



The

BUCKING Board

NEWS AND UPDATES FROM SILVER BIRCH RANCH



October - December 2021

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT

- Dave Wager

"And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you."
Psalm 39:7 (ESV)

I am sure the title of this brief article caught your attention. But, unfortunately, the world's affairs are a mess, Godlessness prevails, and fear seems to be our new favorite national pastime.

The digital world attempts to replace reality, arguments have replaced discussions, and propaganda is a way of life. Yet, those who have never trusted in this world or whatever this world offers are and will be fine. Those who trust in the Lord do not live in fear. Those who trust in the Lord understand that the heart of the King is in the hand of the Lord and He moves it wherever He wishes. (Prov. 21:1)

This could be the most significant time in history for the church to live contrasting lives. This could be a precious time of making the hope we have in Christ a reality to the lost and confused.

God has not changed. Our mission, "To Know Christ and to Make Him Known," has not changed.

Those who hope in the Lord have hope. Those who do not know God cannot have hope, for all that they trust in will be destroyed.

I invite you to continue to join us in seeking to know Christ, make Him known, and pray and look for ways to involve yourself in our great mission. We are excited about what God is doing during these times, and we desire you to be excited about God's purposes and provision with us.

You can keep up to date with our various ministries digitally at the following sites:

silverbirchbranch.org

nicoletbibleinstitute.org

wolfriverrefuge.org

fosterfamilyconnect.org

podbean.com/Relate365.



SUMMER 2022: THE FRONTIER

-Jason Kemper

It never ceases to amaze me how fast summer comes and goes. As I finish unscrewing deck boards and taking down slides from this summer's maze set, I can't help but smile and be thankful for all that God has done this summer. We saw just over 2,500 youth and family campers come through our doors this summer, and hundreds of young people give their lives to Jesus. Whether you were a camper, volunteer, parents, friend, prayer warrior, or financial supported, thank you for being a part of what God has done and continues to do on these grounds.

As usual, we haven't even finished cleaning up from this past summer, but our focus has already shifted to next summer. It's time to put on your boots and grab your cowboy hats as we saddle up for Summer 2022: The Frontier. Take a look at the dates and start planning your summer now, because we would love for you to join us for another amazing summer at SBR!

SUMMER 2022 DATES	
Family Camp #1	June 4-10
High School Camp #1	June 11-17
High School Camp #2	June 18-24
CCC High School Camp*	June 25-30
Family Camp #2	July 1-6
CCC Middle School Camp*	July 6-11
The Chapel Middle School Camp*	July 12-16
Junior High Camp	July 16-22
The Chapel High School Camp*	July 22-27
StuCo High School Camp*	July 28-August 1
StuCo Middle School Camp*	August 2-6
Junior-Middler Camp/ Riding Adventure Trax	August 6-12
Family Camp #3	August 14-18

*THESE MARKED WEEKS ARE RESERVED FOR SPECIFIC CHURCHES AND AREN'T OPEN TO PUBLIC REGISTRATION.

Top 10 List

1. Camera Equipment
\$8,000
2. Wi-Fi Access Points
\$3,000
3. Security Cameras
\$5,000
4. Computer Equipment
\$3,200
5. Shotguns (20 gauge Remington 870)
\$1,200
6. Cross-Country Skis (5 needed)
\$200 each
7. Hockey Skates (5 needed)
\$50 each
8. Power Tools
\$1,000
9. 15 Passenger School Bus
\$10,000
10. Horse Arena (Equine Mentoring)
\$60,000

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.

A huge thank you for all the donations the past few months, financially and gifts in kind.

SUMMER MISSION PROJECT

- Rich Hess

Every summer at Silver Birch Ranch for over a decade we have prayerfully chosen to support a Summer Mission Project, receiving financial donations from our staff and volunteers. This past summer 2021 we raised \$840 for two specific causes: INK 180 Ministries and White Lake Community Benevolence Fund. The monies raised for the White Lake Fund are designated to help people in need in our local community.

INK 180 gifts will be directed toward that Gospel-centered ministry located in Oswego, IL, whose mission is to cover up gang and human trafficking tattoos with something beautiful, helping people live out their second chance. We count it a privilege to have been involved in this effort – the ultimate goal being to see the Gospel of Jesus Christ go out clearly and compassionately. A special thanks to all who have been a part of this endeavor.

INTRODUCING THE NBI CLASS OF 2022!

- Steve Sanford

While most of the students hail from Wisconsin, this year's class is our most international with students from Mexico, Russia, Ukraine, and Venezuela! The students are enthusiastic and so full of life – a pure joy to teach. Already, we are seeing their servant attitudes as they work with retreaters. They have spent the first weeks orienting to each other and life here at NBI. We praise God for giving us the opportunity to invest in their lives!

Classes this fall semester include Old Testament Survey, Missions and Evangelism, Christian Theology, and the start of the Personal Development Seminar. In addition to the academics, the students will be involved with the on-going ministry of Silver Birch Ranch and in the local community, giving them ample opportunity to put legs to their learning.

The sum total of all these experiences and opportunities will mold and shape these young people in incredible ways as they live out their calling within the Kingdom of God. Please join us in praying for them.

Maybe you or someone you know would benefit from a year at Nicolet Bible Institute. Here's the essential information:

Facts about NBI:

- One-year, college level program
- Transferable credits – written agreements with other four-year Christian colleges (including University of Northwestern, Trinity, Crown, Oak Hills, and Montana Bible) for up to 36 credits. Credits have transferred to many other similar colleges as well.
- Affordable - \$7950 for tuition, books, fees, room, and board
- Qualified and caring instructors who hold earned master's and doctoral degrees
- Foundational Bible Courses – to help you own your faith
- Find your calling using a variety of inventories including Gallup's StrengthsFinder.

Visit our website at www.nicoletbibleinstitute.org or contact Rich Hess, Dean of Students, at 715.484.2322 x226 if you are interested in more information. Apply early. Space is limited. We are actively accepting students for the fall of 2022!

Finally, don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Instagram if you are interested in relevant information about NBI and in seeing highlights of the student year.



CONSIDER NON-CASH GIVING

- Mike Jewell

Friends don't let friends pay taxes! Silver Birch Ranch would like to make you aware of an opportunity to reduce your tax liability. Ninety percent of a person's wealth is tied up in non-cash assets, like real estate, stocks, or a business. The National Christian Foundation enables a person/family to donate a portion of an appreciated asset to their favorite charity, while realizing a substantial tax deduction in the process. If you are interested in making a non-cash donation to Silver Birch Ranch, contact Mike Jewell at SBR, and he will connect you with the right people at the National Christian Foundation to get the process started. Go to the NCF website to learn more about non-cash gifts. <https://www.ncfgiving.com/solutions/non-cash/>.



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Follow Us On:



• Father-Daughter Retreat

October 8-10, 2021

• Scrapbooking Retreat

November 11-14, 2021

• Quilters' Retreat

November 19-21, 2021

• Hunters' Retreat (WRR)

November 19-22, 2021

• Winter Family Camp

Dec. 30-Jan. 2, 2021

• Winter Jam

February 4-6, 2022

• Adoption Family Retreat

March 11-13, 2022

• Do Your Own Thing Retreat

March 24-27, 2022

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



STEADINESS IN THE LORD - WOLF RIVER REFUGE

- Matthew Shruck

As fall arrives, we're continually reminded of the many things that change around us—the leaves, the temperature, the length of the days, and more. However, something that never changes is the Lord, our refuge. Furthermore, when we continually focus on the reliability of the Lord and the Scriptures, our spiritual growth also continues. Thus, although the leaves may be changing and the wildlife around us may be inching toward dormancy, there's no need to see this season—or any season in our lives---as something to just wait out until spring. This is true for both the individual who trusts in the great Shepherd, and also for any ministry carried out with the focus on God. This fall season, instead of focusing on the dormancy of our surroundings, let's celebrate another year of growth. Let's celebrate the fact that the ability to grow in Christ never changes—regardless of our surroundings—because it is in Christ that we find our sustaining life.

This year has, yet again, seen all time heights at the Wolf River Refuge. We are thankful for that continued growth as a ministry, and also the ability to continue to be a resource for the growth of all who stay here. This year that steady growth was evident in the fruit of youth groups, weddings, family reunions, many solo prayer retreats, and more. Thank you for growing with us and using the Wolf River Refuge as a place to grow in your own continual sanctification.