

Camp Bethel News, March-April 2018



MINI-VAN & CAMERAS TOP CAMP'S WISH LIST: Mini-van; chest coolers w/ handles; old smart phones; digital cameras; GoPro video camera; portable LCD projector; gas grill; laptop computer (Windows 10); LED light bulbs (75-100 watt equiv); new (in-the-box) bike helmets and horse helmets; brooms w/ dustpans; "Tree Cookies;" picnic tables. Gifts are tax-deductible!
www.CampBethelVirginia.org/donate

DONATE YOUR OLD SMART PHONE TO CAMP BETHEL: Give us your disconnected smart phones to use as a camp cameras and video cameras! 540-992-2940 or <CampBethelOffice@gmail.com>

GET YOUR CONGREGATION'S 2018 CAMP PACKET NOW: Distribute this crucial information to your congregation including bulletin inserts, Good-As-Gold information, Heritage Day packets, Golf Tournament forms, summer camp brochures and schedules, and more at <www.CampBethelVirginia.org/rep> or request a mail packet at 540-992-2940 or <CampBethelOffice@gmail.com>.

2018 SUMMER CAMPS & FAMILY PROGRAMS: "BOUNDLESS BELIEF: GOD'S UNIVERSE" NEW activities and adventures for your BEST SUMMER EVER! Brochures were mailed on February 15 to all former campers. Register early to guarantee your chosen program. Information (brochure, forms, schedules) available at <www.CampBethelVirginia.org/camps>.

PLEASE DONATE TO BUILD OUR 2018 "CAMPERSHIP" FUND: In summer 2017, 87 campers received "Campership" funding totaling \$25,715. Please consider donating \$330, which is the 2018 cost for a child to attend one week of resident camp. Mail checks with memo "Camperships" or donate at <www.CampBethelVirginia.org/donate>.

VIRGINIA DISTRICT JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT, MARCH 2-3 AT CAMP BETHEL: Join other youth in grades 6-8 at Camp for a fun and spirit filled retreat led by Jenna Stacy, Camp Bethel Program Coordinator. Register individuals or groups at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/retreat. \$15.00 per person. Register by February 26.

SOW THE SEED SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET, THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 6:30pm: Plant seeds of FAITH in the lives of children, youth and young adults! At \$50 per person (larger gifts accepted), all costs and donations from the evening directly fund "camperships" and our summer camp ministries. RSVP by February 28 to CampBethelOffice@gmail.com or 540-992-2940. Payments accepted in advance or at the table, and your gift is tax-deductible! Our base fee for a week of camp in 2018 is \$330. Give the gift of CAMP.

SPRING VOLUNTEER WORKDAY IS APRIL 7! RSVP 7:30am free breakfast & 1:00pm free lunch by April 1; Your help is needed to prepare camp for the summer season. Workday projects (rain or shine; indoor and outdoor) for all skill levels and all ages. Bring rakes, blowers, drag tarps, chainsaws, wood splitters, safety gear, ladders, gloves, garden & landscaping gear, tools (construction, repair, electrical, plumbing, etc.), vacuums, flatbeds, trucks (especially 4x4), cleaning gear & chemicals, brooms, mops, rags... and bring friends! Info at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/workday.



SOUNDS OF THE MOUNTAINS FESTIVAL, APRIL 27-28, 2018: Our 17th annual Storytelling Festival features excellent and nationally known tellers, Kevin Kling, Odds Bodkin, Sheila Arnold Jones, Jim May, The Company Store Band, food, and a Friday campfire. This is one of Camp Bethel's most important fundraisers, so consider sponsoring the festival. www.SoundsoftheMountains.org.

SUMMER CAMP STAFF 2018: COUNSELORS & KITCHEN STAFF: Together: with God, with each other, and with creation. It's the best summer job ever. Application and information at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/summer-staff.



"TREE COOKIES" NEEDED: Can you help supply THOUSANDS of Tree Cookies for our 2018 programs (nametags, KinderCrittters, crafts, etc.)? Any hard wood and any 2.5" or larger cross-cut showing tree rings is ideal. Cut 'em, drill 'em, deliver 'em, or contact us 540-992-2940 or CampBethelOffice@gmail.com. THANK YOU!

BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT AUGUST 22: Golfers and sponsors needed on Wednesday, August 22 at Botetourt Golf Club for our 2018 Golf Tournament and Banquet. Tee off is at 12:45pm, and \$70 per person includes green fees, cart and dinner at camp. <www.CampBethelVirginia.org/golf>

CAMP BETHEL PEP! 5K RUN/WALK AUGUST 25: Our newest fundraiser for "the PEPIEST gang around!" \$32.50 entry includes a race t-shirt, pre-and-post-race snacks, fully stocked water/aid stations, prizes, and fun. 7:00-7:45am registration; 8:00am start. Sponsor packages available. <www.CampBethelVirginia.org/5K>

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR MONTHLY E-NEWS: Sign up for our fun and colorful eNewsletter. www.CampBethelVirginia.org/subscribe

BIG 2017 FUNDRAISERS HELPED PAY THE BILLS! Our Sow the Seed Scholarship Banquet on March 2, 2017 raised \$5,415. Sounds of the Mountains Festival April 28-29, 2017 raised \$33,660. Benefit Golf Tournament August 23, 2017 raised \$15,871. Our inaugural "Camp Bethel PEP! 5K" had 89 participants, 24 volunteers, and 13 sponsors raising \$5,363. Our October 7, 2017 Brethren Heritage Day Festival raised \$36,615. Our Christmas Together Banquet on December 7, 2017 raised \$8,558!! Big thanks to everyone who participated! www.CampBethelVirginia.org/donate.



Seed, Scattered & Sown

SEED, SCATTERED AND SOWN UPDATE: "Seed, Scattered and Sown: Reaching Beyond This Generation" is the mission resourcing campaign of the Virlina District now through 2020 As of January, our campaign has attained 258 pledges totaling \$496,453 toward our Victory Goal of \$750,000 and our Challenge Goal of \$1,000,000. Of the funds pledged, \$74,610.00 are from 26 of our 93 district congregations. YOUR GIFT will provide that extra "push" we need to reach these specific goals, which will help us achieve our greater mission. Please consider a \$68 monthly installment for the next 36 months for a total of \$2,448. Pledge today at www.VirlinaFuture.org.

UPCOMING CAMP BETHEL EVENTS:

NOW: Summer Camp Registration is OPEN.
 March 2-3, 2018 (Fri-Sat), Virlina District Junior High Retreat at Camp Bethel.
 March 5, 2018 (Mon), 8:30am, Northern Area Ministers Breakfast & Program.
 March 8, 2018 (Thurs), 6:30pm, Sow the Seed Banquet, RSVP by Feb 28.
 March 24 (Sat), 3,00pm OMC meeting at First CoB.
 March 24, 2018 (Sat) 5:00, First CoB Chili Cookoff & Cake/Pie Bakeoff.
 April 7, 2018 (Sat) 7:30am Spring Workday; RSVP meals by April 1.
 April 7, 10a-4p, Camp Bethel at Virginia Family Expo, Salem Civic Center.
 April 20-21 (Fri-Sat), Calling the Called ministry discernment workshop.
 April 27-28, 2018 (Fri-Sat), 17th Sounds of the Mountains Festival.
 April 28 (Sat) 11am-4pm, Camp Bethel at YMCA at VaTech Healthy Kids Day.
 May 5, 2018 (Sat), Camp Bethel at Ministry & Mission Day at Collinsville CoB.
 May 5 (Sat) 4:30pm, First CoB Pancake Supper for Youth to NYC.
 May 12-16, 2018, ACA Canoe Instructor Certification Course.
 May 26-28, 2018, ACA Kayak Instructor Certification Course.
 May 22-25, 2018 (Tues-Thurs), Summer Coordinators Training.
 May 25-28, 2018, Memorial Day Family Weekend & Concerts, RSVP meals.
 May 26, 2018 (Sat), Family Day/Summer Camp Open House, 1,00-4,00pm.
 May 28-June 8, 2018, Summer Staff Training.
 June 1-2, 2018 (Fri-Sat), Parent-Child Overnight Camp.
 June 2 (Sat), Camp booth at Botetourt Kids Fishing Carnival in Buchanan.

June 2-3, 2018, ACA Canoe/Kayak Trip Leader Course.
 June 8, 2018 (Fri) 5:30pm, Summer Staff Commissioning Dinner & Service.
 June 10-August 3, 2018, Summer Camps & Family Adventures.
 June 12-15, 2018 (Tues-Fri), CIT Training and Practicum.
 June 19 (Tue) 5:30pm OMC dinner with campers, then meeting.
 August 22, 2018 (Wed), 24th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament.
 August 24 (Fri) 5:15pm OMEC & 6:00 OMC meeting at the DRC.
 August 25, 2018 (Sat), Camp Bethel PEP! 5K Run/Walk.
 August 31-Sept 3, 2018, Labor Day Family Weekend, RSVP meals.
 October 6, 2018 (Sat), 34th Brethren Heritage Day Festival.
 October 12-14, 2018, Camp Bethel at Roanoke GO Outside Festival.
 November 3, 2018 (Sat), 7:30am, Fall Workday, RSVP meals.
 November 9-10 (Fri-Sat) Virlina District Conference at Bonsack Baptist.
 November 11-15, 2018, OMA National Conference at Camp Bethel.
 November 12, 2018 (Mon), Crisis Management Workshop.
 December 1, 2018 (Sat), Virlina District Board/OMC Retreat at Camp Bethel.
 December 6, 2018 (Thurs), Christmas TOGETHER Banquet.
 December 3-21, 2018, Schedule your Christmas Banquet at Camp Bethel!
 December 28, 2018 (Fri), Summer Staff & CIT Reunion.
 December 29-30, 2018 (Sat-Sun), Winter Camp New Year Party & Program.

Camp Bethel 2018 Summer Camps

	Family Fun Programs all ages	Young Elementary ages 5-8	Older Elementary ages 8-12	Middle School Resident & Day ages 12-15	Middle School Adventures ages 12-15	Trips/Skills Camps ages 12-18	High School Resident & Adv ages 15-18	
Week 1 June 10-15	Tues Family SUP Wed Family Canoe	Mini Camp 1 A & B Botetourt Day Camp Cloverdale CoB Mon-Thu	Elem Res & Adv 1 Elem Day Camp 1 Elem 3-Day Sampler 1 Botetourt Day Camp	MS Resident 1 MS Day Camp 1 See Trips/Skills	MS Canoe Cave Climb 1 MS Climb WWRaft 1 MS Horse WWRaft 1	Paddlesports 1 Digital Arts 1	CIT Training Paddlesports 1 Digital Arts 1	Week 1
Week 2 June 17-22	Tues Family Nature Fun & Games Wed Family Canoe	Rke/Salem Day Camp Peters Creek CoB Mon-Fri	Elem Res & Adv 2 Elem Day Camp 2 Rke/Salem Day Camp	MS Resident 2 MS Day Camp 2 See Trips/Skills	MS Horseback Tube 2 MS WWRaft Tube 2	New River Canoe Trip 2 Digital Arts 2	HS Resident 2 HS Canoe Cave Climb 2 HS WWRaft Tube 2 See Trips/Skills	Week 2
Week 3 June 24-29	Tues Family SUP Wed Family Canoe	Franklin Cty Day Camp Antioch CoB Mon-Fri	Elem Res & Adv 3 Elem Day Camp 3 Franklin Cty Day Camp	MS Resident 3 MS Day Camp 3 See Trips/Skills	MS Adv Explorers 3 MS Bike Canoe 3 MS In/Outdoor Climb 3	James River Canoe Trip 3 Mtns-Beach-Bay 3	Mtns-Beach-Bay 3	Week 3
Week 4 July 1-6	Tues Family Nature Fun & Games Wed Family Canoe	Knee-High Day Camp 4 Mini Camp 4 A & B	Elem Res & Adv 4 Elem Day Camp 4 Elem 3-Day Sampler 4	MS Resident 4 MS Day Camp 4 See Trips/Skills	MS Cave Climb 4 MS WWRaft Tube 4	Mtns-Beach-Bay Trip 4	Mtns-Beach-Bay 4	Week 4
Week 5 July 8-13	Tues Family Nature Fun & Games Wed Family Canoe	Rke/Salem Day Camp Oak Grove CoB Mon-Fri	Elem Res & Adv 5 Elem Day Camp 5 Camp Too Sweet Rke/Salem Day Camp	MS Resident 5 MS Day Camp 5 Camp Too Sweet See Trips/Skills	MS Bike Canoe 5 MS Canoe Cave Climb 5	Backpacking Trip 5	Camp Too Sweet Backpacking 5	Week 5
Week 6 July 15-20	Tues Family Nature Fun & Games Wed Family Canoe	Mini Camp 6 A & B N Carolina Day Camp Eden First CoB Sun-Tue	Elem Res & Adv 6 Elem Day Camp 6 Elem 3-Day Sampler 6 N Carolina Day Camp	MS Resident 6 MS Day Camp 6 See Trips/Skills	MS Adv Explorers 6 MS Bike Canoe Tube 6	Skateboarding Camp 6	HS Bike Canoe Tube 6 Skateboarding 6	Week 6
Week 7 July 22-27	Tues Family SUP Wed Family Canoe	Henry Cty Day Camp Mt Hermon CoB Mon-Fri	Henry Cty Day Camp Mt Hermon CoB Mon-Fri	See Trips/Skills	MS Moonrise Adv 7 MS Horse WWRaft 7 MS WWRaft Tube 7	Backpacking 7 Kayaking 7	HS Moonrise Adv 7 HS Horse WWRaft 7 HS WWRaft Tube 7 See Trips/Skills	Week 7
Week 8 July 29-Aug 3	Tues Family SUP Wed Family Canoe	Floyd Cty Day Camp Topeco CoB Mon-Thu	Floyd Cty Day Camp Topeco CoB Mon-Thu	See Trips/Skills	MS Bike & Canoe 8 Paddleboard 8	BUMAT 8 Backpacking 8 Paddleboard 8	BUMAT 8 Backpacking 8 Paddleboard 8	Week 8