



BARAKEL NEWS

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SPRING MOTHER/DAUGHTER EVENT

Grandmothers, Moms, Daughters (those living far away, and those living at home) — May 15-17 is for you! Bring your daughter or consider “adopting” one for the weekend, as long as they are at least six years old. Capture some memories as you do all the fun camp activities, plus watch Michigan’s beautiful northwoods blossom into summer. The retreat begins on Friday and concludes with an early lunch on Sunday. We look forward to hearing from God’s Word in four Chapels; younger daughters will have the option of attending Chapels geared for their age. Cost is \$100 for mom and \$85 for each daughter. Register online at CampBarakel.org.

SPRING WEEKEND FOR MEN

At our West Side Camp during May 15-17 we welcome men for a spring retreat. The daylight is getting longer, the surroundings are beautiful, and the activities are numerous. Don’t miss this opportunity to be spiritually encouraged and physically refreshed. Cost is \$110 and includes six meals, four Chapels, and all the Barakel activities. See our website to register.



VOLUNTEERS

Last year more than a thousand people volunteered their time to contribute to the work at Barakel. We think one of the great benefits of this ministry is the positive growth in the lives of volunteers; people are at their best when they are giving of their time in a loving community of believers. We are praying for the Lord to send short-term or seasonal staff like

counselors

construction workers

health care providers
(LPN and above)

lifeguards

bus drivers

We are also seeking people who love Christ passionately and are willing to raise their financial support and come join the permanent community, the Resident Missionary Staff. We are especially interested in finding a person or a couple to be our East Side Camp cook, or to work as an administrative assistant in our office.

IS THERE STILL ROOM IN SUMMER CAMP?

Yes! A week of outdoor fun, guided by Jesus-loving staff, is still available. Consult our website, or phone us during office hours for more information. Did you know the June 16-22 week costs only \$195?



Occasionally, we are asked...

WHY DON'T BARAKEL STAFF BAPTIZE SOMEONE WHO IS SAVED AT CAMP?

Barakel is at its best when it is serving the church—never replacing the local church. When a person is won by Christ at Camp Barakel, he or she is also placed by Christ into His body, in which that person is to be disciplined and to serve; part of that discipleship is to be baptized. We are owned by 37 local churches, and we never want to undervalue the multigenerational and otherwise diverse local church. We offer a place where people come away from their routines and enjoy a concentrated gospel focus, but at Barakel we aim to encourage year around growth and service in the home church. Ordinary regular habits—like daily reading the Bible, attending church each week, partaking of the Lord's Supper, and praying with other disciples—are how God produces His fruit in our lives; faithfulness does not come in one explosive weekend breakthrough! When we understand this way that God works—the work that Barakel does will endure into eternity with the good pleasure of our heavenly Father.



 Look us up on Facebook and join the conversation.

2015 SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

- **Fall Married Couples Retreat**
September 11-13
- **Fall Men's Retreats**
October 9-11 and 16-18
- **Fall Father/Daughter Retreat**
September 11-13
- **Ladies' Retreats**
September 18-20, 25-27, and October 2-4



Find out more about each event at www.CampBarakel.org



FOR SALE: We are (with sadness) parting with one of our camp buses. It's a 1995 International Genesis with a diesel engine and only 58,800 miles on it. Almost all of the miles were put on driving the highway from northern Michigan to Lansing and back, with only a few stops each way. The bus has never been exposed to salty roads. We think it is worth \$20,000, and welcome an offer. Do you know of a Gospel-loving ministry that it could serve?

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