



Norman B. Barr Camp News
Barr-O-Meter
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"This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Happy Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving is more than a day. It's a lifestyle.



Say "Thank You" because your faith is so strong that you don't doubt that whatever the problem, you'll get through it. You're saying thank-you because you know that even in the eye of the storm, God has put a rainbow in the clouds. *Oprah Winfrey*

A few years ago, I decided to try to live this giving thanks as I believe Jesus did each day, regardless of His circumstances. And what I found was that in giving thanks for each moment and savoring it as bread from His hand, I'd find sustenance and the grace of God Himself in it. *Ann Voskamp, One Thousand Gifts Devotional*

"Our rural ancestors, with little blest,
Patient of labor when the end was rest,
Indulged the day that housed their annual grain,
With feasts, and offerings, and a thankful strain."
Alexander Pope

"God wants to see prayers that are filled with genuine praise and thanksgiving for what He has done in the past. He wants our hearts to be filled with awe and gratitude for His blessings. He wants us to set up memorials in our hearts testifying to the provisions He has given us." - *Michael Youssef*

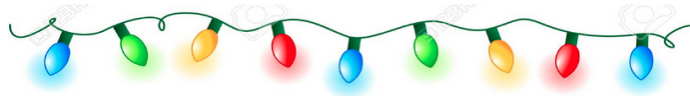


Yes, one of the blessings we are thankful for is Norman B Barr Camp. We are all blessed to be part of this family that started 110 years ago with Rev. Barr's vision of providing a summer camp experience to those in need.

We wish you a blessed thanksgiving and look forward to seeing many of you at the Christmas celebration.

Happy Holidays from your Norman B Barr Camp Board of Directors

"Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving." – *W.T. Purkiser*



Good News!! You can once again register with AMAZON SMILE and select Norman B Barr Camp as your charity.



Welcome to AmazonSmile!

Thank you for supporting Norman B Barr Camp Inc.

Remember, always start at smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to our camp



Join us to kick off the Christmas Season!



The Norman B Barr Camp 7th Annual Christmas Celebration will be held on Sunday, December 1st.

Festivities begin at **12:00 Noon** with a potluck luncheon at Westshire Farms at the Lakes in Delavan. Doors open at 11:00 if you need to get there a little earlier to heat food. The address is 3500 Westshire Circle, Delavan, WI. Directions: As you head into Delavan (before the bridge) from camp on Hwy 50 you turn right on Town Hall Road (Mobil Station) and take the second left onto Westshire Circle. The Clubhouse is 1 block down straight ahead on the right side.)

We will then head to Williams Bay to Barr Camp where we will have our **Christmas Service at 2:30.**

Following the service we then head to Gage Marine and arrive at about **4:00 at the Festival of Trees.** You will have time prior to our

departure to purchase raffle tickets and explore the beautiful displays. Our Santa Cruise will load at 4:20 after walking through the Polar Vortex on the pier at the Gage Marine docks. **The Santa Cruise will depart at 4:30 PM.** Join us to cruise along the shore to see all the wonderful Christmas decorations. (\$10 per adult / Children 10 and under – FREE). These are specially reduced rates for our group as normal pricing is \$25 and \$15!

Sunday December 1st, 2019

12:00 PM ~ Potluck Lunch in Delavan

2:30 PM ~ Christmas Service led by Pastor Rob Eppley

4:00 PM ~ Tour the Tree Festival at Pier 290 and load the Belle of the Lake.

4:30 PM ~ Barr Camp Santa Cruise Leaves Pier for the North pole



Santa Cause gears up for another successful Christmas Celebration

Another fabulous Christmas event is underway at Gage Marine. "Santa Cause" is a super charity, supporting existing charities in Walworth County referred to as "The Charities of Christmas." Norman B Barr Camp is one of those charities! There are several ways to participate and support this fabulous event.

RAFFLE TICKETS ~ \$2.00 each

Sold in books of ten.

Contact Tom Sergenian (tomsergenian@gmail.com) to get some sent to you so you can sell them where you live and work all over the country!

Join us at the "Tree Festival"

Each charity creates a themed winter wonderland by first decorating a Christmas tree. Next, they surround their tree with an abundance including of marvelous prizes, all based on their selected theme. When visitors attend the "Tree Festival" they can purchase raffle tickets to enter into any of the "Charities of Christmas" raffle boxes. They have a chance to win the grand prize and/or many other prizes. (Our prizes include our First prize of a trip to Hawaii including \$2,000 airfare and \$500 cash, Second prize of A trip anywhere including \$1,000 airfare, \$700 Airbnb, \$ Auto expense, and 29 other wonderful prizes!) 100% of the "Tree Festival" proceeds go directly to the charities.



November 29th – January 4th

7 Days a week*

Mon-Thurs. 4pm - 8pm

Fri - Sat 4pm - 9pm

Sun 4pm-8pm

***Closed Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day**

Raffle tickets are **\$2.00 per ticket** and sold in books of ten. 100% of all proceeds benefit the "Charities of Christmas". Contact Tom Sergenian (tomsergenian@gmail.com) if you would like to purchase raffle tickets. Tom can mail the tickets and instructions so you can sell tickets to your friends and family where they live and mail back to him to take to the Santa Cause. This effort last year put us ahead of all of the other charities and we need to build on it this year to stay on top. Bundles of are sold 10 at a time for \$20. If you purchase \$100 worth you will get an extra five tickets. We expect you will find it is very easy to sell tickets that give folks a chance to win a Hawaii trip this time of year!



Freezin for a Reason Fundraiser set for December 7, 2019 from 10am to 3pm.

Freezin' for a Reason gives water-skiers, wakeboarders, surfers, and tubers of all ages a unique opportunity to brave the chilly waters of Lake Geneva to raise money for the Santa Cause Super Charity, which supports "The Charities of Christmas" all located in Walworth County. Participants are asked to get sponsorship pledges from businesses, family, friends, and fans. The minimum donation to participate in Freezin' for a Reason is \$60.00. Raffle, Silent Auction, and Live Auction throughout the event!

The event, which has garnered television and newspaper coverage over the years, has grown its participants to around 100, with more than 250 spectators and supporters cheering them on. Over \$20,000.00 has been raised in past years, with hopes to raise \$30,000.00 this year.

Hosting Sponsor Gage marine will again provide boats, skis, tubes, boards, and dry suits, although many participants bring their own equipment.

For more information please visit the website: Facebook at Freezin' for a Reason.

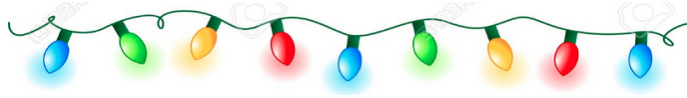


Santa Cruise

There's Nothing Else Like it!

Embark on a magical Christmas boat cruise to Santa's North Pole hideaway! Along your lake tour you will be enchanted by lighted displays that unfold the story of your journey to the North Pole. Activities will be offered as well as a cash bar with adult and children's beverages. Reservations recommended.

Before your journey on board begins, you will walk through the Charities of Christmas Tree Festival. This winter wonderland includes 8 individually decorated trees, sure to delight all ages!



Join us for our **BARR CAMP SANTA CRUISE**

Sunday, December 1st The cruise boat leaves the dock at Pier 290 at 4:30 PM

A 40-minute SANTA CRUISE aboard the fully-heated Belle of the Lake. Boat departs from Gage Marine, Pier 290, Williams Bay, and goes past the "12 days of Christmas" lighted displays along the shoreline. Plus, you'll see Santa at his winter workshop as he addresses the passengers from his "magic microphone."

Boat ride starts and ends at Gage Marine in Williams Bay (Pier 290). Be sure to stop in at the Christmas Tree Festival at the indoor Gage Marine Boat Shop prior to or after the cruise. Great displays and raffle prizes available from the "Charities of Christmas."

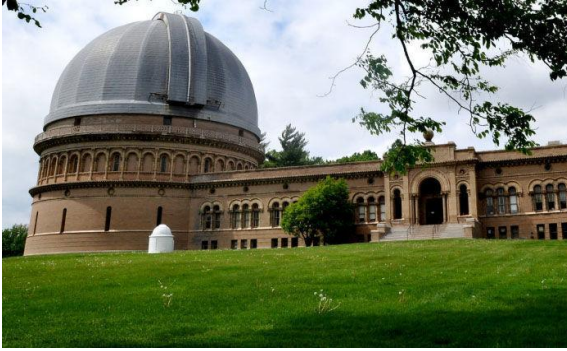
Cost: \$10 per person
Kids (10 and under) FREE



HELP WANTED

Once again we are asking for all to reach out to anyone you can think of and let them know about the jobs available for the 2020 season.

We need counselors – Young people at least 8 years old who want a rewarding summer working with kids. Send them to our website so they can watch the fabulous video and get that BARR CAMP FEELING. If they have questions they can contact Nancy at Nancy.french.brown@gmail.com



Good News!! Yerkes is back!

Deal announced for foundation to take over Yerkes

• Scott Williams • Nov 5, 2019

WILLIAMS BAY — The owner of Yerkes

Observatory has announced an agreement to transfer the lakefront landmark to a private foundation that promises to reopen the facility for public usage.

The University of Chicago said Nov. 5 it had reached “an agreement in principle” with the Yerkes Future Foundation to take over ownership and maintenance of the observatory.

The foundation is a nonprofit group that was organized to resurrect Yerkes Observatory after the University of Chicago last year announced that the Williams Bay research and educational center would be closed.

Williams Bay Village President Bill Duncan called the announcement a positive new development, considering that Yerkes has been closed and has faced an uncertain future for more than a year.

“It’s what we’ve been working for,” Duncan said.

The announcement said the private foundation’s plans include restoration and refurbishing of the observatory and telescopes inside, and reopening of the facility for visitors, education and research.

The transfer, if completed, would mark the end of the university’s involvement with Yerkes, the announcement said.

Although Colman declined to comment on details of the agreement, she said her foundation has no plans to sell Yerkes.

“We want to preserve it,” she said. “We want to take care of it.”

Last year, the foundation announced that it was seeking volunteers and that it hoped to raise at least \$10 million in donations to support its efforts.

The group in April was awarded nonprofit status by the Internal Revenue Service.

The University of Chicago has declined to either identify other potential suitors that might have shown an interest in Yerkes, or to describe the process that university officials used to evaluate the Yerkes Future Foundation.

Duncan, who said village officials have been kept informed about the negotiations, said he believes the foundation has the ability to raise funds, if needed, to achieve its objectives.

“They’re a very good group,” he said. “It’s an excellent group to be taking over.”

Meredith said she, too, is confident the foundation can deliver what it has promised without needing taxpayer support.

Colman said the foundation has not reported any income to the IRS. Other details will have to wait, she said, noting that she has signed a non-disclosure agreement as part of the negotiations with the university.

Colman said she was sorry she could not provide more information.

“I hate to be this way,” she said, “but it’s the way it has to happen.”

https://journaltimes.com/news/local/deal-announced-for-foundation-to-take-over-yerkes/article_f3a5e7be-a23c-5acd-ad6b-460a75d25ac3.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share

Keep in touch during the off season!

Please send us your news!!

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Email Deedy Payne deedyp@me.com with any updates, stories, or ideas.

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is to provide a free, Christian-based summer camp experience for
those in need that enriches lives through the enjoyment of God's gifts
of nature, community, and faith.***