



Greetings from River's Edge! It has been a few hot weeks, but lots of rain to break up the heat. We are thankful to the LORD who sustains us in all circumstances. We are looking forward to some different types of group events in August.

### Who is God?

An 11-year old participant asked one our mentors this question recently. This question is quite profound when coming from a child who is struggling and does not know God. It is also a beautiful question and an answer to prayers. This is an invitation to speak into their heart to hear about God. We are thankful for these types of scenarios at River's Edge and that God is using the mentoring for children to come to know Him! Our mentoring team regularly participates in mentor training to prepare for scenarios like this. A few weeks ago, we focused on session preparedness and particularly the role of prayer!



### Open House @ River's Edge!

The Open House has been scheduled for Saturday August 14 from 10:00 am to 2:30pm. We will be offering a BBQ, strawberry treats, ice cream, horse demonstrations and a guided tour of the property. Come one, come all! Take your neighbours, family and friends. The children will enjoy getting up close to a horse, chicken or even our very new baby rabbits. (They were born yesterday!) If you have not been to River's Edge yet, now is your chance!



### 1-on-1 Mentoring

New participants are being welcomed to River's Edge regularly. However, for the most part in August, we will be taking a break from the 1-on-1 mentoring. We still do hope to have a few mentoring sessions each week, albeit much less than usual. All the participants have been invited to the summer group events, and plans are being made to see them back for mentoring in September.

## “Survivor Camp” with the Youth Impact Centre

On July 5, we launched “Survivor Camp”. This camp is going on every Monday afternoon for the whole summer. We welcomed to the farm approximately 40 children aged 11 to 14! We have divided



up the group into 4 cohorts that move from activity to activity. Each week the children get an interactive Bible lesson. A couple of the topics were on the story of Noah and the Armour of God. The other activities include forest games, horse activities (painting, grooming, leading), and water games. Because the weather has been hot at times, the water games were especially enjoyed! We are thankful for the good rapport with the Youth Impact Centre and thank them for their joyful involvement. We are also thankful to see many young, smiling faces each week!

## Creation Explored + Bright Hope Summer Camp

In the four full weeks of August, we will be having “Creation Explored” and “Bright Hope Summer Camp”. We will welcome 40 to 50 children each week to the farm. Thank you to my staff and the many volunteers for all the preparation and planning for these camps. It has been great to work along side some camp pros from Streetlight! I am sure that if you follow us on social media, you will be kept up to date with all the photos from our talented photographer, Avery Linde!



## Support

We are thankful for the support we receive. Please continue to pray that the LORD may bless the organization. The LORD has indeed blessed our work for which we are thankful. There is no fee for the participants, so we operate completely on donations. We are looking to build our monthly donor base. Please consider supporting us monthly! Questions? Please email [chris@riversedge.ca](mailto:chris@riversedge.ca).

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Until next time

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