



BARAKEL NEWS

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NEW BELL FOR EAST SIDE

This 900 lb. bell was just installed outside the East Side Dining Hall. Resident Missionary Staff Appointees Justin and Melissa Parker located it through their church, and an auto-body shop owner donated time and materials to repaint it. In October some men from Ohio volunteered to put up the tower. Next time you visit, listen for its deep, clear sound calling for meals and chapels.

OPERATION SPRUCE IT UP

Spruce Cabin received a significant bathroom upgrade this year! We installed new plumbing, up-to-date fixtures, improved ventilation, and epoxy flooring. We also moved the shower away from the center of the room in order to create a private changing area. Many volunteer plumbers, electricians, and laborers lent their hands to the work. We plan to continue these renovations through all the East Side cabins as the Lord provides funds and volunteers.

THANKSGIVING

God is faithful to His Word and loves to see His Son worshipped. We have witnessed His hand in providing for us as we labor to make Christ known to all of our staff and guests. We lift thanks and praise to Him for sustaining us in Gospel ministry this year, and we joyfully anticipate what He will send in 2016.

Uncle Johnnie, our founder, used to say: "You see, the only thing the dear Lord needed here at Barakel was somebody who could unload the wagons. He sent the wagons—and is still sending them—and they've been full of what was needed."

Over the years, the Lord has sent us the things we need to continue the work here in amazing ways. From the moose mounted in our chapels to the new sign welcoming you to Thunder Express, many of the things you see on our property were given to us by caring friends.

Join us in giving thanks for what is past and then prayerfully consider linking arms with us at Barakel, a place where God has blessed.



PRACTICAL NEEDS

If you'd like to join the ministry in a practical way, here are some specific things that we're on the hunt for:

- Working gas-powered pushmowers and weed whackers
- Board games for the great rooms of our West Side lodges
- Hockey skates, pucks, and sticks
- Sturdy ladders and leaf rakes
- Newspaper for lighting fires
- Pickup trucks... if it runs well enough to make the drive up to camp, we can put it to work!

CAMP BARAKEL

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"This is the most special weekend of the year – just me and God here in the woods. I never get to be alone with Him like I am here. This place is like the best "time out" ever. I am always sad to go home."

"This was my first retreat as a new Christian. It was one of the greatest experiences I've had as one. Thank you!"

"Heard great things about you from friends who'd been here before and it was all true! Great job – fun activities and great program and scheduled time."

"When I was 8, I was saved here. 20 years later, it's still my favorite place."

"My nephews have been a part of camp for years. It was nice to see what it's all been about."



CAMP BARAKEL
**WINTER
RETREATS**
2016

COLLEGE & CAREER RETREAT

January 8-10

Designed for single people in the first decade after high school (though we welcome "early marrieds" and "thirtysomethings" too). The weekend will be fun, and you can choose between being relaxed and being exhausted.

FATHER & SON RETREATS

January 15-17, 22-24, 29-31

Dads and sons, grandfathers and grandsons—come spend time together in God's creation, slow down a little and reflect on what God has said in His Word. Bring as many sons as you have (or can adopt for the weekend), as long as they are at least six years of age.

WINTER MARRIED COUPLES

February 12-14

This Valentine's Day give the gift of unhurried time—laugh again as you tube down our hill, cuddle on the hayride, or impress your spouse with your ice-skating skills.

FATHER & DAUGHTER RETREAT

February 19-21

Dads bring your daughter(s) or daughters bring your dad, but either way prepare to make lifelong memories playing in the snow and talking by the fireplace. Daughters must be at least in the third grade.

At www.CampBarakel.org you will find all the details, including a way to register online.
Contact us at Info@CampBarakel.org or (989) 848-2279 during normal business hours.