question is who will be those who have made themselves and their resources available for Him to use in the process. We invite you to join us in this wonderful journey.

Join us in bringing people to camp, volunteer, visit, and see the wonders of God's creation. Join us in sharing or carrying some of the financial burdens of ministry. Join us in praying and watching, for those who pray and live expectantly often experience some of the greatest thrills of life.

God does not need us now, and never has, but He does want us, and enjoys using the inadequate to accomplish the impossible. Therefore, all of us, if we choose, could be used by Him and eventually rest well in the fact that we have maximized our opportunities.

Jeremiah 9:23-24 says: Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord."

New Look!!!

We hope you enjoy the new layout of our Bucking Board newsletter! All of us at Silver Birch Ranch want to provide you the best quality camping experience we can – from zip lining at camp to reading our newsletter at home, we want your experience with us to be one that will be remembered.

If you have any questions or feedback with the new layout, feel free to reach out! You can contact us, via email, at info@silverbirchranch.org.



NBI – NEW DORM PROGRESS

- Steve Sanford

As you can see, the Nicolet Bible Institute Dorm project is moving right along – nearing the 50% completion point! It's exciting to see the progress being made on a daily basis. This dorm will be a tremendous

asset to the NBI program, allowing all of one gender to be under the same roof with their RA. In addition, there will be a central gathering spot for developing community.

Future plans include a second dorm so that both genders have the same "student life" experience at Nicolet Bible Institute.

Though the primary use for this building is a dorm for NBI students, it will also be used to house both Youth and Family Campers in the summer months. This will become one of the most used and versatile buildings at camp.



Funding for the project stands at 66% with approximately \$100,000 remaining on the \$300,000 total. We are asking God to provide all the funds needed to have the building debt-free upon completion.

As fast as the dorm is going up, so is the incoming NBI Class of 2019 filling up! We are experiencing our strongest fall enrollment surge to date. If you or someone you know is interested in what Nicolet Bible Institute has

to offer, go to our website www.nicoletbibleinstitute.org and check it out. Space is limited and we are anticipating a full class, so apply sooner rather than later to avoid disappointment.

Top 10 List

1. Six Water Tubes and Six Snow Tubes - **\$125 each**
2. Program Equipment - New or used in good shape
3. Two Commercial Grade Foosball Tables - **\$800 each**
4. Stove Top Oven - **\$500**
5. Meat Slicer - **\$2,000**
6. Pony Cart - **\$800**
7. Draft Horse Saddles - **\$1,000 each**
8. Tire Machine - **\$2,250**
9. BB Gun and Archery Equipment - **\$250**
10. WRR Hawk Cabin Furnace - **\$1,000**

If you can help with one of these items, please contact us at 715-484-2742. Silver Birch Ranch is a 501(c)(3) organization. All gifts are tax-deductible and are appreciated. If you are interested in finding out about other ways to support the ministry of Silver Birch Ranch, visit our website.

THE KINGDOM: DATES + MORE!

- Jason Kemper

As we begin to face the long, cold winter days, there's one thing that comes to mind: Summer! The dates are set. Youth Camp Registration is open. Family Camp Registration opens January 22. Excitement is building as we get ready to bring to you The Kingdom. We are also thrilled to announce that we have added a third Family Camp to the summer!

So, check out the dates and head on over to silverbirchrancho.org/summer for information on camping, volunteering, or Summer Staffing so that you can join us for Summer 2018: The Kingdom!

2018 Summer Dates

Family Camp #1	June 2-8, 2018
Junior-Middler Camp #1	June 9-15, 2018
Riding Adventure Camp #1	June 9-15, 2018
TRAX	June 9-15, 2018
High School Camp	June 16-22, 2018
CCC High School Camp*	June 23-29, 2018
Family Camp #2	June 29 - July 4, 2018
The Chapel High School Camp*	July 4-9, 2018
CCC Middle School Camp*	July 9-14, 2018
Junior High Camp	July 14-20, 2018
The Chapel Jr. High Camp*	July 20-25, 2018
StuCo High School Camp*	July 26-30, 2018
StuCo Middle School Camp*	July 31 - Aug. 4, 2018
Riding Adventure Camp #2	August 4-10, 2018
Junior-Middler Camp #2	August 4-10, 2018
Family Camp #3	August 12-16, 2018

*These marked weeks are reserved for specific churches and aren't open to public registration.

WEB PARTNERS – WAYS TO HELP US

- Mike Jewell

One of the best ways to communicate with Silver Birch Ranch is through our website where you will find information about our retreats, summer camping programs, and all the related ministries of Silver Birch Ranch. But, the site is not just for information and camper registration. There are ways that you can become a life-changing partner with us. Let me explain these often-overlooked areas of our website.

The Trading Post Store offers apparel, books, and digital downloads for purchase. Orders for SBR branded products are increasing as more people realize that they can now order products online from camp and have them shipped directly to their homes. As time goes on, we will be able to increase the inventory and offer even more products. In addition, all profits from the Trading Post Store go towards supplying needed funds that bring campers to Silver Birch Ranch. So, by purchasing products on the online store, you are changing lives at Silver Birch Ranch.

There is also a quick and easy way to donate to Silver Birch Ranch online and become a life-changing partner. Go to silverbirchrancho.org/donate to find a video explaining the miracle of the ministry of Silver Birch Ranch. At the bottom of the page you can click a donate button where you will have the opportunity to give a tax-deductible gift to Silver Birch Ranch. In 2017, over 350 youth campers came to Christ, and without donors like you, this number could be much lower.

Camping fees don't cover the cost of a camper coming to Christ at Silver Birch Ranch. We need partners, like you, who will help change the life of a young person at SBR. We can't thank you enough for partnering with us. Thank you!



VISITING SILVER BIRCH RANCH

- Debbie Short

Silver Birch Ranch loves to have old friends, former alumni, and new friends visit camp. But, in order to create a safe environment for those who live on our grounds and for those who are here for a planned event, we ask that you follow the proper visitor procedure.

Visit our website, silverbirchrancho.org/visitors to complete the simple online form. Each person planning to visit should do this no less than three days prior to the planned arrival.

Upon arrival, stop at the office to sign in, get your visitor ID, and pay for any meals you plan to enjoy.

We look forward to your visit!

Five Fun Facts!

1. Dave Wager was once the Head Wrangler at camp.
2. The Lodge, a meeting room at camp, used to be a tavern.
3. The cabin Broken Arrow was originally going to be named Brown Arrow.
4. We call our commercial dishwasher by its company name – Hobart.
5. Last year we gave \$25,000 in scholarships to kids to come to camp.

1. What is the name of our zip line?
2. What is the newest finished building at camp?
3. How many campers were registered for Winter Jam in 2017?
4. What is the biggest cabin at camp?
5. What was the name of the song written for the 50th summer?

Trivia!

(1) Axolih 2 Trailblazer (SBR Studio)
(5) 255 4 Branding Iron 5 To Know You

WINTER JAM 2018

- Jason Kemper

What do you do when it's the middle of winter, summer is still a few months away, and you just need something AMAZING to do? You come to Winter Jam! It's open to any middle school or high school student. There's a plethora of winter activities to choose from like broomball, tubing, cross-country skiing, and even power tubing behind a snowmobile! Plus, there are the camp classics like zip lining, horseback riding, and hanging out in the Canteen.

Not only will it be a ton of fun to hang out with new and old friends, but you will also have the chance to be challenged in your walk with God. As the speaker, my hope is to challenge each student how to practically live out their faith on a daily basis, and begin habits that will help them see God working in and through their lives. I hope you bring a friend and come ready to be encouraged.

So, come have fun and be challenged this February 2-4, 2018. Go to silverbirchranch.org for more information and to register today!



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Follow Us On:



• **Winter Family Camp**
Dec. 30, 2017 - Jan. 2, 2018

• **Adoption Family Camp**
March 9-11, 2018

• **Do Your Own Thing Retreat**
March 22-25, 2018

• **Winter Jam**
February 2-4, 2018

• **Snow Days**
January - March, 2018

Scan QR code with your smart phone to learn more about our events and retreats!



THE WOLF RIVER REFUGE

- Steve Tice

A relationship was broken. It was the result of a very bad day in the garden of Eden. A relationship was restored. It was the result of a very good day as Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was born in a manger, died on a cross, and was raised alive from a tomb. God values relationships with mankind. He values them so much so that He gave His own Son to restore a broken relationship. Mankind needs a healthy relationship with God and with each other. That is what the Wolf River Refuge is all about. It seems so simple. It's people who take time to be with each other doing right things, building healthy relationships, and finding joy and peace in this crazy world. People who take time to know God by reading, meditating on, and obeying His Word, along with talking with Him, build a healthy vibrant relationship with Him, which brings great satisfaction and contentment.

At The Refuge, we are making it easy to build relationships. Comfortable cabins with living essentials, and stocked with Bibles and games meant to make it easy to spend time with God and each other, await our guests. A children's outdoor play set, and indoor and outdoor games and activities are ready for hours of enjoyment.

We have hosted families, individuals, couples, church boards, and small groups, who all come to build relationships. Spend some time with us, and see why people keep leaving refreshed and returning to a place where relationships can grow.