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SILVER BIRCH RANCH

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OUR FAITHFUL GOD

-Dave Wager

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:23 (ESV)

Silver Birch Ranch has been through a unique period in its history. The Derecho of 2019 led into the pandemic, tumultuous elections, and now, the forecast of inflation we have not experienced in our lifetime.

Changes and trials in life are not unique to Silver Birch Ranch, as we have all experienced ramifications of adverse weather, pandemics, and political instability.

Through it all, we have, once again, seen the mighty hand of God provide. God has sustained our work and even expanded our outreach, as we are currently forging ahead with a new facility building that should replace the older “tent cabins” and make for a better camping experience for all.

The unusual has become routine, and we could never predict what 2022 will bring us, but we know that God, who has proven Himself faithful throughout the years, will continue to be faithful.

On your next visit to camp, we invite you to walk around the facility, and, as you do, pause at the various buildings and program areas and thank God for His faithfulness as demonstrated on these grounds.

We thank you for your partnership while we praise Him for His faithfulness.



JOIN US FOR SUMMER 2022: THE FRONTIER!!

- Jason Kemper

Snow, skiing, power tubing, ice skating, and hot chocolate – all signs that winter is well underway here at camp. People often think “Christmas in July,” but we tend to think “Summer in January!” Ideas, plans, and a tremendous amount of excitement are all flying around as we look forward to Summer 2022: The Frontier. Youth Camp registration is open and filling up fast. Family Camp call-in registration is right around the corner on January 24th. It might be time for you to join us in thinking about summer in January so that you can secure your spot as a camper this summer.

Also, if you are a high school student, college student, or just someone who would love to help make camp happen this summer, our Summer Staff applications are now available and our Volunteer applications will be available online January 10. Whether you're interested in helping out with the zipline, coffee bar, horses, dishes, or anything in-between, we would love for you to serve alongside of us to help our campers this summer experience a life-changing moment with Jesus.

Head on over to silverbirchbranch.org/summer and start planning your summer with us.

TOP 10 LIST

1. Cross-Country Skis-10 Pairs
\$250 each
2. Hockey Skates-10 Pairs
\$50 each
3. Professional Grade Winter Tubes-10
\$110 each
4. Summer Tubes-5
\$250 each
5. Internet Firewall
\$2,500
6. FFC- Management Software
\$1,600
7. Accounting Laptop
\$1,500
8. NBI Laptop and Monitor
\$2,000
9. Standing Office Desk
\$500
10. 15 Passenger School Bus
\$10,000

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.



APPRECIATIVE PARENTS

Our daughter...was baptized the fall (Oct.) after spending a week at summer camp (thru [our church]). She was so on fire for the Lord when she came home! Thank you for SBR- it's the most beautiful, God-loving, peaceful place. May God bless all your plans for the next year!

NBI MISSION TRIP – CHRISTMAS BREAK 2021

Lighthouse Christian Camp – Smithville, TN

A dozen NBI students spent a week at Lighthouse Christian Camp building a carport on one of the widows' homes on the campus, and preparing for a massive Christmas event for 350 elementary-age girls. Lighthouse is committed to working solely with underserved children - all campers are scholarshiped. This Christmas event is the largest single event of the year.

Thousands of gifts were sorted, organized, packaged, and priced. On the big day, participants were given "money" to buy gifts for their families. By groups they enjoyed singing Christmas carols, eating Christmas cookies, writing thank-you cards to donors, wrapping gifts, eating lunch, and listening to a Gospel presentation.

The results:

The Gospel reached 350 young lives.

Participants were shown the love of Christ in very practical ways.

Leaders were able to encourage and connect with students – sharing the true meaning of Christmas.





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FOLLOW US ON:



• **WINTER JAM**
February 4-6, 2022

• **ADOPTION FAMILY RETREAT**
March 11-13, 2022

• **DO YOUR OWN THING**
March 24-27, 2022

• **AUTHORED COUPLES' RETREAT**
April 8-10, 2022

• **SPRING MEN'S RETREAT**
April 29-May 1, 2022

• **MOTHER-DAUGHTER RETREAT**
May 20-22, 2022

• **SUMMER - THE FRONTIER**
June 4-Aug 18, 2022

• **HOMESCHOOL FAMILY CAMP**
August 25-28, 2022

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



YEAR IN, YEAR OUT - WOLF RIVER REFUGE

- Matthew Shruck

From politics to the pandemic, to the constantly changing culture around us, there is no shortage of stressors in our current lives. But that makes the growth at the Wolf River Refuge this year even more encouraging. More and more people are discovering our cozy cabins where they can seek refuge in the Lord, His Word, His Creation, and in His people. We're excited to watch that continue into the winter season.

That being said, don't forget that the Wolf River Refuge, just like SBR, is open all winter. Camp doesn't have to be something that you miss for three seasons. Come warm up next to the fireplace and sink into the Word. Make lifelong memories and seek the Lord in togetherness with your friends and family. Throw on a pair of our snowshoes and admire the beauty of the world that the Lord has tasked us with keeping. Dig into our guest activity binders inside the cabins and find out everything that the area has to offer. Or, bring up your snowmobiles and ice fishing gear and put some food on your family table. Regardless of what it looks like, we're excited to be a resource for growth in your relationships with the Lord and with one another in 2022

