



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

Barren Heights



“Where Everyone Can Shine”

This is our theme for 2012. As we reflect on our precious guests from past seasons, our wonderful volunteers, and the current building project, it rings so true. Barren Heights is a place where EVERYONE can shine. A song by Addison Road (This Little Light) contains the touching and relevant lyrics:

There's a little flame inside us all
Some shine bright, some shine small
The rains will come and the waters rise
But don't you ever lose your light

In this life you will know
Love and pain, joy and sorrow
So when it hurts, when times get hard
Don't forget whose child you are

This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine

As we embark on a new retreat season, we can't wait to see what God has in store. We eagerly anticipate the beautiful “Lights” at Barren Heights.

Shine! Shine! Shine!



2012 Family Enrichment Retreats

Retreat season is just around the corner and the facilities are ready. Do you know a family who could benefit from a weekend get-away? Please help us spread the word! We still have some openings. New guests are encouraged to apply online! WWW.Barrenheights.org

(Availability - as of 4/1/12)

Spring / Fall Dates (non-boating)	Summer Dates (boating)
SPRING	June 15-17
April 27-29	July 13-15
May 4-6	July 20-22
FALL	August 3-5
September 21-23	August 10-12
September 28-30	August 17-19
October 5-7	August 24-26
October 12-14	September 7-9
October 19-21	September 14-16

FAMILY FUN RUN-WALK-ROLL

We are excited to host this new event on Saturday May 12th from 9:00 AM - Noon, at St. Catharine College, near Bardstown.

Whether you come to participate or come to cheer, we have lots of fun planned for everyone. In addition to the 5K run, 1 mile walk and 200 yard roll, there will be balloons, face painting, delicious snacks, giveaways, prizes and more. Most importantly, we will be raising awareness and raising funds so that we can raise the "New Barn". Stay tuned to our website in the coming days for registration and sponsorship details.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Friday April 27 – Family Retreats (first session)
Barren Heights KY

Saturday May 12 – Family Fun Run-Walk-Roll
St. Catharine College Athletic Complex, near Bardstown KY

Saturday May 26 – Open House/ Reunion
Barren Heights KY

Saturday November 3 – Benefit Dinner & Auction
Holiday Inn Hurstbourne, Louisville KY

We are currently seeking volunteers to serve on the Benefit Dinner Planning Committee

If you are interested in helping with this year's event, please contact Team Leader, Kathy Lesmeister, by May 1. We will be meeting soon to begin preparations.

Phone - (502) 426-2629

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No experience necessary!

Prayer Team

Prayer is foundational to Barren Heights. With so much happening right now within the ministry we find ourselves evermore dependent on the Lord.

We are pleased to announce the formation of an official **Prayer Team**. Denise Clements has graciously agreed to head up this initiative.

If you have interest in being part the team, please call or email Toni Rose and she will pass your contact information along to Denise.

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We kicked off the 2012 season on March 16-18 with a great group of volunteers at our **Spring Work Weekend.**

Check out the Video at www.Barrenheights.org

Thank you to our “Shining Lights”

Mike and Denise Amos
 Mark, Lyndsey, and Mallorely Bell
 Eric, Kallie, Kaleb and Jacob Brawand
 Dennis, Lori, and Collier Brooks
 Jay and Matt Dilbeck
 Kim Emery
 Marshall, Jordan, Ben and Tyler Fall
 Alan and Cathy Heath
 Steve, Kathy, Craig and Eric Lesmeister
 Bob, Angie, Zac, and Hunter Lewis
 Dave and Janie Miller
 Mike and Lynda Redmon
 Joe and Toni Rose
 Matt, Sheila, Kate, and Lydia Sanders
 George Mendy, and Tiffany (Foster) Sullivan
 Dave, Amy, Ryan and Nathan Wallace
 Billy, Shauna, Brayden, Carson, and Ella Ward
 Christie White and Kyle Yeoman

“Paving the Way Together”

Construction of the New Barn has officially begun. The unseasonably warm and dry weather made it possible to pour the foundation and the basement walls. **Paving the Way** is a brick by brick effort, requiring grassroots funding. You can pledge



your support to this much needed ministry project by purchasing a “brick” on our website, committing to prayer, or donating materials. Each “brick” purchase will be acknowledged on a displayed donor plaque.



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: 3-basketballs, 3-kickballs
- Carpet Ball Table
- Compact Utility Tractor
- Hotel Soaps, Shampoos, Conditioners
- Bottled Water (17 oz or less)
- Electric Sound Amplifier with Microphone.
- 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 (commercial grade outdoor)

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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.