

# WE'VE GOT YOUR NEXT MISSION TRIP COVERED

Hi Everyone!

Summer 2019 will be here before you know it! If I could think of one word that best describes the missions experience with Barnabas it would be: **transformative**.

Serving at Barnabas is a beautiful experience. It's full of fun, adventure and memories; but at the core of it lies a journey in faith and self discovery. Every single missionary who enters our gates leaves changed.

**And it's something we can't wait to for your team to experience.**

We want you to immerse your group in an entirely new culture celebrating all abilities, personalities and ages. It's a week of overcoming challenges, rising up, and loving like crazy in Christ's name. We can't think of a better way to experience Christ firsthand.

Thank you for considering bringing a team this summer. Groups play a vital role in filling our missionary needs and serving our campers with special needs. It would mean so much to us if you were one of them. Please read over the materials included and prayerfully consider joining us. I look forward to working with you to help equip your team for a summer they'll never forget.

Your Sister in Christ,

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***"BELOVED, LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER,  
FOR LOVE IS FROM GOD, AND WHOEVER LOVES  
HAS BEEN BORN OF GOD AND KNOWS GOD!"***

***- 1 JOHN 4:7***

 **Camp Barnabas**



# BARNABAS MISSION TRIPS

Each year, we need over 2,800 youth and adults to serve and give our campers with special needs an unforgettable summer experience. Groups are an essential part of making this happen.



## 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 know God created everyone with purpose and ability, and we want to inspire all who come to Barnabas to recognize that. The Barnabas experience is about changing perspectives and redefining disability ministry.

We want to equip the next generation of leaders by providing youth with an unforgettable, immersive mission trip experience. This experience will allow them to truly encounter Jesus, and leave inspired in the way they love others.

## WHAT DOES A SHORT TERM MISSION TRIP LOOK LIKE?

Missionaries and groups check in at 4:00 pm each Saturday and leave at noon on Friday. Prior to camper arrival, we provide classes to equip and train your missions group. Campers arrive at 4:00 pm on Sunday. The fun begins from there!

*\*If you are interested in a long term missions experience (3 weeks) please let us know!*

## WE'RE YOUR MISSIONS EXPERTS

Camp Barnabas staff is committed to preparing you for your missions trip from start to finish.

Our team will be with you and your group every step of the way as you pray, plan, fundraise and schedule for this life-changing experience. We want to maximize the gifts and skillsets of your group, and adequately train and prepare you for this exciting adventure!

Barnabas provides all the training you need as well as the programming. On top of that, we'll provide spiritual resources including devotions, daily lessons, group fellowship and prayer time.

# WHO COMES TO CAMP

70+ GROUPS FROM ALL OVER THE U.S.



2,000  
CAMPERS

2,800  
MISSIONARIES

## WHERE WE'RE LOCATED

Our camp is located  
in Southwest Missouri:

**Camp Barnabas at Teas Trail**  
901 Teas Trail  
Purdy, MO 65734

25 YEARS!



Since 1994, more than 84,000 campers & missionaries have come through our gates.

## WHAT A TYPICAL DAY LOOKS LIKE

7:30am: Wake Up

8:00am: Inspiration Point (Morning Gathering)

8:30am: Breakfast

9:30am: Devotional

10:30am: 1st Activity

11:30am: 2nd Activity

12:30pm: Lunch

1:30pm: 3rd Activity

2:30pm: Missionary Break

3:30pm: Open Activity Time

5:30pm: Dinner

6:30pm: Showers

7:30pm: Party

9:00pm: Wrap Up (Evening Worship)

10:30pm: Camper Lights Out, Family Time  
(Prayer and Fellowship)

\*Missionary Lights Out Following Family Time\*

# WHAT IS A "MISSIONARY"

Individuals who serve at Barnabas are known as "missionaries." They are mature, responsible, trustworthy and hardworking. Missionaries are individuals and groups who are ready to put aside their own needs and love our campers.



## **BUILD YOUR MISSIONS TEAM**

Take a look at the "missionary" roles your groups can fill this summer:

**Barnstormers (14-15 years):** Barnstormers have a servant's heart and great work ethic. They keep camp in tip-top shape by prepping meals, serving food and tidying up during the week. They also play a huge role in building relationships with campers by participating in daily activities and parties. Barnstormers are lead and spiritually mentored by Summer Staff during the week.



**One-on-One Counselors (16-29 years):** One-on-one counselors (aka "buddies," "helpers," or "missionaries") are the lifeblood of Barnabas. Counselors make up the largest percentage of our missionaries throughout the summer and are our greatest need each year. These incredible individuals put aside their own personal desires and needs to pair up with campers. They unconditionally love, accept, and care for all of their needs during the week. Counselors live in the cabins with their campers and are responsible for assisting them in any way they need including experiencing all activities together. It is a challenging role, but incredibly rewarding and spiritually revealing experience. Counselors will not know their camper pairing until arrival and are asked to come willing to minister wherever called.



**Cabin Parent (30+ years):** Cabin Parents (or Adult Leaders) play a vital role in supporting the missionaries and campers who come each week. Cabin Parents are assigned to a cabin, but have separate living quarters. Although this role is titled "parent," adult leaders are encouraged to take a step back during the week and let the youth in their cabin problem solve and grow. Cabin Parents do provide essential relief as requested (assistance in camper bathing, changing, dressing or feeding). Cabin Parents also assist with kitchen duty and other fun projects as assigned. Although not required, Cabin Parents traditionally enjoy prepping for their cabin assignment by writing notes of encouragement, bringing sweet treats/goodies and other fun moral support.

## **MISSIONS INVESTMENT**

The total cost for each person in your group is \$250 (\$55 deposit, plus \$195 fee). This covers meals\*, lodging, and a background check at camp. Missionary investments also cover programming, activities, adaptive measures, safety resources and medical supplies. Any remaining amount goes to our camper scholarship fund to further aid our campers with special needs in getting to camp! Deposit fees hold spots, while **the remaining amount is due on May 1, 2019** before your arrival at camp.

\*If you require special diet accommodations there will be an additional charge of \$100.



## WHAT'S NEXT

1. Read all of the information in this packet and prayerfully consider spending a week with us at Barnabas.
2. Complete the application and email it to [jamie@campbarnabas.org](mailto:jamie@campbarnabas.org) beginning October 2, 2018 at 9 a.m. for returning groups and October 30th, 2018 at 9 a.m. for new groups.
3. We will send your acceptance contract with the number of positions reserved for your team. Please send an initial non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$55/position reserved by February 1. Fees to hold spots will increase as it gets closer to camp. The cost for each person serving is \$250 (\$55 deposit plus \$195). For more on what this covers see paragraph on "Missions Investment". **All fees are due May 1, 2019.** Background checks are required for everyone 18 and older. Permission to run a background check will be included in the application.
4. Recruit your missions team members! We will send ideas along the way on how to recruit your team and get your group excited about camp. Please remember that we are looking for responsible and hardest working individuals. Because of limited cabin space, we need you to commit to bringing the same number of males and females per job position, i.e. 10 barnstormers means 5 males and 5 females. We know this is critical.
5. After your group is registered, you will receive information on how each individual member may register for Barnabas online. Each person must be registered by April 1, 2019. 50% of your balance is due at this time. The group leader must register within 30 days of acceptance of contract.

## 6. COUNTDOWN TO CAMP!

We want to help prepare your team to come to Barnabas mentally and spiritually.  
We will email you ways to do this leading up to camp!



# TESTIMONIALS

“This is a mission trip where students truly die to themselves and love another Christian well. It’s a tangible opportunity to experience the light of Christ, to pick up their cross and deny themselves and experience life to the fullest.”

**My youth don’t come back and revert to the way they always were.** Their ability to love and serve is different because a piece of their life has been changed forever.”

*Drew C., High School Pastor, Bear Valley Church, Colorado*

“Compared to other summer camps, a week serving at Camp Barnabas is half the cost and twice the experience!”

**Students who serve at Camp Barnabas discover that being a contributor to ministry is far greater than being a consumer of ministry.** Together, we learn about the joy of selfless service, the beautiful, God-given value of every human life, and the community-building power of shared experiences. Serving Christ at Camp Barnabas is one of the most impactful things we do as a ministry.”

*David Penuel, High School Ministry Director, Watermark Community Church, Texas*

“Camp will stretch you and push you past what you are comfortable with; but it will also produce more fruit than you knew you were capable of producing. Camp restores your faith in kids.”

**Teenagers are capable of transformation and Barnabas wants students to fall in love with Jesus.”**

*Martin L., Gathering Students Pastor, Gathering UMC, Missouri*

“I send my kids to Camp Barnabas because it teaches them something you can’t get in a service, altar call, or bible study. It is putting the bible into practice intensely for a week. It is showing the love of Jesus, not just experiencing it or reading about it.”

*Aaron E., Next Gen Pastor, Courageous Church, Missouri*

# CAMP BARNABAS POLICIES

We strive to glorify Jesus Christ in everything we do. We especially want campers to see our staff and missionaries as living examples of Christ. We have specific policies designed to allow you to understand what we believe is right and true in the eyes of our Lord. These policies are also designed for your safety and wellness during camp.

**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 drunkenness.

**Sexual Behavior:** We love all of God's people and we know sin takes many forms, we do not condone premarital sex and homosexual relationships in accordance with God's laws.

**General Appearance:** Everyone should keep a neat appearance. If you have long hair, it's recommended to keep it in a ponytail for your safety.

**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:** Our standard length for shorts is finger-tip length. Shorts must also be loose-fitting. No shorts or pants with words across the seat are to be worn at any time. Shorts must be visible under longer shirts. Leggings are not to be worn as pants.

**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 (i.e., Chacos or Texas) are required during all activities, with the exception of to and from the pool.

**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 necessary, girls may wear shirts over their swimsuits as long as the shirts are not white. It is highly recommended for girls to wear shorts over their swimsuit.

**Tattoos & Body Piercings:** While at camp, it is suggested that all piercings be removed for safety reasons. Some campers love shiny objects. If you do not choose to remove, please only use studs. Our missionaries 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.

**Cell Phones & Laptop:** To avoid distraction and fully immerse yourself in the Barnabas experience, laptops are not to be brought to 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. (Exceptions are made to this policy for group leaders and adult leaders - 30 and over).

Revised September 2018. If you have any questions about these policies please call or email us.

# 2019 GROUP APPLICATION CONTRACT

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Leader: \_\_\_\_\_ Best Way to Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Direct Line: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you brought a group to Barnabas before? Y or N If so, what years? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about Barnabas? \_\_\_\_\_

## 2018 CAMP SCHEDULE

Please rank your top 3 choices with #1 being your first choice.

- June 1-7, Adult Friends Week\***  
Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities and Autism, Camper Ages 18-45
- June 8-14, Heroes Week\***  
Developmental Disabilities, Camper Ages 16 and Up
- June 15-21, Young Friends Week**  
Developmental Disabilities and/or Autism, Camper Ages 7-18
- June 22-28, Adventurers Week\***  
**Filled by Watermark Community Church** Physical Disabilities, Camper Ages 16-35
- June 29 - July 5, Pathfinders Week**  
Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities, Autism, and/or Physical Disabilities, Camper Ages 7-18
- July 6-12, Soaring Hawks Week**  
Asperger's, Blind, Chronic Diseases or Deaf/Hearing Impaired, Camper Ages 7-25, Blind Ages 7-35
- July 13-19, Bridge Builders Week**  
Developmental Disabilities and/or Autism and/or Physical Disabilities, Camper Ages 7-18
- July 20-26, Explorers Week\***  
Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities, Camper Ages 16-35
- July 27 - August 2, Champions Week**  
Developmental Disabilities and/or Autism and/or Physical Disabilities, Camper Ages 7-18
- August 4 - August 9, Celebration Week**  
Developmental Disabilities and/or Autism and/or Physical Disabilities, Camper Ages 7 and Up

\*Siblings do not attend these weeks of camp.

# 2019 GROUP APPLICATION CONTRACT

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 unless otherwise informed and agreed upon. This is a **MUST** due to cabin space. Groups must have a minimum of 10 positions.

	Barnstormers (14-15)*	1-on-1 Counselors (16-29)	Adult Leaders (30+)**
Females			
Males			

\*Barnstormers may be 13 if they have graduated 8th grade.

\*\*Please Limit 1 adult per every 10 students

Group Registration Fee Schedule:	
February 1, 2019	\$55 Per Position Due Minimum
April 1, 2019	50% of Total Group Balance Due
<b>May 1, 2019</b>	<b>Remaining Amount Due</b>

Group Cancellation Fee Schedule:	
Drops February 1 - April 1	\$55 Per Position
April 2 - May 1, 2019	\$150 Per Position
After May 2, 2019	\$250 Per Position

In addition to the roles listed above, I have a registered nurse or physician that would like to attend. **NOTE TO GROUP LEADER:** Please make sure this individual contacts our Recruitment Director: Shayla Jenkins at shayla@campbarnabas.org to get more information.

Please read the following items and initial.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the cost of camp is \$250 per position.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that \$55 per position reserved and a signed contract are due February 1, 2019 or 30 days after receipt of contract if after January 1. This fee is non-refundable.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that 50% of our balance will be due April 1, 2019.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that, if our team is approved, there will be a deadline of April 1, 2019 for the completed registration of each individual coming as part of our team. I must let the Missions Director know at this point what spots we can't fill and the \$55 registration fee per position will not be refunded. I have the option to still reserve these spots if they can't be filled by the waiting list.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that, if anyone on our team cancels, it is my responsibility to replace that team member with someone who is the same gender and in the same age range of the canceled position. I also understand that I need to notify the Missions Director of any cancellations as soon as possible.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that, if we are selected and decide not to attend, I need to notify the Missions Director immediately and, depending on the date, will be charged according to the group cancellation fee schedule.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that each person who requires a special diet will be charged \$100 on top of the \$250 charge.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that a criminal background check will be completed on every individual 18 or older. The cost of each background check is included in the \$250 fee.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read the enclosed Barnabas participant policies and standards and I agree that all members of my team must abide by these policies. I will review these policies with my team.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read, prayed over my decision, and accept the terms of this contract.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_