



# BARAKEL NEWS

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## How do you offer a teen retreat for just \$95?

A visiting pastor asked us this question this fall. Back home in California, a quality teen retreat program like Barakel's costs more than \$250 for a weekend. "How is it possible for you to do the same thing so inexpensively?" he wondered.

**The answer is simple: VOLUNTEERS!** Last year the Lord sent more than 2,000 volunteers to Barakel — a ratio of 10 volunteers for every 35 campers. Their work, coupled with the labors of our 21 resident missionary staff (who raise their own financial support), make it possible for us to offer a quality program at such a reduced price. No one at Barakel — from the camp director to the weekend dishwashing volunteer — gets a paycheck.

The work of our volunteers is further multiplied by the financial gifts of God's people. Every building project at Camp is paid for by designated gifts, not with camper fees. Many of our operating expenses are also covered by financial gifts, further reducing the price our campers pay — and our staff are careful with the money we are given.

All of this means that this winter, our mission field will arrive by the busload! Churches will send us teens across nine chilly weekends (space is still available if you'd like to send us yours, too!). Many churches consider this event their main evangelistic outreach of the year. We pack nearly six hours of chapel and discussion times into the weekend, allowing for the Gospel to be clearly proclaimed to everyone who visits.

We're looking for **RESIDENT MISSIONARY STAFF** who are willing to raise financial support and make this work their passionate vocation. We expect all of our resident staff members (both spouses, if married) to meet the Biblical qualifications for a deacon and to wholeheartedly join in the labor of hosting our guests. Staff regularly roll up their sleeves and join in washing dishes, shoveling snow, and cleaning our facilities in addition to their more specialized work. Positions are currently available in **food service, nursing, program, and facility maintenance**. Our need in these vital areas is urgent.

**SEASONAL STAFF** (commitments from 3 months – 2 years) are also an integral part of the work here at Barakel. We're thanking the Lord for a retired couple who will join our staff as the East Side Dining Hall Cooks for the winter of 2019, serving in this key role while we await a resident staff cook. We would welcome additional seasonal staff applicants for the winter of 2019 and beyond.

If you would like to learn more about joining our staff, please contact us at [Serve@CampBarakel.org](mailto:Serve@CampBarakel.org).





**SUMMER CAMP  
REGISTRATION**  
opens January 2!



# Mark your Calendars

## 2019 SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

April 26-27, May 3-4, May 10-11:  
**Co-Labor Challenge Work Weekends**

May 17-19:  
**Spring Mother/Daughter Retreat**

May 17-19:  
**Spring Retreat for Men**

May 24-27:  
**Memorial Day Family Camp**



Find out about these events (and many more) at [CampBarakel.org](http://CampBarakel.org)

# CAMP BARAKEL

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## We Love Volunteers!

Space is still available for adult volunteer staff this winter. Come help us for a weekend in the kitchen, doing dishes, or sending campers sliding down our tubing hill!! Motel-style housing and meals are provided. Contact [Serve@CampBarakel.org](mailto:Serve@CampBarakel.org) to volunteer.

Summer Staff applications are now open for Young Adult Program Staff (high school graduates), Counselors, and Summer Staff Leaders. Teen volunteers (grades 10-12 in the fall) can apply to join our Technician and Engineer program beginning January 10, 2019.

