

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.

- It's often said that whatever you focus on grows larger. That's true for fears, hopes, dreams, offenses—and blessings. Gratitude focuses so closely on the good that the bad can become almost unnoticeable.
- Gratitude shifts your perspective. It makes you realize the glass isn't half-empty. In most cases, it's actually more than 90 percent full. If you don't think it is, you might need to focus more on what you're thankful for.
- Thankfulness is healthy. People who are continually grateful are generally in better health than those who aren't. Conversely, complaining (the opposite of thankfulness) is at least as unhealthy as having a poor diet. The difference in physical symptoms between thankful people and bitter people is startling.
- Thankfulness is a strong anti-depressant. Sometimes simply stating your gratitude out loud—even just two or things you're grateful for, no matter how small—can change your mood for the rest of the day.
- Gratitude is a powerful prayer. You get more from God by thanking him than by begging him. And thanking him in advance for something he has promised but not yet given is a profound statement of faith.

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 almost 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



#### Join us to kick off the Christmas Season!

Norman B Barr Annual Christmas service will be held on Sunday, December 2nd. The chapel will be warm and decorated and open at 12:00. The Christmas service will be at 12:30 and a potluck will follow in Delavan at Westshire Farms at the Lakes. The address is 3500 Westshire Circle, Delavan, WI. (Just 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.) Our Santa Cruise will depart at 4:30 from Pier 290 and cruise the shore to see all the wonderful Christmas decorations.



### Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

12:00 noon ~ the Chapel is open for fellowship

12:30 PM ~ Christmas Service led by Pastor Terry Henessy

2:00 PM ~ Potluck Lunch at Delavan

4:00 PM ~ Tour the Tree Festival at Pier 290

4:30 PM ~ Barr Camp Santa Cruise departs Pier 290





## 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 Twelve 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!

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## n us at the "Tree Festival" ~ Nov 23rd - Dec 31st

Each charity creates a themed winter wonderland by first decorating a Christmas tree. Next, they surround their tree with an abundance 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 "Twelve Charities of Christmas" raffle boxes. They have a chance to win the grand prize and/or many other prizes. (Prizes include a trip to Hawaii, Arizona, a large screen TV, and much, much more!) 100% of the "Tree Festival" proceeds go directly to the charities. Barr Camp's TOP prize is a trip to Hawaii including airfare and spending money!



#### **DATES:**

November 23<sup>rd</sup> - December 30<sup>th</sup>
7 Days a week\*
Mon-Fri 4pm-9pm
Sat & Sun 12pm-9pm

\*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 Twelve 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 worht you will get an extra five tickets. 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 ~ Dec. 1, 2018

The fun filled day includes winter watersports, food and beverage specials, raffles, and an auction. Weather permitting. The Grand Belle will be docked and available for spectators to board and have a birds eye view of the event. There are several warming stations and a hot tub on the pier for participants.



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 Twelve Charities of Christmas Tree Festival. This winter wonderland includes 12 individually decorated trees, sure to delight all ages!

\$2.00 from the sale of each ticket from Santa Cruise Boat Tours supports Santa Cause and the Twelve Charities of Christmas.

## Join us for our BARR CAMP SANTA CRUISE

Sunday, December 2nd at 4:30 PM

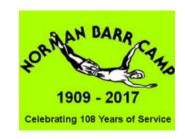
A 40-minute SANTA CRUISE aboard the fully-heated Belle of the Lake. Boat departs from Gage Marine, Pier 290, Williams Bay, and goes past the "12 days of Christmas" lighted displays along the shoreline. Plus, you'll see Santa at his winter workshop as he addresses the passengers from his "magic microphone."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

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



# Keep in touch during the off season! Please send us your news!!

The Barr-O-Meter in published to inform all Barr Campers about happenings.



Email Deedy Payne <u>deedyp@me.com</u> with any updates, stories, or ideas.



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