

CAMP BARNABAS

GROUP INFORMATION PACKET



SUMMER 2022



MISSION TRIPS



Each year, we need over 2,500 youth and adults to give our Campers with special needs an unforgettable summer experience. Mission groups are an essential part of making this happen.

WE'RE YOUR MISSION EXPERTS

Camp Barnabas Staff is committed to preparing you for your mission 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.

HOW LONG IS A MISSION TRIP?

Missionaries and groups check in from 4:00-6:00 pm each Saturday and leave at 12:00 pm on Friday. Prior to Camper arrival, we provide classes to equip and train your mission group. Campers arrive at 4:00 pm on Sunday. That's when the fun begins!

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

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe the scriptures of both the Old and New Testament to be the inspired Word of God and are the supreme and final authority on faith and life. We believe God exists in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe man was created in the image of God. Man sinned against God, and the wages of sin is death, resulting in both physical and spiritual separation from God. All human beings are born with a sinful nature and are in need of a Savior. We believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ into heaven where He serves as our Great High Priest. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust and the everlasting life of the saved and the eternal punishment of the lost.

WHO COMES TO CAMP?

1,648 Campers

2,420 Missionaries

75 Youth Groups



Groups from all over the U.S. travel to our location in Purdy, Missouri.



A TYPICAL DAY AT CAMP

7:00 am Wake Up

8:00 am Breakfast

8:45 am Devotional

9:30 am Activity 1

10:30 am Activity 2

11:30 am Lunch

12:30 pm Rally

1:30-3:00 pm Group Time

3:15-5:00 pm Open Activity Time

5:15-6:00 pm Dinner

6:15-7:00 pm Showers

7:00 pm Nightly Themed Party

8:00 pm Wrap Up

9:00 pm Camper Lights Out
Family Time for Missionaries
(Prayer and Fellowship)

10:00 pm Missionary Lights Out



WHAT IS A MISSIONARY?

Individuals who serve at Barnabas are known as “Missionaries.” They are mature, responsible, trustworthy and hardworking. Missionaries are individuals who are ready to put aside their own needs and love our Campers.

BUILD YOUR MISSION TEAM

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

One-on-One Counselors (16-29 years): One-on-one counselors 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 to pair up with Campers. They unconditionally love, accept, and care for all of their Campers’ needs during the week. Counselors live in the cabins with their Campers and are responsible for assisting them in any way they need and experiencing all activities together. It is a challenging role, but an incredibly rewarding and spiritually revealing experience. Counselors do not know their Camper pairing until arrival and are asked to come willing to minister wherever called.

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. Barnstormers are spiritually lead and mentored by Staff during the week.

Cabin Parent (30+ years): Cabin Parents (or Adult Leaders) are essential 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 provide essential relief as requested (assistance in Camper bathing, changing, dressing or feeding). Cabin Parents also assist with kitchen duty and other fun projects. Although not required, Cabin Parents traditionally enjoy prepping for their cabin assignment by writing notes of encouragement, bringing treats and other fun moral support.



MISSION INVESTMENT

The total cost for each person in your group is \$295 or \$275 for terms 1, 2, and 9. This includes a \$100 deposit plus a \$195/175 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, 2022 before your arrival at camp. If you require special diet accommodations there will be an additional charge of \$100.

Get tips for raising money with our [Missionary Fundraising Guide](#).



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 camille@campbarnabas.org.
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 \$100/position by February 1. The cost for each person serving is \$295 (\$100 deposit plus \$195) or \$275 total for terms 1, 2, and 9. For more on what this covers see paragraph on "Missions Investment". All investments are due May 1, 2022.
4. Recruit your mission 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 hard working individuals. Because of limited cabin space, please bring the same number of males and females per job position, i.e. 10 barnstormers means 5 males and 5 females.
5. After your group is approved, you will receive information on how each individual member may register for Barnabas online. Each person must be registered by May 1, 2022.

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!

Need group fundraising ideas?
Visit campbarnabas.org/serve.



“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 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*

“Camp Barnabas is different because you are literally being the hands and feet of Christ from the day you get here until the day you leave.”

*Timmy S., Campus Pastor
Healing Place Church, Louisiana*

TESTIMONIALS

“My group is always rocked by what happens here. **They quickly realize that there is no way they can make it on their own abilities, and in that moment they finally rely on God to give them the strength.** He moves mountains for them. The stress. The anxiety. The worry. All of it goes away and they make it through the week. You can’t resist the Holy Spirit, and my students see God move at camp unlike anywhere else.”

Dallas H., High School Pastor, First Baptist Church of Lodi, California

“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 P., High School Ministry Director Watermark Community Church, Texas

“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

SPIRITUAL JOURNEY AT CAMP

Our goal at Barnabas is for your youth to experience a transforming week, including gaining a deeper understanding of their faith and building a stronger more intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.

THE MISSIONARY TRANSFORMATION MODEL

During their 5-day mission trip, our Camp Barnabas model teaches Missionaries to rely less on themselves and more on Jesus. Here's a look at the spiritual stages our Missionaries experience and how we guide them:

DAY 1: SELF RELIANT/INDEPENDENCE

All Missionaries come in with a preconceived set of ideas and priorities from the world. Many of our Missionaries also come in with room to grow spiritually and personally.

DAY 2-3: COMPLETE DEPENDENCE/DISCOVERY

By the second or third day, all Missionaries realize that in order to get through the week of service, their own ideas and priorities come second. They need to find strength in God and in others to rise. This understanding is a powerful metaphor and reflection of our own brokenness and need for a Savior.

DAY 4: DEEPER RELATIONSHIP

After our Missionaries have completed the prior stage, it opens up their heart for a deeper relationship to be formed with Christ, with their Camper, and with others. Their eyes are opened to new discoveries and hope around them, and there is a new found gratitude, appreciation, and maturity present.

DAY 5: SHOUT & GROW STAGE

At the end of the week our Missionaries are on fire! They've overcome obstacles they never thought they could accomplish, and they've risen with the help of God's strength and others. They want to share it with everyone and continue the relationships and growth they've built beyond their week at camp.



The Missionary experience begins before your youth ever step foot at camp and goes beyond their time here:

- **Before You Arrive:** We want to help your team prepare their hearts and minds for camp. Not only do we have eLearning for your youth, we also want to offer our support as you help your group spiritually prep for camp. We're also actively training, guiding and pouring into the spiritual leaders who will inspire your team throughout the summer.
- **During Camp:** Every Missionary who comes to camp will receive their very own devotional + guided journal. We use this resource to connect with Campers, and as a tool to dive deeper into our spiritual themes covered during the week. All Missionaries engage in daily devotionals with trained Staff, who also help Missionaries process through their experiences and tie them back to the gospel throughout the week.
- **After You Leave:** Spiritual growth doesn't end when Missionaries leave. We want to create an and inspire spiritual leaders and difference makers who are equipped to take what they've learned and share it outside of our Barnabas. That's why we offer spiritual check-ins and follow up with interactive devotionals and blogs.

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.

Prior to coming to camp, you will receive a comprehensive list of our policies and our health procedures. Online training must be completed before camp. Medical and health screenings forms will be required upon arrival.



GENERAL

Cell Phones & Laptop: We want to eliminate distraction and allow all Missionaries to fully engage in the Barnabas experience. As a result, laptops are not to be brought to camp. We also 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 adult leaders - 30 and over).

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.

Bag Check Notice: We will be inspecting your luggage with you when you arrive at camp. This check is a preventative measure for the summer, and we want to make sure you have plenty of notice prior to coming to camp. We will provide a packing list; please let us know if you have any questions about what to/or what not to bring.

DRESS CODE

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 must be visible at all times.

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 appropriate only if and when front and back areas are completely covered.

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. 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.

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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? Yes No

If so, what years? _____

How did you hear about Barnabas? _____

Yes, I want to learn more about Barnabas marketing resources and incentives to recruit my mission team!

2022 CAMP SCHEDULE: PLEASE RANK YOUR TOP 3 CHOICES WITH #1 BEING YOUR FIRST CHOICE.

June 4-10, Legends Week, **\$275 - SPECIAL PRICE**
Intellectual/developmental disabilities or autism (Camper ages 18 and up)

June 11-17, Heroes Week, **\$275 - SPECIAL PRICE**
Intellectual/developmental disabilities or autism (Camper ages 16 and up)

June 18-24, Young Friends Week, **\$295**
Intellectual/developmental disabilities or autism (Camper ages 7-18)

June 25-July 1, Adventurers Week, **FULL**
Physical Disabilities (Camper ages 16 and up)

July 9-15, Soaring Hawks Week, **\$295**
Asperger's, blind, chronic diseases, or deaf/hearing impaired (Camper ages 7 and up)

July 16-22, Bridge Builders Week, **\$295**
Intellectual/developmental disabilities, autism, or physical disabilities (Camper ages 7-18)

July 23-29, Explorers Week, **\$295**
Intellectual/developmental disabilities (Camper ages 16 and up)

July 30-August 5, Champions Week, **\$295**
Intellectual/developmental disabilities, autism, or physical disabilities (Camper ages 7-18)

August 6-12, Celebration Week, **\$275 - SPECIAL PRICE**
Intellectual/developmental disabilities, autism, or physical disabilities (Camper ages 14 and up)



2022 GROUP APPLICATION CONTRACT

Please list the number of people for each position that you are committed to bringing. Groups must have a minimum of 10 positions. Our Campers are counting on you, so please only list numbers you feel absolutely confident you can fill. 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.

	# of Barnstormers (14-15)*	# of 1-on1 Counselors (16-20)	# of Adult Leaders (30+)**
Females			
Males			

Group Registration Fee Schedule:	
February 1, 2022	\$100 Per Position
April 1, 2022	50% of Total Group Balance Due
May 1, 2022	Remaining Amount Due

*Barnstormers may be 13 if they have graduated 8th grade. **Please limit 1 adult per every 10 students

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 Health Services Director at nurse@campbarnabas.org to get more information.

Please read the following items and initial.

- _____ I understand that the cost of camp is \$295 per position (or \$275 for weeks 1, 2, and 9).
- _____ I understand that \$100 per position and a signed contract are due by February 1, 2022 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, 2022.
- _____ I understand my youth must complete individual registration by May 1, 2022.
- _____ I will stay in regular communication with the Missions Director regarding the number of spots my group can fill as well as any changes that may occur. As a reminder the \$100 registration fee is non-refundable.
- _____ I understand that if anyone on our team cancels I will do my best 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 there is a cancellation the credit can be applied for later week or the following year.
- _____ I understand that if we are selected and decide not to attend I need to notify the Missions Director immediately. Depending on the date, the credit can be applied for a later week or the following year.
- _____ I understand that each person who requires a special diet will be charged \$100 on top of the \$295 or \$275 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 \$295/275 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 _____

[CLICK TO FILL OUT THIS FORM ONLINE](#)

OR MAIL TO: CAMP BARNABAS PO BOX 3200 SPRINGFIELD, MO 65808