

Greetings from Barakel,

As we continue to prepare for the summer ministry at Barakel we wanted to let you know of a large need: we need more counselors. With 3 weeks to go before training, we need another 10 counselors: 5 women and 5 men.

A trend we have observed in the last few years is not only fewer people looking for summer volunteer ministry opportunities, but even those who are ministry-minded are often only looking for a 2-4-week experience. We have opportunities for that type of experience, but it does not work well for the role of counseling. Our training for counseling at Barakel takes two weeks. We have seen that a longer term of service at Barakel, by God's grace can often serve the college age person well, sometimes in ways that a shorter-term service does not.

As I stand and talk to college-age men and women, I am often struck by the number of good opportunities they have in the summer. Each year, it seems the options available (for good jobs, and ministry opportunities) continues to grow. Many would like to be able to participate in several things in a summer.

Every week of the summer we have positions available for over 65 young people: 33 counselors, 22 Activity Leaders (YAPS), and another 10-12 summer leaders. According to state regulations, counselors must be at least 18 years of age.

Please:

1. Join us in prayer for the Lord to provide these workers for the summer ministry at Barakel. We have needs for more Health Staff, Activity Leaders, and especially Men and Women Counselors.
2. Do you have young people in your church who are still unsure of their summer plans or perhaps a summer of service at Barakel would be a good fit for them? Please take a few minutes and speak to them about the opportunity and the need.
3. Share this need with others in your church or setting who would join us in prayer or have contact with young people who love Christ and would consider spending a summer serving at Barakel.

You can direct them to the website for more information and an application: <http://www.campbarakel.org/staff/college-age-staff>

If they have questions they can reach out to Jon Ford, [JonF@CampBarakel.org](mailto:JonF@CampBarakel.org) or 989-848-2279 x1300

Thank you,

