

Pastor or Youth Worker's Reference Form for _____


applicant's name printed

Dear Pastor or Youth Worker:

The applicant named above is applying to Camp Barakel to help as a volunteer worker during this summer's camping program.

Engineers (boys) and Technicians (girls) are involved in the "practical operation" of the camp. Technicians help us by serving in areas such as the Trading Post (our camp store) or kitchen, among others. The Engineers may help with dishwashing, cutting and hauling firewood, etc. Those teens who are qualified may be asked to help with lifeguarding or piano-playing responsibilities.

Even though their work assignments will not be in a "counseling" area, we are concerned with the personal behavior and testimony of these helpers. They are often viewed as models by the campers--they do have an influence! The following information will be helpful to us as we prepare to work with this person. Be assured that all information will be held in confidence. For this reason please be sure to mail the form directly to Camp. Do not return it to the applicant.

 **Important:** *We recognize the busy-ness of your schedule and the frustration of being asked to fill out another form! However, we do encourage you to complete and return this form as soon as possible. Lack of the reference form delays the acceptance process. We sincerely thank you for your help in this matter!*

In the interest of promoting teen involvement in missions: If the applicant (or any other young people from your church body) are accepted to be members of our summer staff, might we encourage you to recognize them as short-term missionaries? A commissioning service, prayer partners, bulletin announcement--anything that would help them to see the vital role they will be filling would seem appropriate. Some churches have seen fit to give opportunity for a report following the period of service.

We continue to desire to be a supporting arm of the local church. Thank you for helping make this opportunity possible.

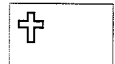


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| 1. Do you believe the applicant knows Jesus Christ as personal Savior?..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Does the applicant display a desire to grow in their walk with the Lord?..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Are you aware of indiscrete or immoral behavior by the applicant?..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Are you aware of alcohol or illegal drug use by the applicant?..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Does the applicant get along well with peers and family members?..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Does the applicant respond positively to those in authority?..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Does the applicant show reasonable maturity and responsibility?..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Is the applicant an active participant in your church program?..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Do the parents or guardians of the applicant attend your church?..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If you feel any of your answers would benefit from a clarifying note, please use the space provided below--or a separate sheet.

Your signature _____ Date _____

In the event we need to contact you, please fill in the following information--or attach a personal business card.



Your Name _____ Staff position _____

Church Name _____ Office Phone _____

Church Address _____ Home Phone (opt) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email (opt) _____



Please FAX or mail this form following instructions on the reverse side of this form.

Final Instructions:

If you desire this form may be FAXed to 989-848-2280. If FAXed you do not need to send in the original by mail. Otherwise, the applicant was to have supplied a stamped, addressed envelope for mailing the form back. If it is absent could we ask you to provide one?

Please send the form to:

STEP Applications
Camp Barakel
POB 159
Fairview, MI 48621-0159

To maintain confidentiality, please FAX or mail it directly back to Camp as soon as it is filled out. We cannot fully process the application until we receive this Pastoral Reference Form. A slow response delays the application process.

If you have any questions or concerns that you would like to speak to us about please feel free to call our office at 989-848-2279. Please ask for the Summer Technician/Engineer Program Coordinator. Or email SteveM@CampBarakel.org.

If you would like more applications or reference forms you may contact our office, or download in PDF format at www.CampBarakel.org. Click on the Staff button and then High School Staff.

Thank you for fulfilling your role in building our summer ministry team!

Stephen McCormick
STEP Coordinator
Camp Barakel