




CAMP BETHEL's Labor Day Family Weekend, September 2-5, 2011

"Be completely humble, gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love... Keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:2-3

Friday, September 2, 2011: Happy 5th Anniversary Jenny & Raphael Steinbach!

	Weather: Hot with highs in the lower 90s; partly cloudy; scattered showers and t'storms mainly in the evening. Lows mid 60s. Light winds. Rain chance 40%.
4:00-6:30	Pool Open. Free admission; donations accepted. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult or 12+ year older sibling.
5:00-6:00	Staff available in Camp Office for payments; checks or exact change please. Complete your form below in advance, please.
7:00-7:30	Wagon Ride! Meet in Ark parking lot at 7:00. 30 minutes. If it is raining at 7:00, we will not provide a wagon ride tonight.
7:30-8:00	Kitten Visitation at the LeNoir's house: Eight irresistibly cute kittens ready for adoption by a caring family. <i>Get parent permission for visit.</i>
10:00	Quiet hours in main camp through 6:30am. <i>Thank you.</i>

Saturday, September 3, 2011: Meals (for those who reserved in advance) will be ready family-style in the Ark at the exact times below.

	Weather: Sunny. Patchy fog in morning. 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Hot with highs in the lower 90s. Light and variable winds. Partly cloudy in the evening, then mostly cloudy. 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Light and variable winds.
6:30-7:15am	Polar Bear Swim! Free; donations accepted. Children under 8 must be accompanied by adult or 12+ year old sibling.
8:00	BREAKFAST in the Ark for those who reserved meals.
9:00-10:30	Family Craft in the Craft House with Sue Wilson: Children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult or 12+ year older sibling. Donations accepted.
10:00-11	Staff available in Camp Office for payments; checks or exact change please. Complete your form below in advance, please.
11:00	You will see Jenny giving a site tour including all facilities to a potential Guest Group we are excitedly hoping will utilize Camp Bethel in 2012. Say "Hi" when you see them! If you wish to exclude your facility from this tour, please let Jenny know by Saturday 11:00am.
12:30pm	LUNCH in the Ark for those who reserved meals.
12:30-3:30	 FOOTBALL! Virginia Tech vs. Appalachian State (on WDBJ-7). Showing (weather permitting) on the lawn beside Tim's house. Bring your own lawn chair and snacks/drinks to share. <i>Go Hokies!</i>
1:00-5:15	Pool Open. Free admission; donations accepted. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult or 12+ year older sibling.
5:30	DINNER in the Ark for those who reserved meals.
6:00-9:00	Please avoid Vesper Hill . A summer staff alumnus will be (secretly) <i>proposing to his girlfriend</i> during this time on Vesper Hill. <i>Hooray!</i>
6:00-8:30	 FOOTBALL! University of Virginia vs. William & Mary (on ESPN3.com). Showing on the carport at Jenny's house. Bring your own lawn chair and snacks/drinks to share. <i>Go Cavaliers! Go Tribe!</i> 
6:30-7:00	Trading Post Open: Lanyards, bottles, t-shirts & more.
7:00-7:30	Kitten Visitation at the LeNoir's house: Eight irresistibly cute kittens ready for adoption by a caring family. <i>Get parent permission for visit.</i>
8:00	Variety/Talent Show at Hillside! We're twisting the arms of several of our registered guests to perform 1-2 songs/acts. Are you itching to perform? Contact Jenny at campbetheloffice@gmail.com. Confirmed performers include: Toria Knox! Sam StJohn! Jon Wilson!
8:30	S'mores and campfire at Hillside AFTER the Talent Show.
10:00	Quiet hours in main camp through 6:30am. <i>Thank you.</i>

Sunday, September 4, 2011: Meals (for those who reserved in advance) will be ready family-style in the Ark at the exact times below.

	Weather: Mostly sunny. A chance of showers and thunderstorms mainly in the afternoon. Hot with highs around 90. Light and variable winds...becoming south around 10 mph in the afternoon. Chance of rain 30 percent. Overnight mostly cloudy with lows in mid- 60s.
8:00	BREAKFAST in the Ark for those who reserved meals.
9:15	Van to New Bethel departs from the Ark Parking Lot, rain or shine.
9:30	Sunday Morning Worship and singing at New Bethel Church of the Brethren; speaker David K. Shumate , 1 hour. All camp guests are invited to worship this morning at New Bethel CoB, a short walk from Camp Bethel. Bring an offering to help New Bethel's ministries.
12:30pm	LUNCH in the Ark for those who reserved meals.
1:30-5:15	Pool Open. Free admission; donations accepted. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult or 12+ year older sibling.
3:00-3:30	Kitten Visitation at the LeNoir's house: Eight irresistibly cute kittens ready for adoption by a caring family. <i>Get parent permission for visit.</i>
3:30-5:00	Family Craft in the Craft House with Sue Wilson: Choose from an assortment of fun "stuff." Children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult or 12+ year older sibling. Donations accepted.
4:00-5:00	Staff available in camp office for payments; checks or exact change please. Complete your form below in advance, please.
5:30	Pot-Luck DINNER in Shelter-by-the-Spring. Bring a food item and enjoy great shared fellowship. Camp Bethel will provide drinks, cups, plates, utensils & paper products. Everyone is invited, on site and off site!
6:15 & 7:00	Wagon Rides in camp & into our upper property; 30 min; meet at Shelter-by-the-Spring at 6:15 or 7:00. No rides if it is raining.
7:00-7:30	Trading Post Open: Lanyards, bottles, t-shirts & more.
7:30-9:00	Concert at Hillside: Band of Brethren! Soulful sounds from our fun friends! Campfire + S'mores at Hillside Auditorium. Bring money for free-will offering for the band. Also bring flashlights & marshmallow sticks. <i>People Get Ready?</i>
10:00	Quiet hours in main camp through 6:30am. <i>Thank you.</i>

Monday, September 5, 2011, Labor Day: Meal (for those who reserved in advance) will be ready family-style in the Ark at the exact time below.

	Weather: Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 77; lows in mid 60s. Chance of rain 50 percent.
7:30-8:00am	Polar Bear Swim! Free; donations accepted. Children under 8 must be accompanied by adult or 12+ year old sibling.
9:00	BRUNCH in the Ark for those who reserved meals.
10:00	Roanoke Renacer Iglesia Cristiana (Virilina's Hispanic Fellowship) family picnic at Shelter-by-the-Spring. Come say, "HOLA!"
10:00-12:30	Pool Open. Free admission; donations accepted. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult or 12+ year older sibling.
10:30-11:00	Kitten Visitation at the LeNoir's house: Eight irresistibly cute kittens ready for adoption. <i>Get parent permission for visit.</i>
10:30-11:30	Staff available in camp office for payments; checks or exact change please. Complete your form below in advance, please.
12:30	End of schedule. You may stay through sundown, though no services will be available. Enjoy your holiday and your Camp!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CAMP BETHEL:

Oct 1, (Sat): 27th Heritage Day Festival.	Dec 3 (Sat), 9:00am: Virilina District Board/OMC Retreat.	March 30, 2012 (Fri), 6:30pm: Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.
Oct 11-15: Better Marriages Training Retreat	Dec 28 (Wed): Summer Staff & CIT Reunion.	March 31, 2012, 7:30am: Spring Workday, RSVP meals
Nov 5, (Sat), 7:30am: Fall Workday, RSVP meals.	Dec 29-30 (Thurs-Fri): Winter Camp Program	April 20-21, 2012 (Fri-Sat): 11th Sounds of the Mountains Story & Music Festival.
Nov 11-12 (Fri-Sat): Virilina District Conference at Bonsack.	Feb 4, 2012 (Sat), 12:00: Camp Supporter Rally & Lunch.	
Dec 1, (Thur), 6:30pm: Christmas TOGETHER Banquet, RSVP.	March 1, 2012 (Thur), 6:30pm: Sow the Seed Banquet, RSVP.	

~~Detach here and bring form with payment to the office.~~

NEW 2011-2012 PAYMENT & RESERVATION FORM

Our new fast-and-easy digital reservation system will automatically calculate your fees including any prior deposits you made for 2011.

Instructions:

- Bring this completed form & payment to the camp office at one of these times: 5-6pm Fri; 10-11am Sat; 4-5pm Sun; 10:30-11:30am Mon.
- Check the latest "RESERVED FACILITIES" chart on the office porch for what's available OR what facility you have already reserved for 2012.
- With you present, Jenny will review your 2011 usage and meals, your prior deposits and your future reservations. At this time, we are only reserving 1 year ahead for these holiday weekends. This makes planning easier for families and reduces waiting time for available facilities.
- Pay by check, credit card (+3% surcharge) or exact change; we don't keep cash in the office. Deposits are non-refundable.
- Jenny will provide you with a detailed receipt which summarizes your 2011 payment and your future 2012 reservations.

LAST NAME _____, FIRST _____ TOT. # IN PARTY: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

PHONE # _____ CELL # _____ E-MAIL _____

CONGREGATION _____ NAMES OF OTHERS IN PARTY _____

Complete the 2011 Usage Chart below. 2011 prices and 2011-12 minimum future deposits are listed on the back of this form.

Facilities/Campsites where you stayed in 2011:	# persons	# nights	Yes/No meals in Ark?

Complete the 2012 Reservation Chart below. Check the "RESERVED FACILITIES" chart on the office porch. Rules & minimum deposits are on back.

Facilities/Campsites to reserve:	# nights Memorial Day 2012	# nights Labor Day 2012

CAMP BETHEL RULES: The following basic rules are to ensure the comfort, safety and proper peaceful environment for all our guests. Camp Bethel reserves the right to dismiss or to notify local law enforcement authorities regarding any disturbance or non-compliance with stated policies. Please help monitor camp while you're here to ensure the safety of all guests, especially children.

- No smoking;** Camp Bethel is a non-smoking facility. No obscene language. No alcohol or drugs.
- No pets or animals unless expressly permitted by the Director, and then, only on a leash and kept quiet for courtesy.
- No weapons, hunting, ammunition, target shooting, paint-ball, fireworks or explosives.
- Child supervision: **Parents MUST supervise children at all times.**
- Vehicles: Speed limit is 5 mph. Park in designated areas; avoid parking in grass where possible. Once on site, **park your car and walk to and from your areas of use**, unless providing mobility for the disabled. **Vehicles yield to cyclists, and cyclists yield to pedestrians. Pedestrians have the right of way everywhere.** Turn off your car radio/stereo when on camp. Do not transport your participants anywhere on or off camp property in non-passenger vehicles or in the bed of trucks. Wear seat-belts in moving vehicles.
- Bicycles: Helmets are required for all cyclists. Bikes yield to pedestrians; be wary of vehicles. No biking after dark w/out headlamps or lighting.
- No motorized bikes, scooters, ATVs, go-carts, etc. Motorcyclists driving to camp must follow rules for vehicles.
- For insurance purposes, horses are not allowed on camp without the prior approval of the Director.
- Keep out of Heifer shed and paddock (cows, pigs) and electric fenced grazing areas: You may feed animals grass through the fence.
- Trash:** Place all trash in the dumpster beside the Retreat Center. Thank you.
- Quiet Hours 9:00/10pm-7:30am: Keep your noise level low. Music (unless live or group singing) should be inaudible to other users.
- To avoid foot injury, wear shoes at all times (except in bed, in shower, in pool). Flip flops are discouraged.
- To avoid injury or damage to camp property and facilities, do not throw anything, except during outdoor games. Do not play throwing games near or inside buildings (other than the gym); no rough or dangerous play or activities
- Only the buildings, equipment and areas you have reserved are available and accessible to you.
- A First Aid Kit** is located on the office porch. In a life-threatening emergency, call 9-1-1.
- Leave facilities, furniture, equipment and areas of use orderly, clean, and free of food-waste.

Weekend Announcements:

- Parents: You must supervise children at all times.** Please check on your children often. We require use of bike helmets for young riders. Equip children with flashlights after hours. Please, no biking after dark without lights. Please note that cabins and lodges have cleaning closets with cleaning chemicals. The best child-proofing and child-safety measure we have is parent supervision.
- Payment** for meals, lodging/camping or future reservations, complete form on page 1 and bring payment to the camp office at one of the following times: 5-6pm Friday or 10-11am Saturday or 4-5pm Sunday or 10:30-11:30am Monday. Please complete the payment/reservation form IN ADVANCE and present when you pay. Please pay by check or exact change as we do not keep cash in the office. If you cannot make payment at one of these times, leave your form with us and we will bill you via post mail. For credit card payment, we must add a 3% surcharge.
- To reserve your spot** for Memorial Day 2012 or Labor Day 2012: Because of the growing popularity of holiday weekends, you MUST complete the PAYMENT/RESERVATION FORM and pay the minimum deposit to reserve your lodging or RV campsite. See reservation info below.
- SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:** Keep fires controlled, supervise at all times, and extinguish after use.
 - In case of **thunderstorms**, seek immediate shelter AWAY from trees, creeks and ponds.
 - Rattlesnakes** have been abundant in the forested areas this year; (do NOT kill black snakes or water snakes). If you spot one, get far away, tell an adult and the camp staff. DO NOT attempt to handle or move snakes.
 - Tick, mosquito & chigger prevention:** We recommend insect repellent (plus long pants tucked into socks) to deter ticks and chiggers which are especially bad in Virginia this year. Remove ticks with tweezers, pinching as close to the skin (the tick's head) as possible. Do not burn or smother a tick as they might vomit into your bloodstream, which can lead to Lyme disease or other tick-borne illness. Chiggers roam your body for about 1 hour prior to biting, so check children (and yourself) for ticks and chiggers several times daily.
 - Black Bear:** For the first time in my 9 years here, a black bear yearling has frequented main camp and the dumpster buffet, leaving his dinner trash strewn through the forest. He ranges from dumpster and Cave Trail Field to Vesper Hill to Nace. Make lots of noise and don't leave food or food trash outside. Wear bear bells, sing or generally be loud when hiking. Re-latch dumpster after dumping trash. *Thank you!*
- Sunday Pot-Luck Dinner:** Please attend Sunday, Sept 4 at 5:30pm at the Shelter-by-the-Spring. Bring a food item for four persons. Camp will provide drinks, ice, cups, plates, utensils, serving utensils, paper products. Stay for the 7:30pm free concert.
- FREE KITTENS!** 8 irresistibly cute kittens, ready for adoption by a caring family. See the schedule for appropriate "Kitten Visitation" times.

Help needed this weekend:

- Help keep bathhouses tidy, with a good supply of TP & PTs. Help pick-up litter & take trash to the dumpsters. If something needs repair, if you can fix it, you are welcomed and encouraged to do so; OR please write a note for Tim and place it into the office porch mailbox. THANK YOU!
- Please help us set up for Sunday's pot-luck in the Shelter-by-the-Spring. Set up beginning at 5:00pm; meal at 5:30pm.
- For 2011 payments and future reservations, **complete the detachable form at the bottom of page 1 in advance of coming to office times.** If there's a long line, come back at another time (see schedule). PLEASE bring exact change or checks payable to CAMP BETHEL.

Camp Bethel News:

- Happy 32nd Birthday Molly Clemons on Sept 1! Happy 81st Birthday Ruth Hess on Sept 7! Happy 35th Birthday Angie LeNoir on Sept 9!
- PERFORMERS FOR 2012 SOUNDS OF THE MOUNTAINS FESTIVAL: April 20-21, 2012, featuring Michael Reno Harrell, Wayne Henderson, Bill Lepp, Bobby Norfolk, Kim Weitkamp, and The Wright Kids! www.campbethelvirginia.org/sotm.htm
- 2011 expenses (especially electricity, propane, food, insurance) have exceeded budgeted expectations and have outpaced income, even after summer camps. Please consider a donation to help pay our outstanding summer expenses and boost us into autumn. *Thank you for helping!*

Adopt-A-Camp-Facility:

Please join with other supportive churches and groups and consider helping with this vital stewardship of these God-given resources. Contact Barry at campbetheloffice@gmail.com or (540) 992-2940 for a list of repair needs. Several facilities/areas need adoption by a group including:

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| ? Ark Conference Room | ? Deer Field Gym | ? House of Pillars Conf Room | ? Big Oak trail & area |
| ? Ark Dining Hall | ? Deer Field Mtg Rm/Bathhouse | ? Junior High Adventure Villages | ? Vesper Hill Trail/Quarry Trail |
| ? Ark Deck, pond side | ? Hearthstone Cottage | ? Pool Bathhouse | ? New "RV Village" area |
| ? Cave Trail Shelter & Bathhouse | ? Heritage Lodge | ? StoneHOP Bunkroom | |
| ? Carolina Haven Cottage | ? Hillside Auditorium | ? Whippoorwill Cottage | |

THANK YOU to congregations and groups who have committed to caring for the following facilities:

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| Bethel Lodge A-frame = Oak Grove (Rke) CoB | Front RV Sites = Richard Lester | Whispering Pines Cabin = Ninth Street CoB |
| Bluebirds' Nest Cottage = Poages Mill CoB | Pineview A-frame Cottage = Martin family | Wildwood Cottage = Jeters Chapel CoB |
| Daleville Cabin = Daleville CoB | Pleasant View = Green Hill/Peters Creek CoBs | Willoro Cabin = Bassett CoB |
| Forest Lodge Cottage = Hollins Road CoB | Retreat Center = Summerdean CoB | |
| Friendship Haven Cabin = Mount Hermon CoB | Shelter-by-the-Spring = First (Rke) CoB | |

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"First Right of Refusal" regarding reservations for future holiday weekends: Families present and reserved at this year's holiday weekend have first right of refusal to reserve (with a minimum deposit) their present-pattern-use facilities for this holiday in 2012 until Monday, 10:30am. After Monday, 10:30am, unreserved facilities are open for any other family to reserve through Labor Day 2012. Check the latest "RESERVED FACILITIES" chart on the office porch or at www.campbethelvirginia.org/availability.htm. At this time, we are only reserving 1 year ahead for these holiday weekends. This makes planning easier for families and reduces waiting time for available facilities.

CAMP BETHEL 2011 FAMILY WEEKEND PRICING:

Meals: Always reserve meals at least 1 week in advance.

	Brkfst/Brunch	Lunch	Dinners & Sun Lunch
Adult age 13+	\$6.00	\$7.00	\$8.00
Child age 4-12	\$3.00	\$3.50	\$4.00

Cabins: Daleville, Friendship Haven, Pleasant View, StoneHOP, Whispering Pines, Willoro

	Per night	Minimum deposit per night for 2011-2012
1-7 persons	\$16.00	\$16.00
8-14 persons	\$20.00	

Cottages: Bethel Lodge, Blue Birds' Nest, Carolina Haven, Forest Lodge, Pineview, Wildwood

	Per night	Minimum deposit per night for 2011-2012
1-7 persons	\$25.00	\$25.00
8-14 persons	\$30.00	

Heritage Lodge: Room 1, 2, 3 or 4: Bedroom + Bathroom:

	Per night, per room	Minimum deposit per night for 2011-2012
1-7 persons	\$25.00	\$25.00
8-14 persons	\$30.00	

Health Retreat Center: (HRC), Room 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7

	Per night, per room	Minimum deposit per night for 2011-2012
1 or 2 persons	\$25.00	\$25.00

Camping in RV or Tent:

	Per night, per site or tent	Minimum deposit per night for 2011-2012
Tent site: per tent	\$5.00	no deposit necessary
RV not on sites C1-11 or A-B (ex: field camping)	\$8.00	\$8.00
RV sites C1-8; A-B, RV sites C9-11	\$12.00	\$12.00