



# 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*

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## GROWing Great at Barren Heights

Over the winter our Board of Directors in conjunction with a *Vision* and *Strategy* task force plotted out the future of Barren Heights. They contemplated the next steps - how to GROW the ministry.

But let me clarify, our guests continue to relay that they love the size of the retreat. It's big enough for a party but not so large that it's overwhelming. This year we are focusing on growing, but not in the sense of growing bigger, in the sense of growing *better*.

The word Grow has many definitions including produce, cultivate, nurture and that's really what Barren Heights has always been doing "Loving and Encouraging families" - Nurturing relationships, Cultivating family identity, Producing lifetime memories.

With this years theme GROW we will be pruning, trimming, planting and tweaking our existing processes and facilities in order to enhance the retreat experience for our visitors. We will also focus on small changes that assure sustainability.

**Can't wait to see what God has in store for the 2011 Barren Heights Retreat Season!**





## Purchase Sr. PGA Tickets "fore" Barren Heights

**Do you play golf? Do you like golf?  
Do you know somebody who does?**

We have teamed up with the PGA of America to help families who have children with special needs. When you purchase your tickets to the 2011 Senior PGA Championship at Valhalla Golf Club, May 24-29, you can designate 20% of the ticket price to be donated to Barren Heights. Simply visit [www.2011seniorpga.com](http://www.2011seniorpga.com) and click on Non-Profit Group Sales to give back today. Enter access code: *Non-Profit* when prompted. When you reach the customer checkout step 1, choose Barren Heights Retreat as the charitable affiliation. Please call our office number if you have any trouble with the website and we can walk you through the ordering process.



**We kicked off the 2011  
season March 11-13 with  
our annual  
Spring Work Weekend.**

**So much was accomplished  
that saying "Thank You" to  
our awesome volunteers  
seems woefully  
inadequate.**

### Helping us GROW Great! Thank you:

Mike and Denise **Amos**  
Colleen **Bagley** (special food prep - yum!)  
Eric, Kallie, Kaleb and Jacob **Brawand**  
Dennis, Lori, Kayli, Collier and Colson **Brooks**  
Amanda, Killian, Zane and Ayiana **Day**  
Dave and Kim **Emery**  
Marshall, Jordan, Ben and Tyler **Fall**  
David and Becky **Frye**  
Alan and Cathy **Heath**  
Kent, Carolyn, Macy and Molly **Kile**  
Kevin and Melanie **Knapp**  
Tony, Terri and Trent **Kolter**  
Steve, Kathy, Craig and Eric **Lesmeister**  
Jody and Stacy **May**  
Mike and Lynda **Redmon**  
Joe, Toni, Jessi and Abbi **Rose**  
Mendy **Sullivan** and Tiffany **Foster**  
Dave, Amy, Ryan and Nathan **Wallace**  
Doug, Laurie, Aaron **Wood**  
Jamie, Sherrie, Chase, Callie and Chloe **Youngblood**

**Great Job Coaches and Captains!!!!**

## Wish List

- Paper Products (paper towels, plates, cups, toilet paper, tissue, utensils)
- Draperies for Cabin Windows (15-can be made or purchased)
- Copy Paper and Card Stock
- Play Equipment: 4-basketballs, 2-kickballs
- Carpet Ball Table
- Bottled Water (17 oz or less)
- Area Rugs (5 x 8 neutral colors)
- Silent Auction Items (gift certificates, gift baskets, specialty services, artwork, vacation rentals, sports tickets, autographed memorabilia, etc.)
- Heavy Duty Ping Pong Table

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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.