

## Camp Bethel / OMC Update, June 23, 2020 Updated 6/22/2020 5:10 PM

1. See documents and information for this meeting at [www.CampBethelVirginia.org/OMC](http://www.CampBethelVirginia.org/OMC), including:
  - ✓ “IncomeExpense05.31.2020”
  - ✓ “CampBethelandCOVID-19\_VirginiaPhase2”
  - ✓ “06.22.2020\_Suggested\_Changes\_to\_Virgina\_Personnel\_Policies”
  - ✓ “VirginaDistrictCampBethelPersonnelPolicies”
  - ✓ “PPP\_Loan\_Forgiveness\_Updates”
2. Summer Camps: On May 13 we informed the OMC that we had made the difficult-but-necessary decision to suspend all previously scheduled 2020 summer camps. Summer Staff was informed May 14, registered families were informed May 17, and public announcements were made via Facebook, YouTube, email, and web site on May 18. Registered families have risk-free options: forwarding any payments toward 2021 pre-registration, donating all-or-part of their payments, or full refunds.
  - As of June 22, out of 217 PAID campers (\$42,465), 155 families have responded. \$20,435 is refunded (48%), \$7,005 is donated (16.5%) by 63 families, \$4,480 is forwarded to 2021 pre-registration (10.5%), and \$10,545 is pending (25%).
  - All 2020 Campership gifts (\$13,120.05 thus far) will remain in escrow for use in summer 2021.
  - Congregations/Groups who committed funds to the “2020 Staff Adoption Program” were given the option of donation or refund.
  - As of June 22, **ALL summer camps in Virginia** have cancelled their resident camps. Virginia’s Phase 3 will continue to require resident summer camps to remain closed. Some camps are attempting Family Camps and/or modified Day Camps.
  - It is likely that COVID-19 will remain a threat into summer 2021, so we are preparing modified plans for what is possible.
3. To offset our many losses, we have set a goal of encouraging \$100,000 in new donations by the end of August 2020.
  - Since announcing our plans on May 18, we have received donations totaling \$13,027.42 in direct response to our “Summer Camp Update Video,” our “Lean On Me” song video.
  - Tina Lowe Brockman initiated a “Staff Alumni Challenge” via Facebook in which staff were encouraged to donate the amount of their last summer on staff, (ex: Summer 2003 would be \$20.03, or \$200.30, or \$2,003.00). 41 staff have given \$4,375.53 thus far!
  - We will ask Virgina congregations that normally participate in the summer camp “Good-As-Gold” program and who annually budget for this program, to donate all or part of their 2020 budgeted amount to support Camp Bethel.
  - We might ask congregations to donate their budgeted 2020 Annual Conference fees 50/50 to Virgina District and Camp.
4. Jenna Stacy, Spencer Knox, and Beth Wiegandt planned and prepared free-or-donation-based creative self-guided Compass Trails and GPS Trails (aka “Letterboxing” and “Geocaching”) for individuals and families, now available at [www.CampBethelVirginia.org/self-guided-adventures](http://www.CampBethelVirginia.org/self-guided-adventures). Jenna and Spencer are now developing weekly Bible Study videos based on our 2020 Summer curriculum, “Onward We Go!” We will continue to update our social media and “Camp At Home” videos at [www.CampBethelVirginia.org/CampAtHome](http://www.CampBethelVirginia.org/CampAtHome).
5. All summer Guest Camps and Band Camps have cancelled for 2020. We have had no guest groups on site from March 15 through July 5. Several July groups are scheduled, but pending decisions. Several fall groups have cancelled or rescheduled, and many remain in “wait-and-see” mode.
6. Camp Bethel Re-Opening Schedule for Guests, Families, Camping: [www.CampBethelVirginia.org/groups](http://www.CampBethelVirginia.org/groups)
  - June 14, 2020: Pineview A-frame Cottage, Bethel Lodge A-frame, Shelter-by-the-Spring.
  - June 21, 2020: Cave Trail Shelter, Cave Trail Bathhouse, Cave Trail field camping.
  - June 28, 2020: Front Creekside Campsites, Pool Bathhouse. (*Note: the Pool is closed for 2020.*)
  - July 5, 2020: All other facilities, pending reservations.
7. PPP Loan Update: Extends the covered period during which the loan may be used for forgivable expenses from 8 weeks following disbursement of the loan to 24 weeks from loan disbursement or Dec. 31, 2020, whichever is earlier. This gives us through Oct. 25 (or so) to use \$60,060. See attached “PPP Loan Forgiveness...” at [www.CampBethelVirginia.org/OMC](http://www.CampBethelVirginia.org/OMC)
8. We continue preserving resources. Even though PPP pays for utilities, we continue reducing electric and propane use.
9. Lots of physical projects in process or completed:
  - ✓ Wes Shrader completed a three-week, ceiling-to-floor total cleaning and reorganizing of the Ark Kitchens, dish room, pantry, storage, and Dining Room.
  - ✓ Re-organizing storage areas in Ark Dining Hall, including sorting/sifting dozens of file boxes with decades of files.
  - ✓ Shelves & hangers into Ark Hall Closet (back “L” section) for storing Audio Equipment & music stuff.
  - ✓ Fixing road/drainage culvert next to office. Removing ½ pipe that never worked.
  - ✓ Trails work and clearing dropped trees. Mickey provided a training day for Chainsaw Use and Safety for Jenna, Spencer, and Daniel Naff, and they have committed one day per week to trails work.

- ✓ Completing remodeling/expansion of the Bandage Box Cottage; about 75% complete.
  - ✓ Painting interiors and exteriors. Repainting signs and facility signs.
  - ✓ Deep cleaning. Everywhere. Ark, Kitchen, Gym, Office, SBTS, Bathhouses. Literally everywhere.
  - ✓ Pressure washing where needed. Decks. Stop signs. Bridges.
  - ✓ Looking into a way to fix the Ark Dam. Would strongly-secured greenhouse plastic “plug” the undercut dam?
10. Two Insurance Items: (1) I am in the process of filing a claim for “Loss of Earnings” due to order of Civil Authority which will be for losses between March 30 and May 28. We are covered for up to \$25,000. We have lost over \$75,000 during that time. (2) I am in the process of adjusting our “exposure” for 2020 in order to reduce our annual premium, including reducing summer camper days (saves about \$1700) and Worker’s Comp total wages due to not hiring summer staff. We do receive 2 months credit of liability applied to our policy due to COVID-19.
  11. Once again thankful for PAVED ROADS on campus during major flooding on June 17. Instead of rebuilding roads and bridges in main campus, we only have to clean up lots of debris.
  12. Jenna is investigating possibilities for our “Camp Bethel PEP!” 5K scheduled for September 5, which is also during our Labor Day Family Weekend. In-person, individual, or virtual... TBD. [www.CampBethelVirginia.org/5K](http://www.CampBethelVirginia.org/5K)
  13. Ashley Plantation Golf Course says it will resume events in August (pending Phase 3 regulations), so our September 23 Benefit Golf Tournament is on as scheduled, with likely safety protocols to be determined. [www.CampBethelVirginia.org/golf](http://www.CampBethelVirginia.org/golf)
  14. Heritage Day October 3 TBD: Whether our 2020 Heritage Day Festival is in-person at Camp or held at individual churches, we will encourage everyone to participate in this vitally important fundraiser. [www.CampBethelVirginia.org/Heritage-Day](http://www.CampBethelVirginia.org/Heritage-Day)
  15. Questions, ideas, input?

#### UPCOMING EVENTS AT CAMP BETHEL, [www.CampBethelVirginia.org/events](http://www.CampBethelVirginia.org/events)

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| June 14-July 5 2020: Camp Bethel “reopens” for Rentals & Campsites.                  | January 5, 2021: Summer Camp Registration OPENS.   |
| July-August, 2020: Family Activities, plus “Camp At Home” videos.                    | February 6, 2021 (Sat), 12:00noon: Camp Supporter Lunch, RSVP.                               |
| September 4-7, 2020: Labor Day Family Weekend, TBD.                                  | March 11, 2021 (Thurs), 6:30pm: Sow the Seed Campership Banquet, RSVP.                       |
| September 5, 2020 (Sat): Camp Bethel PEP! 5K Run/Walk. <b>New date!</b>              | March 27, 2021 (Sat), 7:30am: Spring Volunteer Workday, RSVP free meals.                     |
| September 23, 2020 (Wed): 26 <sup>th</sup> Benefit Golf Tournament. <b>New date!</b> | April 16-17, 2021 (Fri-Sat): 20 <sup>th</sup> Sounds of the Mountains Storytelling Festival. |
| October 3, 2020 (Sat): 36 <sup>th</sup> annual Heritage Day Festival.                | May 27-31, 2021: Memorial Day Family Weekend, RSVP meals.                                    |
| October 16-18, 2020: Camp Bethel at Roanoke GO Outside Festival.                     | May 28, 2021 (Sat): Family Day/Summer Camp Open House, 1:00-4:00pm.                          |
| November 2, 2020 (Mon): Crisis Management Workshop at Camp Bethel.                   | May 31-June 11, 2021: Summer Staff Training.   |
| November 7, 2020 (Sat), 7:30am: Fall Volunteer Workday, RSVP free meals.             | June 4-5, 2021 (Fri-Sat): Parent-Child Overnight Camp.                                       |
| November 13-14, 2020: Virlina District Conference, location TBD.                     | June 11, 2021 (Fri), 5:30: Summer Staff Commissioning Dinner.                                |
| December 3, 2020 (Thu): Christmas TOGETHER Banquet.                                  | June 13–July 30, 2021: Summer Camps & Family Adventures.                                     |
| January 2-3, 2021: Winter Camp Youth & Kids’ Retreat.                                | July 25-August 21, 2021: Guest Camps & Band Camps.   |