

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

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 <u>love</u> 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" - <u>Nurturing</u> relationships, <u>Cultivating</u> family identity, <u>Producing</u> 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!















2011 Family Enrichment Retreats

Retreat season is just around the corner and the facilities will be ready. Please spread the word. We have a number of openings remaining. New guests are welcome to apply online! Reservations are accepted on a first come, first served basis. We are also offering a Mid Week option this year.

Spring / Fall Dates		
(non-boating)		
SPRING		
B) May 6 – 8		
C) May 13 -15		
D) May 20-22		
FALL		
T) Sep 30-Oct 2		
U) Oct 7-9		
V) Oct 14-16		
W) Oct 21-23		
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** Note - H2 is		
Mid Week Retreat		

Summer Dates		
(boating)		
E)	June 3-5	
F)	June 10-12	
G)	June 17-19	
H)	June 24-26	
H2)	June 28-30	
I)	July 8-10	
J)	July 15-17	
K)	Jul 22-24	
L)	Jul 29-31	
M)	Aug 5-7	
N)	Aug 12-14	
O)	Aug 19-21	
P)	Aug 26-28	
Q)	Sep 9-11	
R)	Sep 16-18	
S)	Sep 23-25	

SAVE THE DATE - Tuesday, October 25

Barren Heights

Benefit Dinner & Silent Auction

Louisville, Kentucky

The October Benefit Dinner is Barren Heights only scheduled fundraiser in 2011. We are currently seeking team members to join the planning committee. If you are interested in helping with this year's event, please contact Toni Rose (502)327-9495 or Kathy Lesmeister (502)426-2629 by April 13. We will be meeting soon to begin preparations.

No experience necessary!

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 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.