Hi Parents,

Camp Barakel Winter Retreat will be here before you know it (and the Michigan winter too but we won't linger on that). If your student has never gone before, it's a blast...

**First of all, what is Camp Barakel?**

It's our annual Winter Retreat in Fairview, MI. We take two busses and leave on a Friday evening at 4:30pm and we return on a Sunday Afternoon around 3pm-ish. In between are all kinds of fun activities, Bible teachings, small groups, and bonding interactions. High school and middle school are at the same camp but split up in different locations and have different teachings.

We do take your student’s phone and lock them up about halfway through the bus ride and they get them back on the return bus ride. This helps give the students a break from screen time and an opportunity to be more intentional with the students around them (leaders have their phones and we give a list of numbers in case of emergencies).

**Signing up**

In order to reserve your student's slot, you will need to both:

1. Complete a *registration/release form online* (see link below)

*and*

1. *Submit a $50 deposit* (checks should be made out to New Hope Church).

Here are the other details:  
  
- February 4 - 6, 2022  
-$125 total registration fee  
-$50 deposit (due with initial registration)  
-Complete the release form online: Click [HERE](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdGbQdy0wWQtUHtM-h84fjfaeVCDEvsg8FoZ08B7FQ6zfVUUQ/viewform?usp=sf_link) or email Kyle for it (due with initial registration)  
-All registrations need to be completed by November 7th.  
-Deposit are unfortunately nonrefundable (unless something changes with the trip or details).

- First come, First serve on the spots, so get your deposits in as early as possible.

**Finances**

If finances are an issue, please let us know, we'll try our best to work something out. Our heart is that we don't want any student left out that wants to go. This is an amazing opportunity and God has used it well in the past to help students feel more connected to each other and Jesus.

**Covid Protocols**

At this point, we’re really hoping (and praying) that we don’t have to worry about Covid during the retreat. Currently, we’re planning on not requiring masks. We WILL be monitoring everything and there is a chance that could change or the trip could get cancelled if things start taking a turn for the worse. We will refund your deposit if you’re not satisfied with any changes (or obviously if it does get cancelled).

If you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to reach out and contact me.

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