



# 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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## 2006 Highlights



2006 Benefit Dinner

Ephesians 3:20 *Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*

We entered our first year of operation with three main objectives: 1) fill this place, 2) develop and enhance the retreat experience, and 3) improve and beautify the facilities. Each goal was met beyond our wildest imagination.

This was an amazing year highlighted by the success of the Family Enrichment Retreat weekends. Barren Heights hosted 9 retreats for more than 20 guest and co-host families. Volunteers and guests were touched in so many ways. As the season progressed, the retreat content improved as volunteers and guests left their imprint on the program.

Additionally, over 40 volunteers came to the camp in early April and planted trees, built a barn theatre, upgraded a bunkhouse, and improved the pathways.

And the last highlight of the year was the benefit dinner held the first Tuesday of November. The benefit was a success as it served to spread the word about Barren Heights and raise nearly \$25,000 that will be used to serve families in 2007.



Spring Break Work Weekend

## 2007 RETREATS

May 11-13  
May 18-20  
June 8-10  
June 15-17  
June 22-24  
July 13-15  
July 20-22  
July 27-29  
August 3-5  
August 10-12  
September 7-9  
September 14-16  
October 5-7

## 2007 Family Enrichment Retreats

We are excited to announce that we have 13 retreats planned in 2007 beginning in May. We will begin accepting applications for guest and host families on January 1<sup>st</sup>. We will take reservations on a first come first serve basis.

Please spread the word and submit your applications as soon as possible.

## Thank You Volunteers and Supporters

As most of you know Barren Heights is an all volunteer organization sponsored by private donations from many individuals. We would not exist but for the support and assistance of hundreds. We were amazed at the outpouring of support throughout the year and especially these last few months. We cannot thank you enough. You are truly the heart of Barren Heights. Thanks again for your thoughts, prayers, time, and contributions.



## Spring Break 2007 Work Weekends

April 6-7  
April 13-15

Please make plans to join us for some fun, fellowship, and a little sweat during this year's work weekends. We have a couple of easy projects to tackle that will serve to beautify the facilities. We will provide food, lodging, and entertainment. Just call or email for more details.

## What People Had to Say About Barren Heights

*"There are so few places we can go as a family with a child in a wheelchair."*

*"This is the best place I've ever gone on vacation. (note: this child has been to Disney)"*

*"I think God spends His weekends at Barren Heights."*

*"We would like to come back as a host family."*

*"This was just what we needed."*



## Wish List

- Families to serve
- 2nd Bunkhouse remodeling
- Concrete sidewalks between bunkhouse and pavilion
- 2 small refrigerators for bunkhouses
- Small Freezer for Pavilion
- Volunteer Positions
  - Administrative Support (website and application process)
  - Newsletter Publisher
  - Finance and Banking Manager
  - Facility Use Marketing Manager
  - Retreat Maintenance Manager
  - Retreat Shopper
  - Events Planner / Benefit Dinner Process Manager
- Stain Playground
- Gravel for Paths
- Laptop Computer & Software (for website and financials)
- Additional Asphalt or Concrete sidewalks/walking trails
- Split Rail Fencing (installed)
- Entrance Landscaping
- Riding Lawnmower-Garden Tractor
- Soccer Goal(s)
- Bobcat work
- Firewood Delivered
- Chain Saw
- Small Pond Clean-up & Landscaping
- Trees and other Landscaping/Grounds Beatification (Sod/Grass)
- Tent Walls for Pavilion
- Shuffleboard



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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.