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To: Camp Representatives, Pastors, and Heritage Day Coordinators
Subject: **25th Annual HERITAGE DAY** at CAMP BETHEL, **Sat., Oct. 3**, 7:30am-2:30pm



Dear Friends,

Hello from YOUR Camp Bethel!

You and your church are invited to once again participate in the Virlina District's Annual Brethren Heritage Celebration, also known as Heritage Day. With many additions and changes to the event since 1984, Heritage Day still remains the "grandest of Camp Bethel's days." In 2008, your efforts raised \$31,784! All the day's revenue goes directly to keeping Camp Bethel viable; thus Heritage Day is camp's most important fund-raising event, **providing 5% of camp's total annual income.**

Please join our 2009 Heritage Day Festival!

If you are planning to serve or sell food, candy, snacks or drinks of any kind, please refer to the enclosed packet of foodservice information. Only "high-risk" foods (meat, dairy, eggs, hot foods) need an application for a Temporary Food Service Permit. If you are NOT selling or serving any food items, disregard the foodservice packet.

It is our hope to have EVERY Virlina District congregation participating in some way on Heritage Day. If your church can't prepare a booth, please help with set-up on Thursday & Friday, parking on Saturday (call Buddy & Linda Crumpacker at 540-947-5266), take-down, clean-up, or you can make a special offering to Camp Bethel in honor of Heritage Day. Participants and helpers may lodge or camp at Camp Bethel Friday and Saturday night, October 2-3, free of charge with RSVP (540) 992-2940 or **camp.bethel@juno.com**.

Plan A is for our 2009 Heritage Day Festival to be out-of-doors in main camp.

Plan B, in case of rain Saturday morning, move exhibits into the Deer Field Gym as we did in 2006. Final determination (of Plan A or B) will be announced by 6:00am Saturday morning, October 3. Please be prepared for either plan. Thank you!

We once again hope you can help the Virlina Historical Committee to display and demonstrate the "old ways" and the highlights of today's Virlina District Church of the Brethren to our guests. Contact Norm Harsh to help at **normharsh@verizon.net** or 540-563-5527. It's our chance to witness on behalf of the Church of the Brethren to hundreds of guests and families from surrounding communities!

Our day on October 3rd opens to the public with 7:30am breakfast in the Ark (Ninth Street CoB) and booths open throughout camp 9:00am through 2:30pm. We will have plenty of food, a children's fishing rodeo, wonderful crafts and sale items, an improved traffic pattern, and blessed fellowship of faithful servants!

Please complete and return your "Exhibit Space and Registration Form" by September 20 to the Camp address. If you are serving high-risk foods, complete and return your "Alleghany/Roanoke... Foodservice Permit" also by September 20. If you have any questions about Heritage Day, the health regulations, lodging or helping, call Barry at (540) 992-2940 or e-mail **camp.bethel@juno.com**. Extra Heritage Day forms are available at our web site, **www.campbethelvirginia.org**.

Thank you for your help, and see you here for Heritage Day on Saturday, October 3rd, 2009!

Peace,

BARRY

Barry LeNoir, camp director