

SERVING AT BARAKEL ...AS AN ADULT VOLUNTEER "PTS"

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

◆ Who are Part Time Staff (PTS)?

The broad classification of adult volunteers (age 18 and up) who give their services at Barakel on a temporary basis for a week or more, or a few days at a time. Many are faithful workers who come to camp several times a year — sometime for weeks at a time — to do all sorts of jobs in areas such as:

Healthcare Food service Carpentry Electrical Plumbing
Wall-papering/Painting/Staining Laundry Grounds Program assistance

◆ Where do they stay?

Accommodations specifically for PTS are available on both East and West sides of camp. Each facility provides motel-type units (either one queen or two single beds) and a lounge area for relaxing and fellowship. From mid-May through mid-September our RV Park is open as an option for PTS too.

◆ May I invite a friend to come work along with me?

Sure! We encourage you to get others involved. You may even be housed together if you wish.

◆ Do PTS attend Chapel sessions?

Yes. The work day is designed so that staff may attend the evening Chapel sessions. Our cooks are in the habit of 'shooing out' PTS on Sunday morning too, so that they don't miss the worship service.

◆ Will there be time to relax and enjoy the facilities?

We sure hope so! Most PTS folks find 2 or 3 hours of free time during the day to pursue their "want to's". Evenings are free for most of the staff after supper cleanup. Seasonally, waterfront equipment, archery and riflery ranges, biking trails, or skates and skis are all available to PTS as long as they are not in use by our registered campers. There's even a Camp Library for those quiet hours.

◆ Can my whole family be involved?

The short answer is, only if they would fit into a category of volunteers, and there are other categories. Otherwise, we're just not equipped to provide housing and supervision for your children while you are working.

It may work for you to join in while your younger children attend summer camp. There are separate programs for teens entering 10th grade and older, as well as for young adults to serve with us during the summer months.

◆ Can I register for more than one week at a time?

Yes. And for more than one season at a time. Once your Personnel and Health forms are on file, you are 'good to go'! Just line up your plans with the Camp Barakel Schedule of Events.

◆ I'd like to try it. What do I do next?

Contact Elaine Shaw by phone or e-mail — ElaineS@CampBarakel.org. We will work with you on a date and assignment, and see that you get the required paperwork.

We'll be glad to have you join our extended staff family!