



# 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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## Celebrating at Barren Heights

March 26-28 was Work Weekend at Barren Heights. A great group of volunteers completed a tremendous amount of work. The camp looks incredible! The theme for the weekend was **CELEBRATE**. As we opened, prepared and cleaned the retreat center, we also took the opportunity to celebrate the start of our 5<sup>th</sup> season and 5 foundational pillars of Barren Heights:

**1-Presence:** God's presence at Barren Heights is obvious and overwhelming!

**2-People:** The heart and dedication of the Barren Heights family is incredible.

**3-Provision:** "More than we could ask or imagine" supporters have offered their money, time, energy, leadership, labor and love in abundance.

**4-Passion:** Our volunteers have such enthusiasm and a great desire to strengthen and sustain family bonds.

**5-Party:** Who knew that serving families in the name of Christ could be such a blast?

**Can't wait to see what God has in store for our 2010 season.**

Serving and Celebrating at this year's Spring Work Days....

Ernie, Colleen, Emily and Cody **Bagley**

Eric, Kallie, Kaleb and Jacob **Brawand**

Mike, Jan, Nate and Sarah **Basham**

Kendra **Dukes**, Kim **Emery**, Tiffany **Foster**, Marty **Kennedy**

Marshall, Lori, Jordan and Ben **Fall**

Alan and Cathy **Heath**

Alicia, Sophie, Matt and Zach **Jones**

Kent, Carolyn, Macy and Molly **Kile**

Steve, Kathy, Eric **Lesmeister** and John Scott **Carpenter**

Tammy, Maya and Molly **Pierce**

Joe, Toni, Jessi and Abbi **Rose**

Jamie, Sherrie, Chase, Callie and Chloe **Youngblood**



## 2010 Family Enrichment Retreats



Retreat season is just around the corner and the facilities are ready. Please spread the word. We have a number of openings remaining. New guests are welcome to apply online! Reservations are taken on a first come, first served basis.



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Apr 30-May2	Leadership Retreat
May 7-9	Full
May14-16	Full
May 21-23	2 Vacancies
Jun 4-6	Full
Jun 11-13	Full
Jun18-20	Full
Jun 25-27	Full
Jul 16-18	1 Vacancy
Jul 23-25	Reserved for Stone Soup Guests
Aug 6-8	1 Vacancy
Aug 20-22	3 Vacancies
Aug 27-29	1 Vacancy
Sep 10-12	3 Vacancies
Sep 24-26	Reserved for Stone Soup Guests
Oct1-3	3 Vacancies
Oct 8-10	3 Vacancies
Oct 16-17	Reserved for Stone Soup Guests

**SAVE THE DATE – Tuesday, October 26**  
**Barren Heights Benefit Dinner & Silent Auction**  
**Louisville, Kentucky**

We were amazed at the outpouring of support, generosity, and service during last year's event and hope to improve this year. The October benefit dinner is Barren Heights only scheduled fundraiser in 2010. **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 May 1. We will be meeting in mid May to begin preparations. No specific experience is required.

## What's New?

- We have a paved parking area and entrance to the retreat center. **George Sullivan and Sons Concrete Company** completed the work and donated a large portion of the labor and materials. Visitors will now be met with better accessibility and a beautiful stone stamped entry.
- We have a redesigned website with more functionality thanks to our super webmaster, **Michael Feger**. (Check it out at [www.Barrenheights.com](http://www.Barrenheights.com))
- We have a new stockpile of firewood from our neighbors, **Marty and Gwynn Kennedy**.
- Former guest, **Laura Ly** collected and donated boxes and boxes of warm weather clothing to help establish a new "lending closet" at the camp for our guests and hosts who have need.
- And lastly, the new Barren Heights brochure was just released. It was printed courtesy of **B & K Printing**. The colorful and appealing layout was designed by **Mark McFerron**. It is a beautiful reflection of the spirit of Barren Heights, inspired by a photo of the barn taken by former Board Member and photographer, **Nick Bonura**.

Thank you so much to all the individuals listed above. Your gifts and your talents that you have so generously offered, will go a long way to serve our retreat visitors and to make Barren Heights a nicer place.



## 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
- Area Rugs (5x8 size, neutral colors)
- Play Equipment: 4-basketballs, 2-kickballs, 10-cans of tennis balls, 3-hula hoops
- Printer Ink Cartridges (HP 98 and HP 95)
- Bottled Water (17 oz or less)
- Basketball Court Coat and Stripe
- Board Games All Ages
- Vinyl Table Cloths (60" round, 5 of each color: brown, green, white)
- Silent Auction Items (gift certificates, gift baskets, specialty services, artwork, vacation rentals, sports tickets, autographed memorabilia, etc.)

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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.