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# A great camping program... for all ages!

Picture yourself as part of the fun and excitement at Barakel this summer! 2008 marks the 56th year of camping here at Shear Lake and you can be a part of one of these great weeks!

Each morning your cabin group will gather briefly for a "Morning Tribe Talk." You'll be looking at Paul's letter to the Romans. As the day comes to a close, you will gather again and look back at all you did, encouraging each other with how God has made a difference in your thoughts and actions.

Chapel speakers will be given opportunity to share with you in morning Bible Study as well as evening Chapel. These important people will be geared to your age group with challenging messages from the Bible.

Your group will be made up of seven or eight other campers as well as your counselor. You will spend the week together as "tribes" and you'll have a great time competing for those

juicy Barakel watermelons awarded to the tribes who win the Merit Race or Sports Competition! Also, you will enjoy free time on beautiful Shear Lake – swimming, fishing, kayaking, boating or canoeing. A special treat will be our cookout when you will have opportunity to prepare your own meal in the forest (with counselor's help).



Don't miss out on a fantastic time!

## Grades 3 through 6

- ✓ One week for campers going into **grades 3, 4, 5 and 6** in the fall:
  - July 1-7
- ✓ Two weeks for campers going into **grades 3, 4, and 5** in the fall:
  - June 10-16 • June 17-23
- ✓ Four weeks for campers going into **grades 4, 5 and 6** in the fall:
  - June 24-30 • July 8-14
  - July 22-28 • July 29-August 4

Along with the fun activities listed on the other side of this brochure, you can look forward to Thunder Express, Morning Clubs and the big, evening all-camp activities planned for you!



## Grades 6 through 9

- ✓ Three weeks for campers entering **grades 6, 7 and 8** in the fall:
  - June 10-16 • July 15-21
  - August 5-11
- ✓ Six weeks for campers entering **grades 7, 8 and 9** in the fall:
  - June 17-23 • June 24-30 • July 1-7
  - July 8-14 • July 22-28 • July 29-Aug. 4

Mountain Bikes, Pellet Rifles and The Blob...Barakel's summer camp can be a highlight of your summer. As you hang out with new friends and enjoy bigger AMBUSHES, be prepared to have an incredible time with a week that rivals the excitement of Barakel's High School Week.



## Grades 10 through 12

- ✓ Two weeks planned just for those entering **grades 10, 11 and 12** in the fall...as well as those just graduating from High School this spring:
  - July 15-21 • August 5-11

Want to be part of something great? Something extravagant? Something fun? Come to High School Week '08 and be part of something downright presidential! Seriously hyped-up AMBUSHES, lots of great friends (old and new), and a Team Competition that will have you screaming your head off... all are part of the Barakel High School Week experience.



## Fees:

The cost for each week listed in this brochure is \$220. A registration fee of \$75 should accompany the registration form (checks payable to "Camp Barakel"). The balance of \$145 is due one week prior to arrival.

## Note for all ages:

In order to provide the best possible camping experience for everyone, we feel it is important that we adhere strictly to the grade grouping as listed for each week. Please do not ask for exceptions to be made. Thank you for your help.

Registrations are taken individually, not by group. Also, we do not place more than three friends together in a group ("tribe"). All housing arrangements and assignments are made after the campers arrive – you need not inform us in advance concerning these housing details. If your child does not have a friend coming to Barakel with them, they will have many opportunities to make new friends while at camp.

## Register Now!

Getting your registration in the mail right away is important – don't delay! Most of last summer's weeks were filled to capacity. Here's how you can register for the summer of 2008:

**Step 1: Fill out the attached registration form.**

Please indicate your choice of dates and fill in all the blanks. This will avoid processing delay.

**Step 2: Mail the form & registration fee to:**

**SUMMER REGISTRAR  
CAMP BARAKEL  
PO BOX 159  
FAIRVIEW, MI 48621-0159**

Please send a separate form (or copy) for each camper. We do not accept phone reservations.

**Step 3: We'll send a postcard acknowledging your registration.**

**Step 4: Later in the spring, we'll send detailed information – please read it carefully!**

This information will include a Health Form, Bus Schedule (see "Transportation" below) and a What-to-Bring list.

If you are unable to attend your week of camp, the registration fee is refundable if we are notified no less than two weeks prior to the Tuesday your week begins.

## Transportation...

To help you with transportation time and costs, Barakel provides its own fleet of buses (and luggage semi). Bus stops are located in Marshall, Lansing, Flint and Bay City. The bus service will run **northbound on Tuesday – southbound on Monday**. This service is provided at no additional charge!



We have worked diligently to find convenient, safe bus stops. Each bus has a state-certified driver and an additional adult, their primary goal being to give assistance to campers and parents.

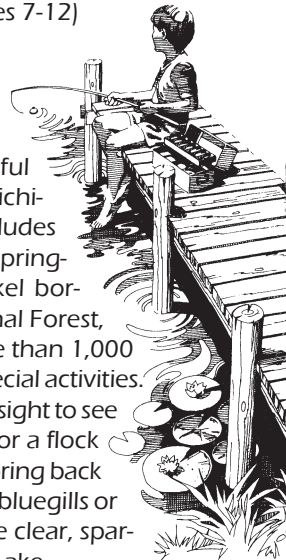
## Activities & Events...

- Kayaking
- Swimming
- Handcrafts
- Camp Museum
- Paddleboats
- Volleyball
- Fishing
- Basketball
- Frisbee Golf
- Cookouts
- Canoeing
- WeCanDolt Challenges
- Air Riflery (grades 3-5, 4-6)
- Pellet Riflery (grades 6-8, 7-9)
- 22 Riflery (grades 10-12)
- Overnight Campout (grades 6-8, 7-9, 10-12)
- Mountain Biking (grades 7-12)
- Thunder Express (grades 3-6)
- Blobbing (grades 7-12)
- Bouldering Wall
- Softball
- Trading Post
- Soccer
- Boating
- Kickball
- Boxhockey
- Game Room
- Tetherball
- Archery
- Nature Hikes

## Facility...

Camp Barakel is nestled in the beautiful forests of northern Michigan. Our 350 acres includes all of the frontage on spring-fed Shear Lake. Barakel borders the Huron National Forest, making available more than 1,000 additional acres for special activities. It is not an uncommon sight to see a doe with her fawns or a flock of wild turkeys – or to bring back a nice stringer of bass, bluegills or northern pike from the clear, sparkling waters of Shear Lake.

Our buildings are carefully blended into our pine and hardwood forest. They are constructed of wood and stone and are built on the hills around the lake. Campers sleep in clean, well-constructed lodges or cabins and walk short distances to our Dining Halls and Chapels. The name "Barakel" comes from the Bible and means "where God has blessed." We are grateful for the location God has given us – it is an ideal facility for summer camping at its finest!



## Note to parents...

The staff at Camp Barakel consider it both a rich privilege and serious responsibility to have your youngster with us in our camping program. We accept the trust you place in us with a commitment to provide each camper with an experience that will be significant for years to come. It is our desire to see our campers benefit in spiritual and character growth, skill development and an increase in relational and leadership abilities.

Utmost care is taken to protect the health of your child. Medical staff is on hand at all times and a doctor is nearby in case of emergency or illness. Being licensed by the state, we are yearly inspected and advised of health and safety regulations. Licensing consultants have often rated Barakel as having an exceptional facility and program.

Counselors and program staff are carefully selected and trained (a two-week training program) to provide a positive contribution to each camper. The daily program is a careful mix of outdoor activities, group sports, leisure time and opportunities to investigate details of the Christ-centered life. At Barakel we recognize the importance of Biblical values. We attempt to cultivate in campers the same concern for the welfare of others that God intended for a family. However, not all campers come to us with equal amounts of ability and/or desire to treat one another (or authority) with common decency and respect. We think it is important that parents who teach these values know that our staff support them. We reserve the right to send home any camper who does not respond to our nurture in these areas. We believe that our success and endurance through the years is linked to a continued dedication to these Biblical values.

Camp Barakel does not maintain any discriminatory or segregating policies or practices on the basis of race, color, religion or national origin.

