



Barren Heights Newsletter

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"I will make rivers flow on barren heights, and springs within the valleys... so that people may see and know, may consider and understand, that the hand of the LORD has done this."

Isaiah 41:18

Summer Family Camps Reach Higher Heights in 2007

Barren Heights volunteers have conducted ten retreats this summer with one more remaining this season. We are pleased to announce that almost all of the sessions have been full, thanks to everyone spreading the word. We are even more pleased to communicate that we are still receiving positive feedback. This year we have been able to improve some of the content, food (sausage and biscuits yea!) and activities. We were also able to become more organized with our co-hosts, providing them with information about our guest families, assigned jobs and the retreat agenda. This advanced information gives them the opportunity to pray and prepare for their service at Barren Heights.

Below you will find an excerpt from a note written by a mother whose family attended a June retreat:

.... I just got back from this wonderful camp in Scottsville Kentucky called Barren Heights. This is a wonderful, free, weekend camp for families and kids with disabilities. This is not a sitter service. They provide cabins, food, and fun. This is a Christian atmosphere that was started by Toni and Joe Rose on their land and campsite. They have a board of directors and people that donate their time, money, and whatever is needed to make this weekend retreat a truly relaxing and fun time for families of disabled kids.... Friday we arrived to an ice cream social and family time. They are filled for this season which ends October 2007, but will be taking application in January of 2008. They would like this info to be passed on to other families of kids with disabilities. Could you put this info in the schools newsletter? As you and I have talked before it is very hard to find any camps that are specifically for families of kids with disabilities..... Sincerely, Cindy.



Please join us for a dinner and silent auction

benefiting



October 16, 2007

6:30 pm est

The Olmsted

on the campus of the Historic Masonic Homes

3701 Frankfort Avenue

Louisville, KY 40206

**If you wish to attend, but did not receive an invitation,
please send us the RSVP below**

Barren Heights Retreat

Dinner & Silent Auction

October 16, 2007

_____ Tickets \$50 each or

_____ Table for eight, \$400

I am unable to attend but want to contribute \$_____

Make checks payable to Barren Heights Retreat

RSVP by September 28th

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Newly Transplanted Florida Roses at Barren Heights

This July, another Rose family (John, Teresa, Christina, Destiny, and Jonathan) joined the Barren Heights community. They made the journey from Lakeland, Florida to a ranch style house in Scottsville, Kentucky just minutes away from Barren Heights. John, the older brother of Joe, says he felt his family was called to serve at Barren Heights. John spent 25 years in law enforcement in Florida before recently retiring. John felt the strong urge while reading Bob Buford's book entitled "Half-Time, From Success to Significance." His wife Teresa felt a similar calling as she has worked with many disabled children and adults over the past 30 years.

John has already begun serving as the Maintenance and Grounds Director for the camp (which is great, because Joe and Toni can't change a light bulb).

All the transplanted Roses bring many gifts and talents that are needed at the all-volunteer camp and we can't wait to see how God uses the Florida Roses.

Welcome Home!

In Memory of Alberta Ward

Alberta Ward, sister of Juanita Rose and aunt of Joe and John Rose, passed away from Leukemia in July, at the age of 85. She lived a joy-filled life. Her energy and enthusiasm were contagious. In her honor, Juanita Rose recently donated a professional shuffle board court to Barren Heights. Alberta's spirit and Juanita's generosity will provide lots of fun and recreation for all our visitors.



Did You Know?

Pictures of each family retreat are posted to the website under the **Schedule** page.

We are still soliciting Silent Auction Items but take a look at some of our contributions to date.....

- Signed Sports Memorabilia**
- Weekend Golf Retreat**
- Restaurant Certificates**
- Massages & Haircuts**
- Reds, Titans, UL Tickets**
- Winter Weekend Get-Away**
- Hand Crafted Art & Jewelry**
- Dinner for 8 with Magical Entertainment**

Kendra Dukes Joins Board of Directors

Kendra Dukes officially started her two-year term on the Barren Heights Board of Directors in July. She has been unofficially guiding us for several years. Kendra has a passion for children with special needs. She is at her best when she is loving and encouraging others. Kendra is currently working with Kathy Lesmeister on the benefit dinner preparations. We are so blessed to have Kendra on board.

Wish List

- Families to Serve in 2008 - Please Spread the Word
- Host Families - To Serve During Weekend Retreats in 2008
- Volunteer Positions
 - Administrative Support (website and application process)
 - Newsletter Publisher
 - Finance and Banking Director
- Asphalt or Concrete Sidewalks and Walking Trails
- Split-Rail Fencing for Grounds
- Deck for Sun and Water Play
- Riding Lawnmower - Garden Tractor
- Trees and Other Landscaping/Grounds Beautification (Sod/Grass)
- Items for Silent Auction
 - Gift Certificates to Restaurants and other Services
 - Autographed Sports Equipment
 - Vacation Rentals
 - Gift Baskets

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Barren Heights Retreat is a non-denominational 501c3 public charity. This Christian charity is operated **solely by volunteers**. The campus, located in Allen County, Kentucky near Barren River Lake was completed in 2005 for the primary purpose of hosting mini-vacation style retreats for families who have one or more children with a physical or developmental disability. The **family enrichment retreats** run Friday evening through Sunday afternoon, and they are free.