



# BARAKEL NEWS

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## NEW RESIDENT STAFF

We are pleased to introduce our newest Resident Missionary Staff Appointees, Justin and Melissa Parker and their three children. They live in Shiawassee County; Melissa is a Registered Nurse and will work in healthcare; Justin has maintenance skills and is also willing to oversee our East Side kitchen. The need for them to be here is immediate. They have already demonstrated their heart for the work, and because of their background and experience, they will be fully involved as soon as they are financially supported.

All of our Resident Missionary Staff earnestly desire to display trust in God. We want to say, by our lives, that God is worthy of our confidence. Since we cannot live here without the financial provision of the Lord, and we cannot operate camp without the help of volunteers, we hope that God's reputation is built up when He supplies our needs. If God does not supply? We don't have a Plan B; our plan is to joyfully trust Him—and we don't have another plan.

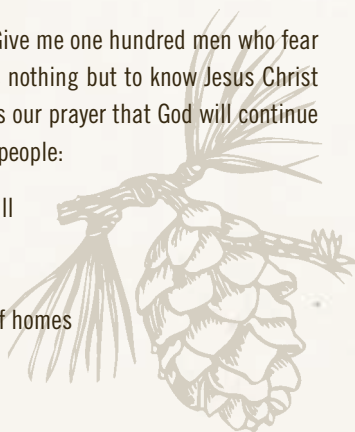
## SEASONAL STAFF LIVE IN OUR NEWEST BUILDING

Volunteers who come for a season have been housed in basements and old mobile homes on the property. On September 9 we dedicated Valley Ridge to the Lord's work. This brand new building, situated between East Side and West Side, on the ridge above Snow Valley, has seven separate rooms and a shared area that offers a kitchen and laundry. Up to 21 people can live there while they are working for a season, or for a year.

## CONSIDER GETTING IN ON THE STORY

As an old man, John Wesley said something like "Give me one hundred men who fear nothing but God, hate nothing but sin, and desire nothing but to know Jesus Christ and Him crucified, and I will shake the world." It is our prayer that God will continue to shake this corner of the world with like-minded people:

- A resident staff cook for our East Side Dining Hall
- Dish workers for winter weekends
- Co-Labor Challenge groups in May
- A men's group to put shingles on two of our staff homes
- Fifty counselors for the summer
- A certified waterfront supervisor for the summer



*Did you know that none of our campers' fees go toward a payroll?*

**Volunteers filled 1,912 staffing positions in 2014:**

- some lived with and guided the summer youth campers,
- some cooked and cleaned up in the dining halls,
- some worked on replacing roofs or repairing vehicles,
- some provided healthcare or waterfront supervision;

all were used by God to sustain this ministry.

We thank God for the ongoing story of His provision of willing volunteers.

As a result of not having a payroll, our campers' fees are kept more affordable—resulting in camping for a broader group of people—and (good news) we will not be raising any rates for 2015.

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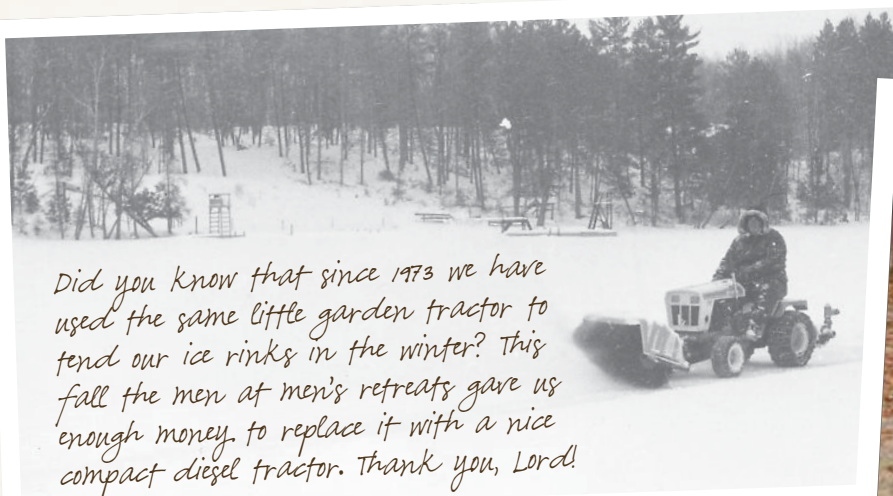
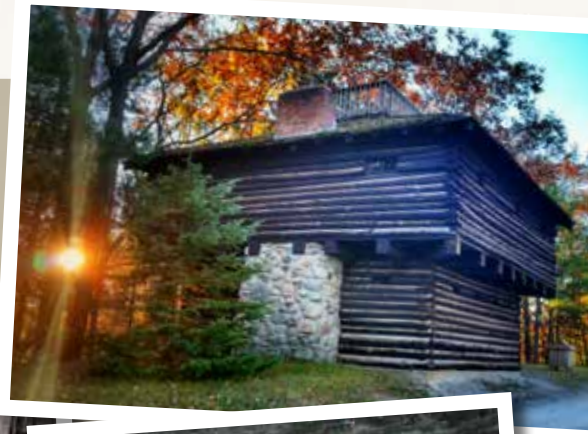


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## 2015 SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

- **Winter Father/Daughter Retreat**  
February 6-8
- **Mother/Daughter Retreat**  
May 15-17
- **Fall Father/Daughter Retreat**  
September 11-13
- **Winter Married Couples Retreat**  
February 13-15
- **First week of Summer Camp – discounted to \$195**  
June 16-22
- **Spring Men's Retreat**  
May 15-17
- **Fall Married Couples Retreat**  
September 11-13

Find out more about each event at [www.CampBarakel.org](http://www.CampBarakel.org)



*Did you know that since 1973 we have used the same little garden tractor to tend our ice rinks in the winter? This fall the men at men's retreats gave us enough money to replace it with a nice compact diesel tractor. Thank you, Lord!*

