

THE BUCKING BOARD

SILVER BIRCH RANCH

NEWSLETTER

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WHAT'S IMPORTANT NEVER CHANGES

-Dave Wager

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8 (ESV)

Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr is credited for saying this: "The more things change, the more they stay the same."

Silver Birch Ranch is a constantly changing ministry that has remained the same for over 50 years. Through recessions, wars, economic booms, and political changes, we remain dedicated to knowing Christ and making Him known.

Four years ago, we experienced a once-in-a-lifetime storm that damaged

much of our facility and that was followed with the unexpected nationwide shutdown of COVID.

We remained faithful to our mission through all these changes, and however many things changed, we could show God's faithfulness.

Our board of directors and trustees and staff, volunteers, and donors have provided us with stable and consistent leadership through the many cultural changes, and we are beginning to see grandchildren of our early campers experience camp the same way their grandparents did back in the late sixties and early seventies.

As we look ahead, we see some of our staff retiring or reducing their workload and a new generation stepping in eagerly, accepting the new/same challenges. We continue to look to expand our reach to include promoting and training churches to care for those in the foster care system and develop a discipleship ministry at the Wolf River Refuge. We also hope to continue to expand opportunities through the Nicolet Bible Institute, summer camping for youth and families, and year-round retreats.

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We are looking to God to continue to protect, supply, and honor Himself in all we do, and we encourage you to look for new ways to help support the unchanging mission. We encourage you to consider joining us as “Shareholders” (those who regularly contribute to Silver Birch Ranch), Cardholders (those who come and volunteer their time with various projects), and Prayer-holders (those who know of our ministry and pray regularly for God to protect and His will to be accomplished).

No matter what changes in the world, we still serve our unchanging God and look forward to seeing what He will do through our team in the coming months.

BE A PART OF LIFE CHANGE

-Jason Kemper

It's Spring and we are counting down the days to the start of Summer 2023. I've heard many of our campers, both young and old, reference camp as being their “happy place.” For a moment I want you to close your eyes and think back to your time at Silver Birch Ranch. What about camp makes this place special? If we were to take a poll, I'm sure there would be many answers. However, I believe there would be one common theme that would rise to the top: RELATIONSHIPS!

For many of you, camp has been a place God has used to refocus and grow your relationship with Him. And in a lot of ways, God has also used many of YOU to help make that happen. Whether you have been a Summer Staffer, volunteer, prayer warrior, or financial partner – God has used and continues to use many of you to help be a part of life change. Each of those roles have been crucial to make camp – “camp.”

I would love to invite you to be a part of the life change that happens during each and every summer here at SBR. If you are a small group leader, parent, church leader, mentor, or just want to make an impact on the life of a young person, consider joining us this summer as a counselor or volunteer. If that isn't something you are able to do, then I encourage you to continue to partner with us from afar through your prayers and financial support. It takes a team to help make camp happen. Join us and be a part of the life change that God will do this summer! Thank you!!!

TOP 10 LIST

1. Climbing Wall Harnesses (16)
\$750
2. Water Tubing Tubes (6)
\$200 each
3. Archery Tag
\$5,000
4. Projector for Chapel
\$15,000
5. New Archery Arrows
\$100
6. Horse Arena Gates
\$2,500
7. Mini-Golf Putters (24)
\$17 each
8. Skid Steer Diagnostic System
\$1,200
9. Espresso Machine (Canteen)
\$11,000
10. Trap Range Roof
\$2,500

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.

SCAN TO
VOLUNTEER



A YEAR THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE

Nicolet Bible Institute is more than just your typical “Gap Year” program. It’s a program that will teach you foundational Biblical principles with which you can launch into life. Not only that, but each student is paired up with a mentor who walks alongside him/her throughout the course of the year to encourage and challenge that student. Best of all, the year is completed within the context of Silver Birch Ranch. Students will have opportunities to serve and see how ministry works firsthand. Many NBI Alumni look back to their year as crucial to where they are today.

We want to invite you or someone you know to check out Nicolet Bible Institute today. Call 715.484.2743 to schedule your in-person visit with us, or apply online at nicoletbibleinstitute.org. We look forward to seeing you soon!



LIVE LIKE IT MATTERS

APPLY TODAY



Nicolet Bible Institute
TEACHING | TRAINING | REACHING

FUTURE STAFF HOUSING

One of the projects that we have been working on over the past several months is another option for housing for our full-time staff. As new staff join the team, sometimes there is the need for temporary housing until they can find more permanent plans. We have been renovating what was an oversized garage/office into a duplex. It is located next to our present Quadplex. When complete, the first floor will be a 3-bedroom apartment and the upstairs will become a 1-bedroom apartment. The hope is to have this fully completed by mid-summer.





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FOLLOW US ON:



- **SPRING MEN'S RETREAT**
May 5-7, 2023
- **MOTHER-DAUGHTER RETREAT**
May 19-21, 2023
- **HOMESCHOOL FAMILY CAMP**
August 24-27, 2023
- **LADIES' RETREATS #1 & #2**
Sept. 8-10 & Sept. 15-17, 2023
- **FATHER-SON RETREAT**
Sept. 22-24, 2023
- **FALL MEN'S RETREAT**
Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 2023
- **FATHER-DAUGHTER RETREAT**
October 6-8, 2023
- **QUILTERS' RETREAT**
October 26-29, 2023

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



CHECK OUT THE WOLF RIVER REFUGE

The comment we hear the most about the Wolf River Refuge is this: "I've been coming to Silver Birch Ranch for so long and never knew this was here."

We invite you to come and check out the beautiful campus of the Wolf River Refuge. We have eight rustic cabins nestled along the Wolf River, just five minutes away from the main campus of Silver Birch Ranch.

Our vision at the Wolf River Refuge is to help churches, groups, and individuals find and follow Jesus. Our mission is three-fold:

Rest – where you can find time for God and others apart from distractions

Refresh - where you can experience God in a new and fresh way

Restore – where you can find your way back to God through Jesus

It's the perfect place to bring your life group, youth group, group of men or women, and enjoy a day or weekend together. We invite you to head over to www.wolfriverrefuge.org today and start planning your summer visit to the Refuge!