

The GAP-2009

Hello Group Leader!

So, you want to come to Camp Barnabas, huh? Well, welcome! I am glad you have taken the first step in getting your group registered for the summer of 2009. If you are new to Barnabas, please make sure you are familiar with all the information in "EYNTK for 2009" which can be found on our website. For returning groups, please read the GAP (Group application packet) carefully to catch all of the changes for this coming summer. Please see step 3 of "The Process" for changes in the area of money/payments.

Spending a week at Camp Barnabas really is an opportunity of a life-time. Please do not take this opportunity lightly. This decision will take total commitment on your part and on the part of each member of your team. It is very important that the person setting up this trip for the group is someone who will be accompanying them to Barnabas. It is best to do all of the communication for the group, both before coming to camp and while at camp, with one person. On the group application you will be asked to commit to bringing a certain number of team members with equal ratios of males and females for each position. I know this is a difficult task. But, I need you to be as accurate as possible. Once you make that commitment, our campers will be expecting you to come through for them. When guessing how many positions your group will need, it is better to under-estimate than over-estimate.

In this packet you will find information about the group application process, a copy of the group application and a copy of the Camp Barnabas policies. It is important that each member of your team sees and agrees to abide by these policies prior to committing to Barnabas. I look forward to working with you to make the summer of 2009 the best that it can be!

Laura Edwards ~ Volunteer Coordinator

The Process - For groups

1. Read all of the information on this document and prayerfully consider spending a week with us at Camp Barnabas.

2. Complete the group application found in the GAP (group application packet) and either mail it, fax it, or email to Laura Edwards at Camp Barnabas.

3. If your group is accepted, you will be sent a contract that will include the dates for your week and the number of positions reserved for your team. You will need to sign your contract and return it with an initial deposit in the amount of \$20/position reserved. The total cost for each individual is \$170 (\$20 deposit and \$150 tuition due at the time of your Camp arrival). This cost will cover all meals and lodging. The only additional cost will be \$15 for each CIA 18 or older to cover the cost of a criminal background check. Please understand that all transportation is the responsibility of the group.

4. Recruit your team! Please remember that we are looking for the most responsible and hardest working individuals. Because of limited bed space, we need you to commit to bringing the same number of males and females per job position, i.e. 10 barnstormers = 5 males and 5 females. We know this is challenging, but it is a must for our program.

5. After your group is signed up, you will receive information on how each individual member must register themselves for Barnabas. Each person must be registered by March 15th, 2009.

6. Prepare your team! It is imperative that you prepare your team to come to Camp Barnabas. In early spring, you will receive a whole packet of training materials. If you use this resource, your group has a 100% chance of being better equipped for their week of service.

7. Come to camp!!!!

CAMP BARNABAS

2009 Policies

Statement of Faith: We believe God Almighty to be our creator and heavenly Father, and His Son Jesus Christ to be our Lord and Savior. We also believe the Holy Bible to be His inspired Word, and as such, is our final authority for faith and life. We do not condone the abuse of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco, as we believe that it is not in accordance with God's Word. It is our purpose to teach His Word and to glorify Him in all we do.

Camp Barnabas is excited to invite new people into the family of committed Christians who want to further the message of Jesus Christ. We want you to feel a part of our camp family and to realize that we strive to glorify Jesus Christ in everything we do. We especially want the campers to see our staff and CIAs as living examples of Christ's life. In keeping with that, we have specific policies that we have stated below to allow you to understand what we believe is right and true in the eyes of our Lord.

If you do not agree with the policies, it is important that you let us know. The decisions you make personally about such issues are between you and God. However, as a representative of Camp Barnabas, we ask that you uphold and stand firm on these issues. Please read these policy statements carefully and sign your application only if you agree to abide by them.

Policies:

Alcohol, Illegal Drugs & Tobacco:

Our staff does not condone or personally use illegal drugs or tobacco. We do not condone the abuse of alcohol or allow for public drunkenness.

Sexual Behavior:

We believe that premarital sex and homosexual relationships are wrong and in violation of God's Word.

Appearance & Dress Code:

God does not judge man by appearances; He looks at the heart. But, we still feel convicted to present a clean-cut appearance on the outside, as well as the inside. Men must shave daily. You may keep your facial hair if you come to camp with a beard or mustache that is well-groomed. However, you may not grow a new beard or mustache while at camp! Hair length is optional, however, men with long hair must keep it in a ponytail. All hair must be well-groomed at all times.

Shirts:

T-shirts should reflect a Christian image and not have inscriptions or advertising for questionable products (i.e. beer products or slanderous sayings). No spaghetti-strap, tight-fitting, or low-cut shirts. Straps on shirts must be at least the width of two fingers and completely cover bra straps. Shirts must cover abdomen, even when hands are lifted in the air.

Shorts/Pants:

Shorts must be loose-fitting and at have at least a 5-inch inseam. No "sofee" style shorts. No shorts or pants with words across the seat are to be worn at any time.

Shoes:

Shoes must be worn at all times unless at the pool. Close-toed shoes are required during all daytime activities, with the exception of to and from the pool. Sandals and flip-flops may be worn to the nightly parties.

Swimsuits:

Men must wear swim trunks (no Speedos). Women must wear modest one-piece swimsuits. Two-piece swimsuits will be permitted provided they completely cover the abdomen area even with hands in the air. No low-cut swimsuits are to be worn. If you choose not to follow any of these dress code policies, you will be asked to change. These will be enforced!

Tattoos & Body Piercings:

While at camp, all body piercing jewelry is to be removed! ONLY small studs on pierced ears may be worn by either sex. Our CIAs will wear no naval, eyebrow or tongue jewelry at camp (this is a safety issue). At the discretion of the camp directors, any tattoo that may be viewed as inappropriate will need to be covered at all times. You are an example of a Christian lifestyle to your campers. Parents count on you to represent a clean-cut example. If discussions occur about tattoos or body piercing with campers or other participants, please try to steer the conversation in another direction and do not encourage campers or other participants to get tattoos or body piercings.

Cell Phones & Laptop Computers:

In the world of high technology, we have to make a policy for electronic use. Laptop computers are not to be brought to camp for use. No e-mails are to be sent or received on any computer while you are serving at camp. We do not allow the use of cell phones at camp for any reason. If you need to make an emergency call, there are phones available.

These guidelines will be enforced for your safety, the safety of our campers, and the safety of our program. If you have any questions about these policies, please ask us.

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Group Application Packet

Note: This is the first step in applying for a summer mission opportunity with Camp Barnabas. This application needs to be filled out ONLY by the leader of your team. If you are selected to attend Camp Barnabas, you will be given instructions on how the individual members of your team are to be registered.

Church Name: _____

Church Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Church's Phone: () _____

Name of Leader (this must be someone who will be on the trip): _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Work Phone: () _____

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____ Email: _____

Have you brought a group to Barnabas before? _____ If so, what years? _____

How did you hear about us? _____

Please number the choices below 1 thru 9 of the term you would like to attend, with 1 being your first choice.

Sibling campers are invited to all terms except terms 1, 5 and 8.

- _____ Term 1: Adult Friends Week—Developmentally Disabled, ages 18 and older *Sun. May 31—Sun. June 7*
- _____ Term 2: Challenge Week—Physically Disabled, ages 7 to 15 *Monday June 8—Monday June 15*
- _____ Term 3: Young Friends Week—Autism/Developmentally Disabled, ages 7 to 15 *Tues. June 16—Tues. June 23*
- _____ Term 4: Champions Week—Physically & Developmentally Disabled, ages 7 to 15 *Wed. June 24—Wed July 1*
- _____ Term 5: Heroes Week—Autism/Developmentally Disabled, ages 16 to 25 *Mon. July 6—Mon. July 13*
- _____ Term 6: Eagles in Flight—Hematology/Oncology/Chronic Illnesses/Burns, ages 7 to 17 *Tues. July 14—Tues. July 21*
- _____ Term 7: Bridge Builders—Autism/Developmentally Disabled, ages 7 to 15 *Wed. July 22—Wed. July 29*
- _____ Term 8: Sensational Week—Blind/Visually Impaired or Deaf/Hard of Hearing *Thurs. July 30—Thurs. Aug. 6*
- _____ Term 9: Adventure Week—Physically Disabled, ages 16 to 35 *Friday Aug. 7—Friday Aug. 14*

Please list the number of people for each position that you are committed to bringing. **Please only list numbers you feel absolutely confident you can fill.** Our campers are counting on you, and if you bring fewer participants than you have committed to, it puts a negative impact on our program. **Please have an equal ratio of males and females for each position. This is a MUST due to bed space.**

Total Barnstormers _____	=	_____ males and _____ females
Total Cabin Counselors _____	=	_____ males and _____ females
Total Adults (limit 1 per every 10 students) _____	=	_____ males and _____ females

Please explain how you will determine whether an individual is ready for this missions opportunity.

Please briefly explain what you will do to prepare your team for this missions trip. If you don't plan to do any preparations with your team, this is not the mission opportunity for you.

If you have brought a group to Barnabas before, what is the most valuable thing that you learned that you will be ready to share and implement with your group?

Please read the following items, and initial that you will comply with these statements, if you are selected.

_____ I understand that the cost of camp is \$170 per team member. A \$20 deposit per position reserved will be due at the time I return my signed contract. The remaining balance of \$150 per person is due before or upon arrival at Camp Barnabas.

_____ I understand that a criminal background check will be completed on every individual 18 or older. The cost of each background check is an additional \$15 and is to be included with my final payment.

_____ I understand that if our team is selected, there will be a deadline of March 15, 2009 for the completed registrations of each individual. **I further understand that if we fail to meet this deadline, someone on the waiting list will be chosen to fill our place.**

_____ I understand that if we are selected and decide not to attend, I need to notify the camp immediately.

_____ I understand that if anyone on our team cancels, it is my responsibility to try and replace that team member with someone who is the same sex and in the same age range of the canceled position. I also understand that I need to notify the volunteer coordinator of any cancellations as soon as possible.

_____ I have read the enclosed Camp Barnabas participant policies and standards, and I agree that all the members of my team must abide by these policies.

_____ I have read all of these statements completely and agree to follow these guidelines if my team is selected.

Signature

Date