

# Camp Barakel

## 2009 Winter Teen Retreats

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Dear Youth Leaders,

We invite you to bring your teens to a Barakel Winter Retreat. We are planning nine weekends during the prime Michigan winter season. A weekend is a terrific opportunity for you to connect with not-yet-saved kids, nurture the believers, and enjoy classic outdoor camp fun (and maybe a little time in front of a fireplace with some coffee). You get a high-touch time with your students, and the all-included price is a reasonable \$90.

### Program and Activities

Be sure to arrive on Friday evening in time to tube down the hill in Snow Valley (featuring a tow-rope ride back up) and then gather in Chapel to hear truth proclaimed through a variety of methods. Saturday has a full schedule of winter activities, and two Chapel sessions. Sunday we plan an 11:30 lunch so you can hit the road and get home in time to give a report to the evening church gathering. We encourage you to get your church praying for you regarding this weekend; God's Word and the prayers of His people, along with your faithfulness to be there for the teens is (mysteriously) how eternity is impacted.

We have a skating rink (for poets) and a hockey rink (for savages). We rent skis, skates and snowshoes, groom more than six miles of cross-country ski trails, plan games of snow football and broomball, offer ice fishing on our 70-acre lake, and we have a Gameroom too. We'll plan the program (and do the dishes) so you can concentrate on having personal contact with your students. In today's culture, it is a rare opportunity to have unhurried time to be with teens.

Of the nine weekends, six of them allow you to bring Junior High/Middle School and Senior High as one combined group—the remaining three weekends house the groups in separate facilities (one on the East Side of the lake and one on the West Side of the lake). During the separated weekends, each group has a speaker and program designed specifically for their age group. The combined weekends provide one speaker and program for the whole group.

- During Junior High weekends you may bring students from 6th, 7th, 8th or 9th grade.
- During Senior High weekends you may bring students from 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade.
- During Combined weekends you may bring students from 6th through 12th grade.
- If your staff bring their own children, they must be in the same grades as the students.

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## Dates

- ① January 2-4..... Combined Junior High and Senior High
- ② January 9-11..... Combined Junior High and Senior High
- ③ January 16-18..... Combined Junior High and Senior High
- ④ January 23-25..... Combined Junior High and Senior High
- ⑤ January 30-February 1 .... Junior High  
January 30-February 1 .... Senior High
- ⑥ February 6-8..... Junior High  
February 6-8..... Senior High
- ⑦ February 13-15..... Combined Junior High and Senior High
- ⑧ February 20-22..... Combined Junior High and Senior High
- ⑨ February 27-March 1 ..... Junior High  
February 27-March 1 ..... Senior High

– See our website ([www.CampBarakel.org](http://www.CampBarakel.org)) for the latest details on the retreat and speakers.

## Your Staff's Role...

Please provide a leader/sponsor for each 8 to 10 students (for both guys and girls). Our earnest desire is that you find sensitive, mature adults who are capable (and willing) to nurture spiritual growth in these dear young people. We'll do the cooking and staff the tubing hill, so every adult you bring can concentrate on purposeful relationships with the students.

We schedule breakout sessions two times during the weekend, Saturday evening and Sunday before lunch. We'll provide a room where you and your group can do business with God and make plans for applying what has been said in Chapel. Make sure your staff know how vital their role is, and how single-minded we want them to be about connecting with the teens. If your staff desire to bring their own children, they must be the age of the students—and registered as campers.

## Registration Procedures

To reserve spots in a weekend, send us the enclosed Registration Form along with a check in the amount of \$40 per person (including both students and leaders/sponsors). Be sure to make a copy of the registration form for your records. The registration fee is non-refundable and non-transferable. (In other words, if you register 20, and only bring 19, you don't get the \$40 back and you can't transfer it to the "balance due.") The purpose for this policy is certainly not to make your job more difficult. (We understand, being a youth leader is hard enough already.) It is hoped that this policy will help everyone to be as realistic as they can in reserving spots. By the way, as long as space is available, you may add more at a later date. Just tell us the number you wish to add—and send the additional registration fee of \$40 per person. If we have room, you're in.

The total fee is \$90 per person (including leaders/sponsors). This fee covers everything at camp except renting cross-country skis (\$3), snowshoes or ice skates (\$1). The balance of \$50 per person is due when you check in on Friday night.

We hope you can join us for one of these weekends! We'll be praying that the Lord will use the retreats in a powerful way in the hearts and lives of your teens. It is the desire of the nine families, three couples, and four singles who live as resident staff on the Barakel grounds that our labor be used of the dear Lord to strengthen and support your ministry. If you have questions or need more information, please contact us at:

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