

# FROM SEASON TO SEASON ...

Adult volunteers from all walks of life can find opportunities to serve Christ just by doing what they can to meet the needs of others here at Barakel. Some seek diversion from their regular areas of expertise. Others come to use their special knowledge and skills in particular areas of need.

We call them Part Time Staff, and glad fellowship is a regular part of the experience, as we join hearts and hands together in service.



Junior and Senior High teens hold the focus of our attention during the months of January through mid-March. Interspersed among the teen events are opportunities for adults to join in as campers too in their roles as 'College Student' or 'Career Seeker', 'Dad'/'Mom', 'Husband'/'Wife'.

The teens generally come in bunches during **Winter** camp. Churches from all over the state and beyond bring their youth groups and join in our program together. This scenario creates a built-in setting for PTS to come as church groups also. We'll need folks to work in our kitchens, a couple of men for the tubing hill down in Sno' Valley (strong backs a *must*), and some veteran summer staff and friends to help in the Program areas.

PTS should plan to arrive after supper on Friday evenings during the winter retreat season. The work begins Friday night for some, and early Saturday morning for others. Saturdays are full for just about everyone. Kitchen workers will be involved with serving meals on Sunday morning, and are free to leave after the dinner meal.

**Springtime** at Barakel brings welcome wildlife friends out from their cold weather habitat. Not-so-welcome remains of dust, dirt and leaves are uncovered as well, creating an unmistakable reminder that it's time to clean and spruce up the grounds.

In May, Co-Labor Challenge volunteers get us going on primarily the outdoor work. An overnite Friday night, 7-8 hours of work on Saturday, along with 3 good meals and they're back on the road.

Projects abound on the construction/maintenance scene. The month of May is a great time to 'Lend A Hand'. Randy Harris coordinates this area of Camp, so your inquiry will be directed his way. He will contact you to 'hammer out' the details.

Spring Men's and Mother/Daughter Retreat happens mid-May, and will call for kitchen staff only. *Many* hands are needed to help with Family Camp, whether in the kitchens or in program areas. In between these two retreats, we invite a small group of Retiree's to come beautify the grounds with flowers!



**Summer** weeks are full of excitement here at camp from Tuesday through Monday, June through mid-August as hundreds of campers join us for a week-long camping experience. The grounds bustle with activity on the work scene too for adults as well as teens- our Techs and Engineers. Daily working hours for PTS will vary, but most positions involve 8 hours of work whether consecutive or spread out over waking hours. Construction workers eat breakfast before the campers, and work mornings and afternoons Wednesday through Saturday.



Healthcare staff maintain an on-call status while working generally an 8-hour shift.



**Autumn** brings adults our way as Families, Grandparents, Fathers and Daughters, Couples, Ladies, and Men *retreat* from their busy schedules for a weekend away from it all. Pastors Conference takes up a Monday through Wednesday time slot. PTS needs pretty much center on the two kitchens. It's a great time for small groups or couples to come work together, or for a spouse who's other half is camping at Barakel to join in with the behind-the-scenes crew. Singles are *always* welcome.

With the exception of Labor Day Family Camp and our Pastor's Conference, the fall retreats begin with a hearty snack buffet on Friday night, and close with the dinner meal around noon on Sunday.

## PART TIME STAFF — PARTNERS THROUGH SERVICE