



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

Spring Work Weekend – "Amazing!"

1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)

"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another."

And so they did at the Barren Heights Work Weekend. It was amazing.....

- to see the transition of Barren Heights from Friday night to Sunday afternoon.
- how wonderfully the members of the project teams worked together to accomplish so much.
- to witness the weather turn warm and smiles abound.
- that George S. arrived to retrieve his equipment then volunteered half his day to build a new path.
- to be fed so well: pasta, biscuits, corn puffs, sandwiches, cookies, fruit.....it was all very yummy!
- to watch the little children and "teens" doing their part to serve others.
- just so amazing! Some (not all) of the accomplishments are noted below.

A new pathway was built leading to the front pond. A paved sidewalk and patio were constructed adjacent to the basketball court. The pavilion was overhauled and organized. Every screen door was repaired. The playground was weeded and upgraded with mulch and a new teeter-totter was installed. A gorgeous flower bed was planted next to the patio. Existing flower beds received a nice face lift and rock border. Sixty trees and shrubs were added to the landscaping. The kitchen air unit was permanently mounted. Swings and fans were cleaned and placed. The soccer goals were repaired and the game shed put in order.



What Else is New?

- Playground teeter-totter (generously donated by the Kratholm Family)
- Stockpile of firewood (Kennedys)
- A bunkhouse refrigerator (Redmons)
- Multi-game table (Bonuras)
- Ping-pong table (Lesmeisters)



Mark your calendars Monday, October 13 Barren Heights Benefit Dinner & Silent Auction

We were truly humbled by the outpouring of support, generosity, and service during last year's event and hope to continue the trend this year. The October benefit dinner is Barren Heights' only scheduled fundraising event in 2008. There are many ways to serve. However, our immediate need is for volunteers to solicit auction items. If you are interested in helping with this year's event, or would like to make an auction donation, please contact Toni Rose (502)327-9495 or Kathy Lesmeister (502)426-2629.

2008 Family Retreats

FILL THIS PLACE! Retreat season is just around the corner and the facilities are ready. Please spread the word to a family you know who might benefit from the Barren Heights experience. Check the retreat calendar and contact us or apply online.

MAY 16 - 18	FILLED
MAY 30 - 1	1 OPENING
JUNE 6 - 8	2 OPENINGS
JUNE 20 - 22	1 OPENING
JUNE 27 - 29	1 OPENING
JULY 11 - 13	1 OPENING
JULY 18 - 20	FILLED
AUGUST 1 - 3	3 OPENINGS
AUGUST 8 - 10	2 OPENINGS
AUGUST 22 - 24	2 OPENINGS
SEPTEMBER 5 - 7	3 OPENINGS
SEPTEMBER 19 - 21	2 OPENINGS
OCTOBER 3 - 5	3 OPENINGS
OCTOBER 24 - 26	3 OPENINGS



Thank You Weekend Warriors

Ben Amos	Dave Mattingly
Denise Amos	Linda Mattingly
Mike Amos	Seth Mattingly
Colleen Bagley	Drew Pierce
Doug Bagley	Dan Pierce
Emily Bagley	Maya Pierce
Ernie Bagley	Molly Pierce
Eric Brawand	Tammy Pierce
Jacob Brawand	Lynda Redmon
Kaleb Brawand	Mike Redmon
Kallie Brawand	Abbi Rose
Cole Davis	Jessi Rose
Dara Davis	Joe Rose
Miles Davis	Mia Rose
Stella Davis	Toni Rose
Chris Dukes	Jill Shulthise
Kendra Dukes	Tony Shulthise
Kim Emery	Allison Small
Ally English	Cari Small
Beth English	Dave Small
Hannah English	George Sullivan
Jack English	Craig Thomas
Jeff English	



Snaps from the World!

"Snaps from the World is a collection of photographs made by 12-year-old Sam Harrison. Sam has autism. He's a funny and creative kid who loves to take pictures."

The Harrison family visited Barren Heights in 2006. We have a copy of his newly released picture book at the camp. Several of our visitors have been encouraged by Sam's talent. If you would like more information about this budding photographer you can visit his website

<http://samharrisonphotos.com>

Grand Gathering

Twenty-two former Barren Heights guests were able to attend a recent showing of *The Easter Pageant* at Southeast Christian Church. Childcare was offered and provided by former Barren Heights hosts. This special "date night" treat was made possible thanks to a fantastic fleet of volunteers and the Disabilities Ministry at SECC.



Wish List

- Volunteer Newsletter Publisher (writes or collects articles from volunteers & guests, edits pictures and submits e-newsletter draft for distribution)
- Thick Blankets or Quilts, for Sitting on Hay Bales (gently used is fine)
- Park Benches
- Small Toys for Treasure Chest Prizes
- Patio Furniture (all weather and durable)
- Transporters (volunteers with a truck or trailer who are willing to help transport items from Louisville to the retreat center....i.e., the recently donated ping-pong table)
- Items for Benefit Auction
 - Gift Certificates to Restaurants and other Services
 - Autographed Sports Equipment
 - Vacation Rentals
 - Gift Baskets

Thank you to those who have helped us remove items from the past **Wish Lists**.
Fortunately, we no longer need hotel soaps or shampoos.

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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.