



Camp Barakel is nestled in the beautiful forests of northern Michigan—take a look at our website for pictures. Our 350 acres include the entire frontage on Spring-fed Shear Lake. We operate two independent facilities, one on each side of the lake. Our buildings are carefully blended into the pine and hardwood forest; they are constructed of wood and stone and are built on the hills around the lake. Campers sleep in clean, well-constructed lodges or cabins and walk short distances to our Dining Halls and Chapels. The name "Barakel" comes from the Bible and means "where God has blessed." We are grateful for the location God has given us—it is an ideal facility for summer camping!



We'll form a cabin group with seven or eight other campers and give you a great counselor to guide you through the adventure. You'll make friends, learn some new skills, and have a lot of fun. During free time you can choose what you want to do from a bunch of activities, and at other times your whole "tribe" will work together to do things you could not do alone. We've chosen chapel speakers who will speak clearly and passionately about the true and living God; we believe in the holiness of God and the helplessness of the sinner, but we also love the sufficiency of the Savior! Don't miss out on this fantastic week!

A Great Week Awaits



Dear Parents,

We consider it both a rich privilege and a serious responsibility to host your child in our camping program. Our desire is to see each camper improve in physical skills, grow in character, and increase in his or her knowledge and trust in God. Barakel's daily program is a

careful mix of outdoor activities, quiet rest, group games, leisure time, and opportunities to investigate what God has said about Himself.

We work hard to have a clean and safe place for your child to play and learn. Medical staff is on hand at all times. We are licensed by the State of Michigan and are regularly inspected; those licensing consultants rate Barakel as having an exceptional facility and program.

Counselors and program staff are carefully selected—we interview extensively, conduct two different background checks, and get written positive character references. Counselors arrive two weeks before summer camp for education, and they meet throughout the summer for in-service training. The waterfront is operated by Red Cross-certified lifeguards, and all of our on-duty supervisors are experienced adults.

At Barakel we love the teaching of the Bible, and we want to cultivate in our campers the same concern for the welfare of others that God intended for a family. Our week-long community is a place where everyone is treated with decency and respect. We believe that a love for Jesus spills over into a love for His creation and for people—who are all made in His image. Camp Barakel does not maintain any discriminatory or segregating policies; we love people of every race, color, accent, personal preference, religion, and national origin.

We would love to have your child be a part of the fun and learning; we like the idea of your family joining your story to the ongoing story that started here in 1942. Don't miss out on this fantastic week!

CAMP BARAKEL
Central Michigan Christian Camping Association
PO BOX 159, FAIRVIEW, MI 48621-0159
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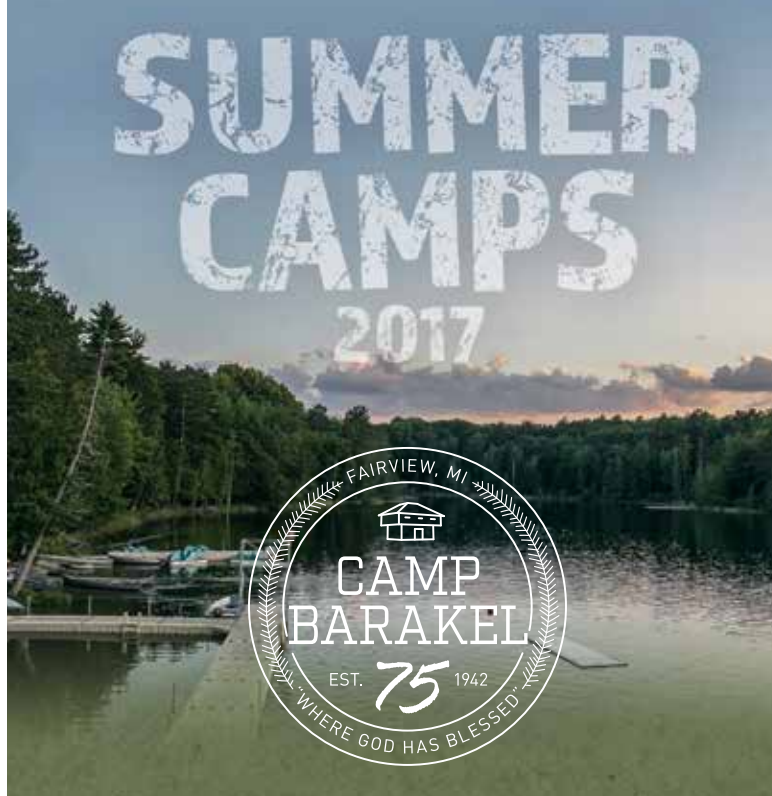
The Barakel Resident Staff



More Upcoming Events

- May 19-21, Mother/Daughter Retreat
- September 15-17, Father/Son Retreat
- September 22-24, Father/Daughter Retreat

See our website CampBarakel.org for more details.



SUMMER CAMPS

2017



Grades 3 through 6

A classic week of summer camp, complete with swimming, archery, air riflery, handcrafts, boating, octoball, bouldering wall, and more. Campers work together as cabin groups at morning activities and enjoy a cookout in the woods. Evenings feature a big, all-camp "Ambush" activity. Carefully selected chapel speakers and counselors nurture spiritual growth through tribe talks, chapel services, and one-on-one conversations throughout the week.

- June 13-19, Junior, grades 4-6
- June 20-26, Junior, grades 3-5
- June 27-July 3, Junior, grades 4-6
- July 4-10, Junior, grades 3-5
- July 11-17, Junior, grades 4-6
- July 25-31, Junior, grades 4-6
- August 1-7, Junior, grades 4-6

Grades 6 through 9

All the classic summer camp activities, plus the heart-pounding adventures of the blob, zipline, ambush, and mountain biking. Spend one evening outdoors on an extended cookout and chapel-in-the-woods (Middle School, grades 6-8) or an awe-inspiring overnight campout under the stars (Junior High, grades 7-9). Our great speakers and counselors will share God's Word with each camper. This could be a life-changing week!

- June 13-19, Junior High, grades 7-9
- June 20-26, Junior High, grades 7-9
- June 27-July 3, Junior High, grades 7-9
- July 4-10, Middle School, grades 6-8
- July 11-17, Junior High, grades 7-9
- July 18-24, Middle School, grades 6-8
- July 25-31, Junior High, grades 7-9
- August 1-7, Junior High, grades 7-9
- August 8-14, Middle School, grades 6-8



High School graduates are welcome to apply to be a part of our service team: Young Adult Program Staff. See our website for more details.



Grades 10 through 12

We pull out all the stops for this action-packed week. It's classic Camp Barakel plus a whole lot more: huge team competitions, mammoth ambush games, real .22 riflery, an overnight campout, and friendships old and new. From the tribe talks and conversations with your counselor to hard-hitting Biblical teaching in chapel, you will surely be challenged by God. If you are looking for fun and spiritual growth don't miss these weeks.

- July 18-24, Senior High, Speaker: JJ Sherwood
- August 8-14, Senior High, Speaker: Don Jackson



Register Now...

Don't delay! Here's how you register...

Either fill out this paper form and mail it in with a check for the \$50 deposit, or go to CampBarakel.org and register online using a credit card. No phone registrations.

If you use this paper form, please fill out a separate one for each camper. (More may be downloaded and printed from our website.) Make checks payable to "Camp Barakel" and mail the completed form to:

Camp Barakel Summer Camp
PO Box 159
Fairview, MI 48621-0159

We will send a confirmation and additional information (including a link to an online health form) to the email address you provide. If you do not have an email address, we will send you this information by U.S. mail.

If you do not have an email address, we will send you a health form and travel plan by U.S. mail.

Registrations are taken individually, not by group. All housing arrangements and assignments are made after the campers arrive. If your child wants to be housed with one or two friends, they simply stand together when cabin groups ("tribes") are formed.

Fees...

The cost for each of the two High School weeks is \$270, and all the other weeks cost \$245. A deposit of \$50 must accompany the registration form. The balance is due one week prior to arrival. If you are unable to attend your week of camp, the registration deposit is refundable if we are notified no less than two weeks prior to the Tuesday your week begins.

Transportation...

To help you with transportation time and costs, Barakel provides its own fleet of buses (and a luggage truck). Bus stops are located in Marshall, Lansing, Flint and Bay City. This service is provided at no additional charge! Each bus is Department of Transportation inspected (our license is U.S. D.O.T. 1668581). It is driven by a state-licensed commercial driver, and two additional attendants ride along to give assistance to campers.

2017 Camp Barakel Registration Form

Please send a SEPARATE form (or good copy) for each camper - no phone reservations

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parent's Email _____ Boy Girl Grade (fall of 2017) _____

Phone (____) _____ Day Phone (____) _____ Birthdate ____/____/____

For our statistics, what church do you attend, if any: _____ City _____

Former Barakel Summer Camper? Yes No AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

As custodial parent or guardian, I give my permission for camp attendance. I also realize my child's picture may be used on Barakel's website and brochures.

Signature _____ Print Name _____

- WEEKS BEGIN ON TUESDAY AND CONCLUDE ON MONDAY**
- Grades 4 - 6, June 13 - 19
 - Grades 3 - 5, June 20 - 26
 - Grades 4 - 6, June 27 - July 3
 - Grades 3 - 5, July 4 - 10
 - Grades 4 - 6, July 11 - 17
 - Grades 4 - 6, July 25 - 31
 - Grades 4 - 6, August 1 - 7
 - Grades 7 - 9, June 13 - 19
 - Grades 7 - 9, June 20 - 26
 - Grades 7 - 9, June 27 - July 3
 - Grades 6 - 8, July 4 - 10
 - Grades 7 - 9, July 11 - 17
 - Grades 6 - 8, July 18 - 24
 - Grades 7 - 9, July 25 - 31
 - Grades 7 - 9, August 1 - 7
 - Grades 6 - 8, August 8 - 14
 - Grades 10 - 12, July 18 - 24
 - Grades 10 - 12, August 8 - 14