



Norman B. Barr Camp News

Barr-O-Meter

August 22, 2018

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"This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it."

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You're invited...

**Celebrate our VOLUNTEERS and join Mercy Home boys
for lunch on Sunday, August 26th on the upper hill at 12:30.**

We will be providing sloppy joes, chips and drinks for everyone.
You are welcome to bring a salad or dessert.

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Children are the HEART of our camp

When you look at our Facebook page, you will see posts from almost everyday this summer. The smiles and evidence of fun is contagious. You cannot help smiling yourself as you view these fabulous photos. Thank you Bill Tarver for keeping us all updated as to what happens at camp each day. There are also videos that tell the story of each week. Those videos can also be seen on Facebook, YouTube, (nbbc 2018 week 1, nbbc 2018 week 2, etc.) and on our website. Thank you to Lauren, our assistant manager, for putting these together each week.

This summer there was a young boy who fought hard all day on Monday and Tuesday to learn how to swim. To say he was determined would be an understatement, because he was not letting anything get in his way. On Monday he took the yellow swim test and did not pass, in fact he attempted two more times and was not successful. With help from counselors and swim instructors he continued to practice and on Tuesday afternoon took the yellow test and passed. He was met with a round of applause from the whole group. On Wednesday he attempted the green test, which is in the deeper buoy water, and is the goal for all the swimmers. He passed the green test and again was met with applause from his friends. What was unique and amazing is that you would think that the first thing he would do would jump off the diving board or swim out to the yellow raft to play with his other friends, but he didn't. What he did was spent the rest of Wednesday and Thursday helping his friends in the shallow water learn how to swim so they could than pass the swim tests. He is a testament to our overall theme of "Choosing Kind."

There are highlights each week. We witnessed Yasenya Roman, a spiritual development leader from the By the Hand Moving Everest Group in Chicago, perform a Baptism for all 22 kids in the shallow end of the water on the final day of swimming. This was done by request and confirmation from her kids after

spending the week at camp with the group. Yasenia also provided the morning message to us on Sunday. She gave us insight into the lives of our campers who live in the Austin neighborhood in Chicago.

We had a young boy who said to one of our volunteers, "I go to bed at night and pray that I could live here forever. This is the best place I have ever been."

We have witnessed an overwhelming support of volunteers on Wednesday night who give their time to fish, kayak and play in the game rooms with our campers. Each week there are 10-15 members of our camp family who help. The community spirit that has developed due to this activity night is such a blessing for our camp.

We have witnessed Boy Scouts from two Troops perform a Flag Retirement Ceremony from a past member of camp. The one flag was presented to the spouse and was flown over the camp until it was deemed it should no longer be flown. The ceremony was one that all participants (both cottagers and campers) will hold forever in their hearts.

Other activities included having Great Scott, a magician who brought a spiritual message, come every week to entertain and inspire us. We had the Reptile Guy who gave us quite a show getting campers, cottagers and staff to touch and hold snakes, lizards and tortoises. The week of July 4th included the strawberry festival and the water carnival. The campers and cottagers enjoyed participating and getting to know each other. The cardboard boat regatta was another hit and the creativity and fun was evidenced by the smiles and cheering at the lakefront.

The spirit of Rev. Barr is alive and well this summer. The thousands of volunteer hours can be seen as you walk through camp and breathe in that spirit. We thank all members of our camp family for their support and participation this summer. We thank our fabulous children's program staff – Bill Tarver and his team of counselors – Krum, Joshua, Hannah, Rachel (and Jenna who stepped up and filled in the last few weeks). Thank you to Julie and Bobbi for wonderful meals and to Suds for his expert dishwashing skills. We love our lifeguards – Ariel, Cooper, and Ryan. Thank you to Cindy and Lauren for managing the office and the rest of the staff. It takes a village and our NBBC village is alive and well.

A HUGE thank you to the Children's Committee headed up by Nancy Brown and Gail Novosad for their tireless work at making this year's program is the best ever. Recruiting is now starting for next summer, so if you know anyone who wants to be a part of a magical Barr Camp summer, please let Nancy or Gail know.

Mercy Home Boys coming on August 24-26

Mercy Home boys will be here for their spiritual retreat Friday through Sunday, August 24-26. Their residential program is for youth between the ages of 11 and 21 who live in situations that place extra stresses on their health and progress. The common thread that connects children to Mercy Home is that they have experienced trauma and that they are committed to changing their lives.

We will provide our dorms and food and their staff provides the program. Marc Velasquez, Spiritual Development Manager, was very appreciative of how we accommodated the girls and he is excited to come back to join us.

Once again we need volunteers to help with set up and clean up. Julie is cooking for us but we need you to consider helping as well. If you can help, please let Deedy know. There is a lot to do to feed these hungry teenagers. We need help for Saturday dinner (5-7) and Sunday breakfast (8-9:30) and Sunday lunch (12-1:30).



2018 SANTA CAUSE IS COMING!!



Once again this successful event will be raising money for our camp. Last year we had 12 members of our camp family sell tickets and we made over \$9,000 to put towards our main building renovation. This year we will be getting back 90 - 95% of the value of the tickets that are sold for our booth, which is a large increase over the past two years payouts.

This year we are asking that EVERY cottager sell \$200 worth of tickets and EVERY CORPORATION MEMBER sell \$300 worth of tickets. They are \$2 per ticket and packets will be available at the HOT DOG ROAST. You will sign out the amount you are to sell and return the sold stubs with the money to Tom Sergenian by November 25th.

If we all do our part, who knows how many tickets we will sell? There are great prizes and our trip to Hawaii is the primo prize. We will be sending out some marketing ideas by email to assist you in your selling.

If you are not able to attend the HOT DOG ROAST, let Tom or Toni know and they can get you your ticket allocation.

Remember to check out the Lakeshore Estate Resale Shop at 80 N Walworth St., Williams Bay. It is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 10am-4pm or by appointment.



NBBC Christmas Service, Potluck and

Santa Cause Boat Cruise

Sunday, December 2, 2018

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

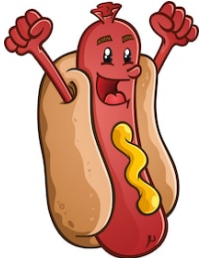


LAST YEAR'S PRIZES

Grand Prize ~ \$500. Cash & lodging & airfare to Hawaii

Kayak
Cruise for 6 aboard the Cherokee
Chucks party room rental 3 hr
Golf for 4 @ Abbey Springs
6 months of express car washes
Spa package Clear Waters Salon
SUP/Kayak Rental Clear Water
Outdoor package
Lake Geneva Art print
Silver Geneva Lake necklace
\$100.00 gift card Sentry, Walworth
Oriental Rug
Lucky's spirits
Watercolor of Yacht Louise
Watercolor of Northwestern Military Academy LG
Watercolor of Yerkes Observatory
Watercolor of Conference Point
Watercolor of the Polaris on LG
Watercolor of Belle of the Lake on LG
Watercolor Lady of the Lake
Watercolor of Riviera LG
Designer Pillows
Floral Design
Brunch for 2 Baker House
Spa Basket
Vanilla Flavors Basket
Art Bowl
Custom Jewelry Piece
Custom Jewelry Piece
Silver Necklace





Annual Hot Dog Roast

Sunday, September 2nd

We need donations for raffle prizes.

Please contact Nancy Sameulson for more information about donating prizes.



Rec Room Clean Up

Thank you to Laura Schofield for working hard to get the Rec Room chair collection organized and cleaned up. She has labeled all the chairs that have a name on them.

ALL CHAIRS WITHOUT A LABEL WILL BE PUT IN THE TRASH ON SEPTEMBER 1ST.

Also, all floaties and any other miscellanies need to be removed ASAP.



What's happening around camp?

- ✓ Refectory (aka "Candy Store") hours are now 2-3 and 7-8 on weekdays
- ✓ Candy BLOW OUT sale is on Labor Day at 10:00
- ✓ Excess kitchen food sale is on Labor Day at 10:00
- ✓ We need volunteers for various tasks around camp as we lose our staff for the balance of the summer. If you can help out, check in the office to see what is needed.
- ✓ Women's League meeting will be on Labor Day at 9:30
- ✓ Camp closes at noon on Labor Day – Monday, September 3rd. Dogs on leashes are then allowed in camp and the owner must promptly clean up after them.
- ✓ Steak Fry will be held on Saturday, September 8th
- ✓ All boats must be removed from lifts and buoys by Sunday, September 23rd.
- ✓ Utilities will be shut off on Monday, September 24th at 7:00 AM.
- ✓ Fall leaf rake will be on Sunday, November 4th at 9:00 AM.
- ✓ No LIFEGUARDS will be on DUTY through the close of camp. Safety is our number one concern here. You must swim with someone on the pier as an aquatic observer. NO ONE IS TO BE SWIMMING ALONE. Parents or a responsible adult must accompany ALL swimmers under 18.



Corporation and Board hold annual meeting

The NBBC Corporation held its annual meeting on Saturday, August 18th. It was a successful meeting and there were no vacancies so there were no changes in membership. The Board of Directors re-elected the current officers at their meeting following the corporation meeting.

President – Tom Sergenian

Vice President – Deedy Payne

Secretary – Russ Novosad

Treasurer – Bill Tarver

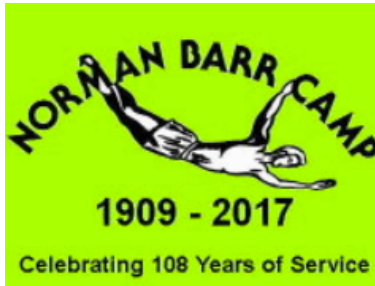
PLEASE – NO PARKING IN THE GWC UPPER LOT!

(That is the one where they tore down the work shed.)

If you have extra vehicles that need to park, please check with the office.

Remember, each cottage is assigned ONE parking spot. Extra cars and guests can park in unassigned spots. Please inform your guests to only park in unmarked spots.

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!

Email Deedy Payne with any updates, stories, or ideas.

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Norman B. Barr Camp's mission
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.