



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."

## Camper program finishes up with smiles and hugs

It is always a sad time when SEASPAR heads out of camp. This group of campers celebrated its 17<sup>th</sup> summer here with us and each year these campers are more of a hit than the previous summer. They enjoyed fishing, boat rides and their annual trip to Lake Geneva City where they took the ice cream boat tour around the lake.



*SEASPAR enjoys a day in Lake Geneva City*

Summer 2019 was a fabulous summer for all campers, staff and volunteers. .

The second week of camp we welcomed CHIPIN Batavia, which was a new group put together by Bill with resources from his school and community. Two weekends were spent recruiting at the Batavia Franciscan Apartments and this resulted in us having a full group. These campers and their liaisons thoroughly enjoyed Barr Camp and we are considering working with them again next year. This was all made possible because of Bill's passion and commitment to do whatever it takes to get a group to camp. Thank you Bill!

We also had two fabulous weekend groups: Mercy Home held its Retreat for the boys here July 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> and ENVISION – an organization who serves adults with disabilities who are also significantly impacted by poverty and limited opportunities came July 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. Many volunteers stepped up to help us provide a meaningful weekend for these folks. Their smiles and laughter could be heard throughout camp. The highlight was BINGO and a talent show on Saturday night in the Craft House. A huge thank you to Laura and Jenny for their expertise in assisting this population. It was one of our more challenging weekends but, hands down, it was the most rewarding.

Bill Tarver once again was our program coordinator. As in the past, he was fantastic. He brought his energy, creativity, enthusiasm and a full tool box of social work skills to use as necessary. Bill had several groups participate in cardboard boat regattas and these events were one of the highlights of the summer. We are so grateful that Bill is willing to share his talent and time with our campers and counselors.

Our counselors – Krum, Joshua, Emma and Rachel were exceptional. They worked hard putting their hearts and souls into their work providing a safe, fun, faith-filled experience for our kids. The staff was exceptional, and we couldn't have asked for more. Thank you to these counselors, Bill and all the staff for providing an unforgettable summer for our kids.

Extra fun events this summer included:

- Star gazing with Adam, aka “Mr. Galaxy”. Adam works with GLAS Education, part of the Yerkes group. Each week he brought two sophisticated telescopes to our lakefront for free to show the campers some amazing planets.
- Cardboard boat regattas
- Great devotions
- Robust singing
- Weekly ending light festival at lake front



- Painting with Josh
- Kayaking and fishing on Wednesday evenings
- Fabulous talent shows and dances
- Fun games lead by Nadine
- Reptile Guy
- AND Boat rides, which are always the kids favorite!

We had amazing volunteers who we could not have done it without. Deedy, Laura S, Jenny W, Marilyn O and Donna who purchased and served our snacks, Kim T who did the First Responder training in June and oversaw our Health and Safety procedures. We also had many other

volunteers who come out on Wednesday nights to fish and kayak. Thank you to those who attended Vespers and the Talent Shows. You make the campers experience even richer by being there.

Our staff is top-notch as well. Thank you to Julie and Bobbie who cooked delicious food for our staff and kids. Thank you to our lifeguards, Malachi, Maya, Mac, who kept our kids safe all summer on the lake. Thank you to the grounds crew and the candy store team, who were amazing as well. Our gratitude goes out to ALL the volunteers who helped who are too many to mention!!! Just know that everything you do is appreciated. Volunteering is the number one way to show your BARR CAMP LOVE in the summer.

***Blessings to all,  
Nancy Brown and Gail Novosad***



## Summer 2019 was filled with lots of fun activities



The summer activities began with a lakefront campout. The kids and adults who participated had a great time! Thank you to Debbie Samuelson for wonderful storytelling and songs on the pavilion that evening. Many thanks to Nancy Brown and Deedy Payne for hosting a prince/princess party at the end of June. The kids in camp had a blast! July began with our wonderful 4th of July festivities and trivia night in the craft house. We had a great turn out and lots of fun and friendly competition! August brought a return of the bags tournament. Thank you, Tom Sergenian, for running that! Next was the Great Barr Camp Bake Off, a fun and new activity this year thanks to Nick and Megan Sergenian. During Labor Day weekend we will have the inaugural Barr Camp's Got Talent competition. We hope to recruit a few more committee members so we can increase our number of activities next summer. If you will be in camp and are willing to host something, please let us know.

Thank you for participating in another fun-filled BARR CAMP summer.

Congratulations to Amanda S who took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Great Barr Camp Bake Off.

*Blair Covino and Jesse Mills, Activities Chairs*



**Mark your calendar ~ 2019 is coming to a close!**

### **THIS WEEKEND**

**Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 AM Annual Corporation Meeting**

**7:00 PM Bunco**

**Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 AM Church**

**11:30 AM Crazy Hat Potluck**

### **COMING UP**

**Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup> – 7:00 PM Barr Camp Has Talent**

**Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup> – HOT DOG ROAST and Vespers**

**Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Blow Out Candy Sale**

**October 19<sup>th</sup> – Williams Bay 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

**December 1<sup>st</sup> – Barr Camp Christmas Church Service, Pot Luck, and Boat Cruise**

# Barr Camp Merchandise FOR SALE



Shirts Blue and Grey in all  
ADULT sizes  
from SMALL to 3XL  
Youth sizes (Blue only)  
SMALL to XL

**\$15 each**



Blue Toddler sizes  
Or White Onesies

**\$18 each**



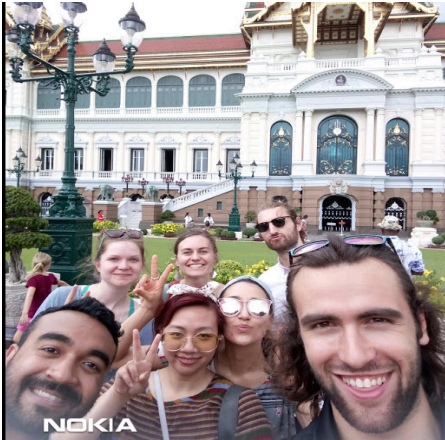
**HATS**  
**\$18 each**

Commemorative  
Magnets  
\$5 each

If you would like to purchase merchandise, contact  
Deedy Payne at [deedyp@me.com](mailto:deedyp@me.com) or (480) 459-6073.  
Cash or checks preferred.

**ALL profits will go to renovate the children's dorm  
bathrooms and add ventilation fans.**

## Update from Zac Boehm ~ Chicago Navigators Trip



Thank you to everyone who supported me! The time we had, the places and people we got to experience and meet, and the ministries and cultures we got to comprehend made this trip a worthwhile experience not only for the five of us from Chicago that participated but for the Chicago Navigators and the city we choose to partner with as a whole.

This trip was only the beginning of a 5-10 year partnership that will mutually help Chicago and another city grow in their spiritual communities. This trip opened a door to help Chicago actively communicate with a foreign city to give and accumulate cross-cultural and cross-ministerial knowledge that was not available before we embarked.

One story that stands out from the trip was when we were playing catch with a 16-inch softball in Thailand with Thai friends we made in the English class we helped teach. As we were casually playing catch I noticed a tattoo on my friend K's arm, so I asked him about it. He said that it represented how he had a demon in him, but the peace sign in the middle of the tattoo represented how he was set free. So I asked him what set him free, and he said his family. Then I said I understood that but a little differently, for God set me free of many pains when I learned to live with Him in my life. That was the end of the conversation, but, to me, it gave the trip further meaning. For many people "live with demons" but are never "set free". And people have many different ways of viewing what being "set free" really means. The Thai students were just as, if not more, interested in our culture and religion as we were in theirs.

We have yet to decide on which country the Chicago Navigators will be partnering with. I waited a little to send out this email in hopes of being able to conclude you on our trip. But with all nine sects of the Chicago Navigators being involved in this decision, it will take further discussions and presentations to decide on which city we want to allocate all of our resources towards.

Thank you once again for your prayerful support in the Chicago Missions Exploration trip. Your prayers helped start the beginning of a process that will help Chicago and foreigners alike better appreciate and understand what following Jesus really means.

*Sincerely,*  
**Zac Boehm**

## News around camp

Dana Rettke, the daughter of John Rettke whose family rented a cottage at camp in the past, has been named to the U.S. Women's National Team roster for the 2019 FIVB Volleyball Nations League, the premier annual international volleyball tournament. Team USA won the inaugural Volleyball Nations League last year. Dana, her dad and sister stay in the lodge when they can squeeze in a weekend. Congratulations to Dana- we will be cheering you on from Barr Camp!





*Please send us your news!!*

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

Please email me if you have some updates, corrections, or items you want included.

If you have a staff member to whom you would like to give KUDOS, please let us know.

If you have a story you want to share, please let us know!

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