

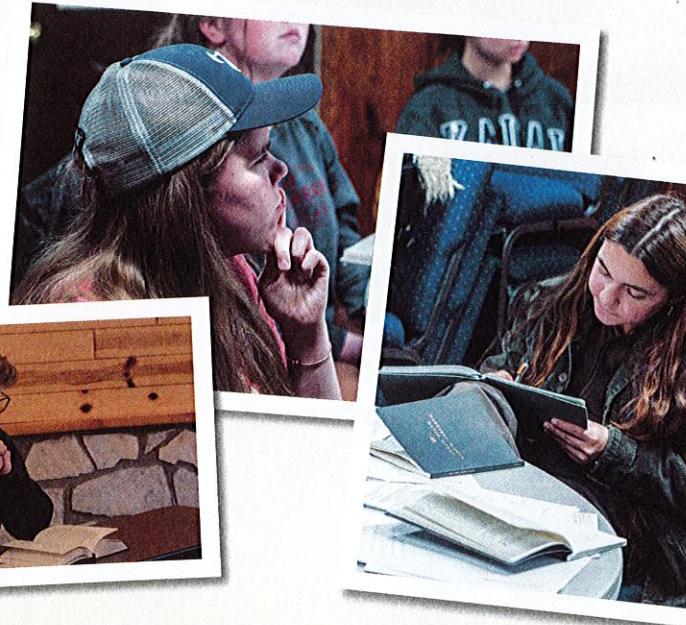


# BARAKEL NEWS

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## Bible Immersion Week

Invest five days focusing your attention on the things that matter most. Come immerse yourself in God's word, good conversation with a small group of friends, and meaningful work. Participants in our first four sessions have responded very positively. The next two sessions are: October 21-25, 2024 and March 3-7, 2025 and are designed for ages 16-18 and 18-28. We pray the deep study and hard work will leave you going home challenged, encouraged, and more able to read the Scriptures well. No charge for these weeks.



### A mom wrote about her daughter's experience:

*"WOW! She learned so much from the study... The discussion times sounded really good... she loved them. Listening to her talk about everything she learned blessed this mom's heart ♡"*

## Resident Staff

The Resident Missionary Staff are the men and women who live and work at Barakel year-round. Much of their work is behind-the-scenes, providing the daily labor required to keep Barakel clean and running. However, collaborating with short-term volunteers is also an important part of every staff person's role.

We are prayerfully seeking a lead cook for our West Side kitchen: a person to work with the volunteers at preparing food, maintaining inventory, keeping the building clean, and creatively meeting the food needs of our guests.

Camp is also seeking an office worker who will build relationships with and schedule the volunteers who come for short periods of time to work at camp.

**Reach out if you know of someone who could fill one of these spots: [Missionary@CampBarakel.org](mailto:Missionary@CampBarakel.org)**

Resident Missionary Staff meet the biblical qualifications of a deacon. Husband and wife are both on staff, though only one of them is expected to work full time. The other serves as able in areas of interest and ability.

- We are pleased to announce that the Barakel board of trustees has approved Isaac Zander to begin to raise his financial support. Isaac is an engine mechanic and will serve on the facility team by caring for our vehicles—from lawn mowers to the green-and-white buses.




- Katelyn Leach has her full support and moved up in January. She is learning the role of Camp's accountant and will assume those duties in full this spring.
- Full financial support has also come in for Arianna Hassenzahl and she has been commissioned by Marimont Community Church in Pontiac. She plans to arrive in May and will be primarily serving in the office.
- Marilyn Powell has served as resident missionary staff since 1986. She will be retiring this spring after faithfully balancing our financial books for 449 consecutive months.

# Volunteers

- Do you know a group that would like to come up and do a little **roofing**? We have three garages (single story, no valleys, no chimneys) that need new shingles.
- We love **nurses** (and other healthcare workers)! Come serve the kids with us for a week or more this summer.
- We are looking for Christ-loving **commercial drivers** to help us transport campers this summer. Reach out if you know of someone who is qualified.
- God is forming our college-age **summer staff**. We are seeking fun-loving, serious people to guide the summer campers.

When volunteering in any capacity you may contact us by phone or by emailing [Serve@CampBarakel.org](mailto:Serve@CampBarakel.org). Thank you to all who contribute to the ongoing story of the camp at Shear Lake.

Look us up on Facebook and join the conversation. 



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## Study & Serve

Our first cohort of Study and Serve students (ages 18-26) will be departing this spring. Our second cohort will arrive in September for a year of discovering the riches of God's Word. The curriculum includes in-depth Bible study, lively small-group discussion, thoughtful personal reflection, and meaningful service in the context of a tight-knit community. Spots are limited to eight. Check the website or reach out directly to [Info@CampBarakel.org](mailto:Info@CampBarakel.org) if you want to learn more.

## News & Tidbits

- We still have room in this summer's Explorer camp for grades 3 and 4. A week's worth of fun in two nights away!
- Married Couples, Fathers and Sons, Ladies, Men: Sign up for your fall retreat beginning July 17

