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SILVER BIRCH RANCH

NEWSLETTER

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THE NEW NORMAL

-Dave Wager

Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD!
Psalm 31:24 (ESV).

The more things change, the more they remain the same.

The unknown and unexpected is the new norm in a world that craves “normal.” But unfortunately, abnormal seems to be the new normal, and it’s anybody’s guess what the plan is for what lies ahead.

The year-round ministry of Silver Birch Ranch began in 1981. We were coming off a gas price crisis, and interest rates were topping 18%, recession

gripped the nation, and hope in a better future was clouded by the tension between the US and Iran, the wounding of John Paul II, the assassination of Anwar el-Sadat and the overthrowing of President Hilla Li-mann in Ghana.

Once again, now in 2022, the world waits to see if we can somehow make our way back to what we would consider normal.

Silver Birch Ranch is no exception, and we must deal with the many challenges our nation faces, while looking forward to the many opportunities we have to give our nation’s children a real hope for their future.

All people, in all times, struggle with catastrophic results when they no longer know God. Since 1968, we have been dedicated to knowing Christ, to making Him known, and in those ever- changing times, we remained focused and unchanged.

We, once again, praise God for His provision and thank the many who have understood the unique role Silver Birch Ranch has had and is playing in the lives of our nation’s youth. God has provided through some tough years through many who decided to help keep our gates open and available to all.

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THE NEW NORMAL

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No one knows what twists and turns are coming, but we do know that God is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and those who know Him and listen to Him will, in the end, be cared for well.

We, along with many, will all struggle to pay the ever-increasing utilities, fuel, and food bills, yet we press on, looking to God to provide what is needed.

We to invite you to pray with us for the innocent of the world who are suffering, and to continue to help us give hope to all who come on our grounds.

HELP CHANGE LIVES

- Jason Kemper

The days are getting longer. Birds can be heard chirping more frequently. Snow is finally starting to melt here in the Northwoods. Excitement is in the air as plans and preparations are underway as we prepare for *The Frontier*. I want to encourage 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, consider joining us this summer as a counselor or volunteer. We would love for you to partner with us as we strive *To Know Christ and To Make Him Known*.

For more information on volunteering, counseling, and camping go to www.silverbirchranch.org and click on the Summer tab. We can't wait to see you this summer!



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\$250 each (20 needed)
2. WRR computer
\$3,000
3. Barn - Horse Riding Helmets
\$500
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\$250
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\$25 each (25 needed)
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\$500
7. Kitchen - Pans
\$500
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\$50 each (10 requested)
9. Wi-Fi Access Points
\$200 each (25 needed)
10. WRR - John Deere Gator
\$8,000

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.

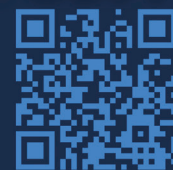
BECAUSE YOU ASKED....

Some have asked when is the best time to come and volunteer at Silver Birch Ranch. We often have individuals, families, and groups come and help us with dishes and special projects, and we have seen God supply our needs through such labor.

In the summer, a great time to come and volunteer is either very early in the summer (starting with Memorial Day Weekend) or towards the end of summer (Labor Day Weekend) in that often those who have served all summer need to return to school and other responsibilities.

Thanks for asking!

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CONSIDERING NBI?

If you or someone you know is considering being a Nicolet Bible Institute student for the 2022-2023 school year, now is the time to apply! We are offering **\$500 off tuition** for all students who apply before May 1, 2022.

NBI is a great opportunity to develop a strong Biblical foundation, grow deeper in your relationship with God, and have fun learning how to serve within the context of camping ministry.

Want a glimpse of what NBI will look like? Give us a call at (715) 484-2322 and schedule an in-person campus tour today! You don't want to miss out.

NBI MISSION TRIP – CROSSBRIDGE CHURCH

- Laura Speckman

During our Spring Break, NBI students were able to help CrossBridge Church in Ishpeming, Michigan with an ongoing remodel project. The projects we did included installing drywall, insulation, a few new windows, and a few of us helped clean and hem a curtain to protect the stage. We had a fun time getting to know some of the people there and helping them! We also learned some new skills and enjoyed fellowship with each other. It was a great experience, and we were thrilled to help their congregation!



NBI MISSION TRIP – CAMP DANIEL

- Susanna Webster

A group of nine of our NBI students and their RAs had the privilege of serving on a mission trip to Camp Daniel for a few days to kick off their Spring Break. They started their time there with a tour of the camp. This included the amazing history of how God brought Camp Daniel into existence and how He has provided for them over the past two decades. During their time there the students did a variety of projects. These projects included tree cutting, cleaning, and assembling and sewing merchandise for Camp Daniel's gift shop. A few of the students were able to use their artistic talent to hand paint key chains for the gift shop. Though the days were filled with work, the evenings were filled with time to relax and build relationships while playing games, engaging in conversation, and enjoying a movie night together. They each immensely enjoyed their time serving alongside the staff at Camp Daniel. They left inspired by the ministry taking place at Camp Daniel to advance the kingdom of God.





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GROWING THE WOLF RIVER REFUGE

- Jason Kemper

Many of you have most likely heard of the Wolf River Refuge, and some of you perhaps have even had the opportunity to stay there. The Wolf River Refuge is just down the road from the main campus of Silver Birch Ranch, nestled in on 11 beautiful acres along the Wolf River. There are eight unique cabins that can collectively host 50-60 people.

The goal of The Refuge is to come alongside of youth groups, churches, and families to provide an intentional atmosphere to pursue God. Our hope is to provide a place where you can bring a group of people to enjoy being together, deepen your relationship with God, and have fun experiencing God's creation. The smaller setting and atmosphere at The Refuge creates a space where an entire youth group or church small group could reserve the entire facility and enjoy a weekend retreat.

As we try to highlight The Refuge over the coming months, I encourage you to head over to www.wolfriverrefuge.org and start planning your visit to the Wolf River Refuge.