

# THE BUCKING BOARD

SILVER BIRCH RANCH

## NEWSLETTER

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### SBR'S 55TH SUMMER!!

-Dave Wager

The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will. - Proverbs 21:1 (ESV)

Silver Birch Ranch is in the midst of its 55th summer camping season. God has been faithful to Pastor Wager's (my dad) dream of providing a place for churches for evangelism and discipleship. Back in the early days we pulled old hay wagons with older tractors, rented horses, and skied behind a 30-horsepower outboard motor. At 55 years old, we have seen the world and our equipment and programs change, yet we continue to be thrilled to be part of something that does not change. We know the answer to the

world's problems today is the same as in 1968.

People need the Lord; we need to know Christ and be excited about making Him known, and as we see this happen, we give a lost world direction.

Silver Birch Ranch, like the families and churches we serve, will struggle to adjust to new economic realities. We will need to continue to adapt our menus in the Dining Hall, work creatively to control our utilities, and do our best to minimize our fuel usage. Like all citizens and businesses in the United States, and perhaps worldwide, we need to adjust and adapt. Therefore, we ask that you pray for us as we seek what needs to be done to remain strong, available, and active in knowing Christ and making Him known.

Those who have been around a while realize that inconsistency is the only consistency in the world, and rest in the fact that God is sovereign, loves us, and has a plan for the future that cannot be foiled.

We ask our Silver Birch Ranch family and friends to continue to pray, serve with us, and look for new opportunities that always come with unique challenges. We also thank those who have generously partnered with us and are helping us navigate these challenging economic times.

# FOSTER FAMILY CONNECT UPDATE

- Mike Jewell

It has been just over a year since Silver Birch Ranch launched Foster Family Connect (FFC), a ministry to foster families and the foster kids whom they serve. Through the faithful giving of SBR supporters, FFC has...

1. Paid for foster kids to attend SBR camps this summer at no charge to the foster parents.
2. Developed an after-school horse mentoring program with trained staff and a new horse arena to protect foster children from harsh weather.
3. Produced a series of podcasts on the book of Ephesians that speaks directly to foster parents and their struggles in fostering.
4. Provided gift certificates to foster families with new placements or unexpected financial needs.

Your donations to FFC are making a difference in the lives of foster children. Thank you for supporting foster kids and SBR's outreach to foster families. You can visit our website ([www.fosterfamilyconnect.org](http://www.fosterfamilyconnect.org)) to listen to the podcasts, donate, or learn more about fostering. Or you can contact FFC at the Silver Birch Ranch address, N6120 Sawyer Lake Road, White Lake, WI, 54491, or email Mike at [mike.jewell@fosterfamilyconnect.org](mailto:mike.jewell@fosterfamilyconnect.org). Thanks for your continued financial and prayer support.

## SUMMER SO FAR...



## TOP 10 LIST

1. 3 Boat Tubes  
**\$250 each**
2. 10 Broomball Sticks  
**\$28 each**
3. Trap Range Roof  
**\$2500**
4. 10 Daisy BB Guns  
**\$50 each**
5. Gas Cards  
**\$100 each**
6. 6 Security Cameras  
**\$300**
7. 2 Kitchen Speed Racks  
**\$175 each**
8. 20 Gluten Free Trays  
**\$300**
9. 2 Outdoor Security Cameras  
**\$800**
10. Video Recorder  
**\$700**

*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.*

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## NBI IMPACT

Periodically we hear from our alumni. Here is a recent, unsolicited correspondence:

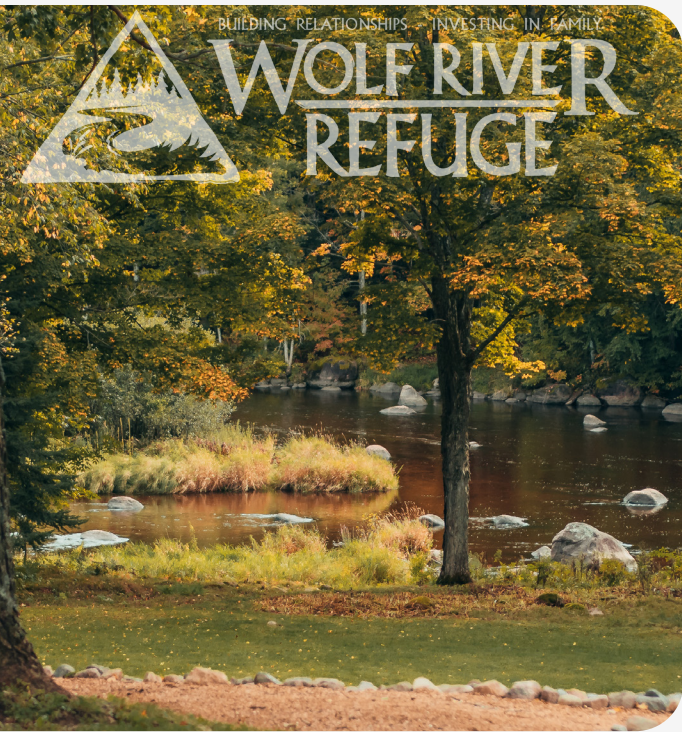
“Being able to attend NBI was influential in my early adult life. God used the classes, teachers, environment, ministry, and people to help build a firm foundation – all based on what the Bible says. I’ve been blessed with friendships that are strong through meeting at SBR; friendships that are deep and Christ-focused. Knowing Christ and making Him known has changed and saved many lives. This is a BIG thank-you... to an awesome place!”

If you, or someone you know, would benefit from a year at NBI, please contact Rich Hess at [rich.hess@nicoletbibleinstitute.org](mailto:rich.hess@nicoletbibleinstitute.org) or 715-484-2322 x226 for more information or visit our website at [www.nicoletbibleinstitute.org](http://www.nicoletbibleinstitute.org). There are still openings for the fall of '22!

## SUMMER STAFF 2022

We are thankful for our Summer Staff (college students pictured below) and volunteers and for their willingness to come and serve at camp this summer. They join a long line of summer servants who have invested in campers since 1968. God continues to provide prayer warriors, staff, volunteers, donors, campers, and guests who join together in knowing Christ and making Him known in this place. Please continue to pray for God’s will as the summer progresses.





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FOLLOW US ON:



- **HOMESCHOOL FAMILY CAMP**  
August 25-28, 2022
- **LADIES RETREAT #1**  
September 9-11, 2022
- **LADIES RETREAT #2**  
September 16-18, 2022
- **FATHER-SON RETREAT**  
September 23-25, 2022
- **MEN'S RETREAT**  
Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2022
- **FATHER DAUGHTER RETREAT**  
October 7-9, 2022
- **QUILTERS' RETREAT**  
October 28-30, 2022
- **SCRAPBOOKING RETREATS**  
Nov. 11-13 & Nov. 18-20, 2022

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



## THE WOLF RIVER REFUGE

We are excited about the new camping opportunities our Wolf River Refuge campus offers. Our main campus focuses on large group activities and evangelism, whereas our Refuge property gives us a smaller, quieter environment best used for discipleship and families. We invite you to contact Aaron, our Refuge Manager, and discuss how we might help you in your discipleship programs.

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