



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

Please say you will join us.....

*Please join us for a dinner and silent auction
benefiting*



October 18th, 2009

6:30 pm est

The Olmsted

on the campus of the Historic Masonic Homes

8701 Frankfort Avenue

Louisville, Kentucky 40206

The Barren Heights Benefit Dinner & Auction is just around the corner, on Monday, October 13th. If you, or someone you know, did not receive a mailed invitation, but would like to attend, please visit our website at WWW.Barrenheights.com or complete the attached reply card and send it with your ticket fee to:

Barren Heights Retreat
3109 Brownsboro Vista Drive
Louisville, KY 40242.

We would love to host you and we would love to have you bid on some of the incredible auction offerings.

In fact there are so many goodies, that we have decided to open the doors at 6:00 PM, rather than 6:30, as noted on the invitation. This will give participants a little more time to bid on the fabulous auction items. Hope to see you on the 13th.

Barren Heights is an "all volunteer" organization. Funds raised at the dinner go directly to serving the families who visit the camp and to maintaining the retreat facilities.

Barren Heights Retreat

Dinner & Silent Auction

October 13th, 2008

____ Tickets, \$50 each or

____ Table for eight, \$375

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

Make checks payable to Barren Heights Retreat

RSVP by October 1st

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Thanks to many generous donors, we will have awesome items featured at this year's event. Check out the sampling below and for a more complete list visit our website.

WWW.Barrenheights.com

Signed Sports Memorabilia * Reds Tickets * UL and UK Football / Basketball Tickets * Winter Weekend Get-Away at Barren River Lake * Hand Crafted Art and Jewelry * Golf Greens Fees * Cooking Class for Kids * Deluxe Electric Grill * Gift Basket Variety * Restaurant and Retail Certificates * Barren Heights Retreat Holiday Weekend * White Water Rafting * Collectible Dolls * Naples Condo * Passes to Local Attractions * Hilton Head Condo / Golf Package and Much Much More

A Beautiful Picture

*The stars are bright at Barren Heights.
Every constellation created is there in Heavens night.
And as you stand upon the mound, you'd love to catch one
and bring it down.
When you walk upon these grounds, a devoted, selfless,
Christian family found.
The trees beside you, you will not see. To the Heavens
you look, stars bright as can be.
Like a child catching fireflies and storing in a jar, you'd
love to catch each glistening star.
So there you stare into Heavens night, as the stars shine
bright on Barren Heights.
Remembering God's blessings bestowed on us each day,
smiling as you watch all the children play.
Surrounded by Christian brethren your soul is filled.
Through kindness and compassion, wounds are healed. No
one is different at Barren Heights they are all just stars in
Heavens bright night.*

God Bless you my friend, Holly Alford (Mother who visited with her family in June 2008)



What's New at Barren Heights?

Barren Heights volunteers have hosted 13 wonderful weekends including a leadership retreat and *work days*. The season will come to a close after the scheduled October retreats. Those served and those serving continue to be blessed by the retreat experience. The mission remains the same as we strive to strengthen and encourage families, in the name of Christ.

So what's new?

NEW SIDEWALK - An awesome group of volunteers under the leadership of **Ernie Bagley**, poured a beautiful concrete walking path from the courtyard area, all the way to the barn. We knew this enhancement would greatly improve accessibility to the barn for our wheelchair bound visitors. What we did not anticipate was how it would expand the grounds and encourage our guests to take leisurely strolls through the woods. The path leads to the property perimeter and to a hammock area, named in honor of the late **John McKinney**.



Aerial photograph courtesy of **Shelby Jett**

NEW PERGOLA-PATIO - What's a pergola? It is a really neat patio area with a frame covered by wooden slats. What makes the Barren Heights pergola special is that a water misting system is mounted across the top. This allows visitors to "chill out" in the summer heat.

PAVILION UPGRADE - Thank you **Baxter Trust**. Through the years it has become obvious that the size of a Barren Heights Family Enrichment Weekend Retreat is just perfect. Six or seven families is "enough for a party, but not so big that it becomes overwhelming. By the end of the weekend, you feel like you've known everybody there forever". Since the size seems right, the only way to grow the ministry and to serve more families is to lengthen the season. Under the direction of the Barren Heights Board / Leadership Team and thanks largely to a very generous grant awarded by the Baxter Trust, we have begun construction to enclose the Olive Pavilion. This project includes the addition of HVAC, cabinetry for storage and food service, as well as a fireplace. This renovation brings much excitement as we will be able to expand the season, in spite of the cool Fall and Spring weather. We are particularly appreciative of the effort made by **Leslie Brown** and **Toby Mongan** to initiate and facilitate the support of the **Baxter Trust**.

Wish List

- Bottled Water (17 oz or smaller)
- Baby Monitors (new or gently used)
- Copy Paper
- Card Stock
- Toys for age 0-3 (new or gently used)
- WEED WARRIORS: Volunteer(s) willing to visit when camp is closed and work independently, weeding flower beds and paths.
- 32 " Flat Screen Television
- Playground balls (tennis, basketball)
- Laptop Computer (Dell Inspiron)
- Firewood (delivered)
- Items for Silent Auction
 - Gift Certificates to Restaurants
 - Autographed Memorabilia
 - 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.