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NEWS AND UPDATES FROM SILVER BIRCH RANCH



NEW CHILDREN'S BOOK: MY SHEPHERD

- Dave Wager

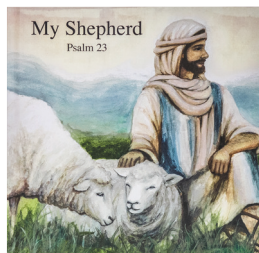
Silver Birch Ranch is continually working towards providing local churches and families tools they can use to enhance their relationship with God and each other. As we now focus on cleaning up after the long hard winter and preparing for our summer "Overboard" theme, we also want to announce the availability of a book, *My Shepherd*, written to help young people and families understand God's love and care for us.

We often use a picture to help someone see exactly what we are talking about. God does that, too, and He often uses stories about His creation to help us clearly understand something that might have been hard to understand without the picture. These stories, or comparisons, help us understand God's love for us, how we can love Him, and how our lives are affected by the world around us. This book examines one of the "word pictures" that God uses. God created sheep, and He compares the people He created to sheep. Since we do not grow wool, or desire to eat grass, there must be other comparisons that God wants us to understand.

"Even though sheep are harmless, cute, and provide wool, they have enemies. These enemies seem to be focused on finding and destroying these sheep to satisfy their own hunger. Wolves are not interested in helping, but in hurting. They do not want to love the sheep. They want to use the sheep, and when they finish, the lamb would experience a terrifying and terrible death. The wolf would not even feel bad about such things. The sheep's enemies are not enemies because of what the sheep have done, but because of the nature of the enemies, and the fact that the sheep are 'easy' targets."

My Shepherd was written by my wife, Linda, and myself, and is beautifully illustrated by Alyssa Lewis, a Nicolet Bible Institute grad and former RA for NBI. It is ideal for parents to read and discuss with their children, focusing on Psalm 23 in the Bible.

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DONATE ONLINE!

Did you know you can donate to camp through our website? If you go to www.silverbirchrancho.org/donate, we offer a simple way for you to give to our ministries. We just recently updated how you can give as well! Now you can choose if you want a recurring donation, choose from a suggested amount if you are unsure how much you want to give, and choose where you want your donation to go. Check out our online donation process today and consider giving so you can help more kids come to camp this summer!

DONATE

NEW CHILDREN'S BOOK: MY SHEPHERD

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My Shepherd is currently being translated into Spanish, and there are plans to have it translated and used in various other foreign mission endeavors. We are excited to be able to make this available to our Silver Birch Ranch family and friends. It is available on Amazon, or at the Silver Birch Ranch Trading Post. If you are interested in buying a large quantity, please contact us and we will make arrangements to send a larger quantity of books directly to you from the printer. Profits from the sales of this book will go towards the ministry of Silver Birch Ranch.

LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION AT SBR

-Brad Ellis

If you have always wanted to lifeguard at SBR, here is your chance. This is an American Red Cross certification. If you volunteer lifeguard for at least one week this summer at SBR, the class only costs \$75 for everything. If you just want the certification, the cost is \$200. See details below. You must be at least 15 years old and a reasonably strong swimmer! Limited spots are available. The following class will be offered through Silver Birch Ranch at the Antigo Aquatic Center in 2019.

Prior to class Online class work needs to be completed before first in-person class begins.

May 10 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

May 11 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

If you are interested in registering for the Lifeguard Training Course, contact Brad Ellis at 715.484.2742x232 or email at brad.ellis@silverbirchranh.org.

SPRING WORK WEEKEND

April 26-28, 2019

Come help us prepare for summer! Youth, adults, families, and groups are all welcome.

Come for the day or for the weekend. Call or email Brad Ellis to book a spot.

Brad.ellis@silverbirchranh.org 715.484.2742x232

BATTEN DOWN THE HATCHES

- Jason Kemper

After a record setting winter, snow is finally starting to melt around camp. That means only one thing – Summer 2019: Overboard is on the horizon! This summer we are looking forward to what looks like will be one of our biggest summers ever. Our hope and prayer is that each camper who comes this summer will walk away from their time at SBR with a love for Jesus and a desire to share that news with their families, friends, and communities.

In order for this to happen, we need YOUR help! As many of you know, camp wouldn't be camp if it weren't for the volunteers and counselors who give of their time to invest into the lives of the campers who come each and every week. I want to challenge you. 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, join us this summer as a counselor or volunteer. Think back to the counselors and volunteers who impacted your camp experience growing up. What a great way to make an impact in the lives of the young people with whom you do everyday life! We would love for you to partner with us as we continue to point young people towards Jesus as we strive "To Know Christ and To Make Him Known."

Whether it's counseling, volunteering, camping, sending a camper, or giving a donation to help a young person come to camp, we would love for you to partner with us this summer. Head on over to silverbirchranh.org/summer to register, sign up to volunteer, or to just keep current on all that God is doing. Join us as we pray for the hundreds of young people and counselors who will visit camp. We look forward to seeing you here this summer!

Top 10 List

1. 1 Ton Dump Truck
- \$6,500
2. Skid Steer Snow Blower
- \$3,500
3. Scissor Lift - Shop
- \$2,500
4. Camera Gimble - Video
- \$750
5. Metric Bolt Assortment - Shop
- \$600
6. Cross-Country Ski Equipment
- \$500
7. Standard Bolt Assortment-Shop
- \$350
8. Broomball Sticks - 10 @ \$30
- \$300
9. Hockey Skates - 5 @ \$60
- \$300
10. Summer Tubing Tubes
- \$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.



NBI ALUMNUS: DESTINY DAVIS



I attended NBI the 2014-2015 school year. I could talk to someone for hours about what God taught me during that year, but I think that the biggest impact NBI has had on my life is that God used my year at camp to build in me the desire and discipline to spend time alone with God every day in the Word and prayer. One of my classmates made a comment on our last day of classes. He said this: "It isn't over. We'll get to use this stuff forever." He couldn't be more right. My walk with Christ has been transformed through the tools I gained during NBI. Being able to study God's Word on my own has had more value than I can explain. God used this to draw me close to Christ, give me boldness and confidence in sharing the Gospel, as well as strengthen my ability to share the tools for hope and healing that God has given us in His Word.

During NBI my eyes were opened to the fact that if I am going to have a growing relationship with Jesus, it is vital for me to be spending time reading and studying the Bible. Through it we are reminded of who God is and what He has done, the love He has for us, how to live lives that are glorifying to God, along many other things. If we as believers aren't spending time with God in the Word, how could we ever know what is true? The solid Biblical teaching and training I received as an NBI student impacts my walk with Christ daily, even almost five years later, and I praise God for that!!

Maybe you or someone you know would benefit from a year at Nicolet Bible Institute. Visit our website at www.nicoletbibleinstitute.org or contact Rich Hess, Dean of Students, at 715.484.2322x226 if you are interested in more information. Apply early. Space is limited. We are actively accepting students for the fall of 2019!

SPRING AT THE REFUGE

-Matthew Shruck



Dreaming of the future on behalf of the Wolf River Refuge is one of the things that Joseph Mui, from Neenah, WI, does best. Joseph is our intern at the Wolf River Refuge and has been a tremendous help to us since August. He helps register groups, and maintain and run our facility. His passions include photography, birds, all things adventure, and the Lord. He is an explorer at heart—always looking for opportunities to immerse himself in God's creation. When he started at The Refuge, he was uncertain as to where exactly the Lord was calling him to serve, as he continues to think about the future. However, Joseph's love and enthusiasm for the Refuge have led to him to consider camp ministry as a career. He dreams of one day becoming a permanent member of our team. He has been invaluable during

the transition between directors at WRR.

The Wolf River Refuge is alive and well this spring, as it has been all winter. We had a successful winter of family retreats, prayer-filled getaways, and some group retreats! The sound of birds is beginning to fill the space between trees once again, and the ice on the river is floating on down. The deer have been absolutely littered amongst the trees as the snow melts and their food sources are rediscovered. This is such a perfect time of year to dream about transitions, new beginnings, and continual growth. We are so excited to see how the Lord continues to use the Wolf River Refuge this spring and summer. Thank you so much for supporting the goals of WRR as we continue to build relationships and invest in families for the God's glory.

"Ask rain from the Lord at the time of the spring rain—The Lord who makes the storm clouds; And He will give them showers of rain, vegetation in the field to each man." Zechariah 10:1 NASB

1. How many license plates are in the Canteen?
2. What was our largest retreat?
3. What was the first SBR Insider to be posted on YouTube?
4. What were the first two cabins built for the summer of '68?
5. How many full-time Staff members are at SBR?
6. What was the office originally built for?

Trivia!

1) 16 2) Winter Jam 2019: 388 campers 3) "I Can't Believe It's GONE!" 4) B Cabins and S Cabins 5) 21 6) Staff housing

ANOTHER NEW FACE

-Jason Kemper

Spring tends to be the season of change. And that rings true here at SBR as well. This Spring we bid farewell to Dylan Packard who served as our Marketing Technologist. Dylan was very instrumental in helping to bring updates to our website, printed promotional materials, NBI's educational management system, and a plethora of other behind the scenes things that help make camp, camp. He has decided to move on to other opportunities that will help further develop his technological skills. Thank you, Dylan!

As we continue to move forward, we welcome David McIlhany as our new Marketing Technologist. David grew up in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and has volunteered several summers here at Silver Birch Ranch. He was also a Nicolet Bible Institute student during the 2017-2018 school year. David is excited to join the SBR family and use his gifts and talents to continue to keep providing ways to help keep camp on the forefront of everyone's minds as we strive to remain faithful to our mission: "To Know Christ and To Make Him Known." Welcome, David!



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Follow Us On:



• **Couples' Retreat #1**

April 5-7, 2019

• **Spring Men's Retreat**

May 2-5, 2019

• **Summer Family Camp #1**

June 1-7, 2019

• **Couples' Retreat #2**

April 12-14, 2019

• **Mother-Daughter Retreat**

May 17-19, 2019

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



SOMETHING NEW FOR SUMMER

-Jason Kemper

Whether you were a camper years ago, or camped for the first time last year, at some point you stood in line to purchase a snack, a drink, a smoothie, a hat, a hoodie, or even a pizza from the Canteen or Trading Post. Well, we have been busy making some renovations to our Canteen and Trading Post. The hope is to help make the ordering process quicker and more efficient so that those long post-Chapel lines that we all used to dread will hopefully be minimized.

Here's a sneak peak. Order placement will take place as it has been in the past, but our new Point of Sale system will help things be done faster and more effectively. The biggest change will be the Coffee Bar and Trading Post. We have moved the Coffee Bar into the Trading Post and combined the two with a new look and a new name: Trading Post Coffee. This change provides the much needed extra space for the Coffee Bar, but will also help us highlight all of the new products we have available for you to purchase as a gift or souvenir. Also, did you know that all proceeds in the Trading Post

Coffee and Canteen go towards helping kids come to camp? Make sure to come and check out the refreshed Canteen and Trading Post Coffee this summer. See you there!!

