

Camp Barnabas GAP-2012

Welcome to all Leaders!

Congratulations on taking the first step to getting your group registered for the summer of 2012. If you are new to Barnabas, take time and tour our website for background on us (www.campbarnabas.org). If you are new or returning to Camp Barnabas, **please read the GAP (Group Application Packet) carefully for important changes for 2012.**

Spending a week at camp really is an opportunity of a lifetime! The key principle at Barnabas is "**Enlarging the Spirit - Encouraging the Heart.**" Please come willing and eager to provide the best week possible for our campers. Bring the best, most qualified students on this mission trip, as God has a great work for them. In that, my hope for you would be the same: to experience the best week of camp, to learn from all those around you, to serve wholeheartedly in humility and grace, and to see the Lord in a place so special.

Please do not take this opportunity lightly. From the group leader (as well as every other member of your team), this decision takes total commitment. **It is very important that the person setting up this trip accompany the group to camp. If you cannot accompany the group, please contact me (Mark Holder at 417.737.7082) to discuss this situation.** It will work best if I have one contact person for all communications prior to and during camp. On the group application, you will be asked to commit to bringing a certain number of team members. Please understand that it is our desire to have fully committed people that want to serve our special population of people. Bring **YOUR BEST** people on this mission trip. When deciding how many positions your group needs, it is better to underestimate the numbers, we can usually add a few later if need be, but coming up short is a huge problem for us to solve late in the season.

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 (and meeting) you—making the best of 2012!

Mark Holder — Volunteer Director



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Policies

These policies are made to help the program of Camp Barnabas. Please read and abide by them. Make sure every person on the team is aware of the policies prior to coming to camp.

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 it not to be in accordance with **God's Word**. It is our purpose to teach **His Word** and to glorify **Him** in all we do.

Alcohol, Illegal Drugs & Tobacco:

Our staff does not condone or personally use illegal drugs or tobacco. We do not condone the abuse of alcohol nor allow 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 are convicted to present ourselves as an impeccable caregiver and mentors for our campers and their families which reflects our dignity in service to them. Men and women both should exhibit good habits in hygiene and grooming.

Goth appearances will not be tolerated.

Hair, beards & moustaches:

Beard and facial hair should be well-maintained. However, please do 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. **No Mohawks, "Punk" spiked-hair or crazy hair color. These are not representative of what we consider appropriate hairstyles.**

Shirts:

T-shirts should reflect a Christian image and not have inscriptions or advertising for questionable products (i.e. beer, cigarette 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. **No exceptions!**

Shorts/Pants:

Shorts must be loose-fitting and at have at least a 3 - 5-inch inseam. No "sofee" style shorts. Shorts should be modest style with appropriate fit – not too tight. 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 or shoes with a strap going across the top of the foot and around the heel (such as Chacos or Tevas) are required during **all** activities, with the **ONLY EXCEPTION** being that flip-flops are allowed **to and from the pool**. Any sandal that does not flip or flop is approved.

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. Remember the motto "Modest is Hottest" when selecting a swimsuit for camp. **These rules will be enforced!** **Repeated failure to comply could result in suspension from camp.**

Tattoos & Body Piercings:

While at camp, all body piercing jewelry is to be removed! This is for your own safety. **ONLY small studs** on pierced ears may be worn by either sex. Our CIAs will wear no naval, nasal, eyebrow or tongue jewelry at camp. 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 to be a reflection of Christ when making choices in service 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 consider getting tattoos or body piercings.

Cell Phones, iPad, Laptop Computers, MP3 Players and other electronic forms of technology:

In the world of high technology, we have to make a policy for electronic use. Adult volunteers may use cell phones with discretion to stay in contact with work or family. Be discrete and do not use the cell phone in the presence of others. Please do not share your phone with students. Adults may use laptop computers in the evening after office hours at designated places around camp. It is best if student volunteers do NOT bring a laptop, iPad or cell phone to camp. If they do we will take them away on opening day and return them at the end of the week. It is easier if they do not bring these items. Student leaders should also not bring cell phones, laptop computers or iPads to camp for use! **The use of technology really distracts people from the work that God has called them to do, it is a great help to disconnect from the techno world and come into God's presence fully while at camp.**

These guidelines will be enforced for your safety, the safety of our campers, and the safety of our program.

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A few words about our camp programs

For the past 16 years, we have served children and young adults with special needs and chronic diseases at our camp in southwest Missouri. In 2010, we began adding programs at other locations around the country. For the 2012 season, we are growing more and what all of this means is simple:

MORE KIDS GET TO HAVE A TRUE CAMP BARNABAS EXPERIENCE!

Our commitment to the volunteers and campers is to have the same fun, same Jesus, same experience in all our programs. Each facility we use is a little different and adaptations are made according to the facility. But the Camp Barnabas experience is the same at any program—helping everyone understand they have been uniquely created by God to live a life of ability.

All camps have one-to-one or one-to-two volunteer-to-camper ratios. Most of our camps have a sibling program running at the same time as the camper program. The main difference, from a volunteer perspective, between our Teas Trail camp (the one in Purdy, Missouri) and our other locations (National Camps) is that our other sites do not have a Barnstormer positions.

Instead, we have a special program at those sites that allows 15-year olds to attend as Counselors-in-Training (CIT's). These young people will live in a cabin of campers and assist with the campers. They are not assigned a camper, they do not have the full responsibilities of a counselor. This is a great way to get some of your middle school or freshmen into the Barnabas program.

To view the facilities at our other sites, go to:

www.point11.org — Point 11 in Shell Knob, Missouri

www.mygrove.org — The Grove at Red Oak Lake in Cordova TN (a suburb of Memphis)

www.deercreekcamp.com — Deer Creek Camp in Medina, Texas (NW of San Antonio)

Make your decision where you most want to serve and then commit to the week and see what God has for you at whatever location you choose.

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My Commitment

Before myself, the camper will be my commitment...

As you prepare to come and serve as a volunteer at Camp Barnabas we want you to stop and think. Take a few minutes and look beyond your life, today and what will happen tomorrow for you.

You are telling us you are ready, willing and able to make a commitment to the campers that will be coming to camp this year. Each of our campers is seeking a new, wonderful and long sought after opportunity to grow outside the normal boundaries of their everyday existence. You are the conduit which can provide them with nurturing, love, ambition, compassion, praise, grace and mercy. Without your commitment to be here for them, they will not see what they can do, what they can hope to be and how they can really grow with your love, care and guidance. You will be their encourager, and you too will grow and feel the blessings of your service.

Pray with an understanding of what you are about to do, then let the Holy Spirit lead you and hold you to your word.

I _____, will be ready with a loving heart to serve my Lord and my camper at Camp Barnabas during _____ over the week of _____, 2012. I will come Spiritually prepared to pour myself into this ministry and mission at Camp Barnabas. The only reason for which I would not be available to fulfill my pledge is personal illness, a family emergency or death of a family member.

I do this to be a reflection of Jesus Christ, my Savior and because I love and respect those He has created. I commit my service to Him.

Volunteer

Date

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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: _____

Church's Phone: () _____ Church Fax: () _____

Church website: _____

Name of Leader: _____

(this must be someone who will be on the trip)

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Work Phone: () _____ Home Phone: () _____

Cell Phone: () _____ E-mail: _____

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<i>Volunteer Types</i>	<i>Barnstormer</i>	<i>CIT</i>	<i>CIA</i>	<i>Adult</i>
<i>Ages</i>	<i>(14-15)</i>	<i>(15+)</i>	<i>(16-29)</i>	<i>(30-99)</i>
<i>Males</i>	_____	_____	_____	_____
<i>Females</i>	_____	_____	_____	_____

There must be at least one adult for every 10 students.

Please list the number of people for each position that you are committed to bringing. ***Please remember we need only quality volunteers, not numbers of unqualified volunteers.*** 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

In addition, I have a Registered Nurse or Physician that would like to attend. Please add them to the total people I wish to attend. (NOTE: Please make sure this individual contacts the Camp Barnabas Health Services Director, Cyndy Teas to get more information on the Medical Team. Call Cyndy at 417.489.1304.)

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

If you have brought a group to Barnabas previously, what was the most valuable thing that you learned in that experience? Teach and implement those concepts with your group prior to coming.

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

_____ I understand that the cost of camp is \$175 per team member. A \$55 non-refundable application fee per position reserved will be due at the time I return my signed contract. The remaining balance of \$120 per person is due before or upon check-in at Camp Barnabas. (A medical team volunteer application cost is different from other volunteers, contact Cyndy Teas at 417.489.1304 for details)

_____ 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 \$20 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, 2012 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. Please, no exceptions to this policy.

_____ 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 will review these policies with my team members.

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

_____ I have read, prayed over my decision and accept the contract noted in the Commitment Letter.

Signature

Date

Volunteer Camp Schedules for 2012

Please circle your first choice of the term you wish to serve.

Place an "X" over your secondary choice.

Please note: Our calendar has CHANGED! Read Term descriptions carefully!

Camp Barnabas Teas Trail—Purdy, Missouri

PLEASE NOTE, DURING THE SHADED TERMS NO SIBLINGS WILL BE ENROLLED!

Term	Session	Disability/Disease	Age	Dates
1	Adult Friends Week	Developmentally Disabled/Autism	18 & older	Thur, May 31 - Thurs, June 7
2	Challenge Week	Physically Disabled	7 - 15	Fri, June 8 - Fri, June 15
3	Young Friends Week	Developmentally Disabled/Autism	7 - 15	Sat, June 16 - Sat, June 23
4	Adventurers Week	Physically Disabled	16 - 35	Sun, June 24 - Sun, July 1
5	Heroes' Week	Developmentally Disabled/Autism	16 - 25	Fri, July 6 - Fri, July 13
6	Soaring Hawks Week	Chronic illness, Blind, Deaf, Asperger's	7 - 25	Sat, July 14 - Sat, July 21
7	Bridge Builders Week	Developmentally Disabled/Autism	7 - 15	Sun, July 22 - Sun, July 29
8	Champions Week	Physically and/or Developmentally Disabled	7 - 15	Tues, July 31 - Thurs, Aug 7

Camp Barnabas Point 11—Shell Knob, Missouri

Term	Session	Disability/Disease	Age	Dates
1	Term 1	Developmentally Disabled/Autism	7 - 35	Sun, June 3 – Sat, June 9

Camp Barnabas Memphis—Cordova, Tennessee

Term	Session	Disability/Disease	Age	Dates
1	Term 1	Chronic illness, Blind, Asperger's	7 - 18	Sat, July 14 - Fri, July 20
2	Term 2	Developmentally Disabled/Autism	7 - 25	Sat, July 21 - Fri, July 27

Camp Barnabas Deer Creek—Medina, Texas

Term	Session	Disability/Disease	Age	Dates
1	Term 1	Chronic illness, Blind, Deaf, Asperger's	7 - 18	Tues, July 31 - Mon, Aug 6
2	Term 2	Developmentally Disabled/Autism	7 - 25	Tues, Aug 7 - Mon, Aug 13

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