

Camp Bethel News, Summer 2020, Fincastle, VA

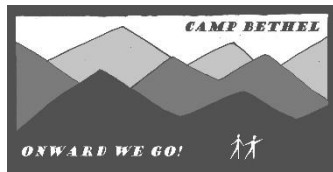


CAMP BETHEL IS OPEN FOR FAMILIES AND GROUPS

In accordance with Virginia's Phase 3 guidelines, facilities and RV/Tent campsites are available to reserve. Cyclists, hikers, walkers, creek explorers, and day-visitors are always welcome; hiking/biking trail maps and Self-Guided Adventure packets are on our office porch. Visit www.CampBethelVirginia.org/groups for *Special Summer 2020 discounted facility prices* available through August 31.

NEW SELF-GUIDED ADVENTURES FOR YOUR FAMILY

Here's an opportunity for you and your family to get outside and explore God's creation. Compass Trails (or Letterboxing) use clues and a compass and GPS Trails (or Geocaching) use a GPS device (Google Maps) and GPS Coordinates to find each destination. Each adventure has a theme, a color code, an estimated time to complete, and a brief description of activity level. Compass Trails include Camp Bethel Fun Facts; Exercise Circuit; and Photo Challenge. GPS Trails include Photo Challenge; Nature Facts; and Coyote Survival. Self-Guided Adventure Trails are open to the public now through October 1. Self-Guided Adventure packets are on our office porch or at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/self-guided-adventures.



FREE "ONWARD WE GO!" SUMMER BIBLE STUDY ON LINE VIDEOS

We're bringing Camp to you with interactive Bible Study videos produced by and featuring our 2020 Summer Staff. Day 1 = Blessed as We Go. Day 2 = Led as We Go. Day 3 = Walking Together as We Go. Day 4 = Challenged as We Go. Day 5 = Rejoicing as We Go. Day 6 = Sent: Onward We Go! www.CampBethelVirginia.org/CampAtHome

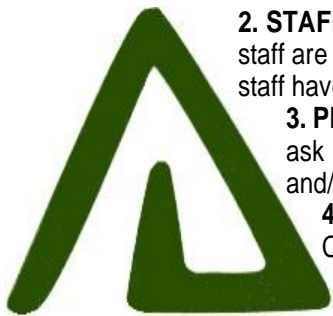
COVID-19 CANCELLATIONS CREATE FUNDING VOID

Nearly everything we do at Camp Bethel involves being TOGETHER with others: summer camps, retreats, festivals, meals, and family weekends. The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged all aspects of our mission and our day-to-day operations. Like all other overnight camps in Virginia, we cancelled summer camps *for the first time in our 94-year history*. All summer Guest Camps and Band Camps cancelled, and we lost all group rentals from March 14 through June 30. We re-opened on July 1 for rentals and campsites, but many groups are cancelling their fall and winter retreats. **We now face a significant financial challenge for the remainder of 2020**, even as we work to pivot our programming, adapt our food services, and safely open for facility rentals. *Now, more than ever, we need your help, your gifts, and your advocacy to help Camp Bethel remain viable through 2020.* Please give and encourage others to give at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/donate. Thank you!



SIX WAYS TO HELP CAMP BETHEL:

- 1. FAMILY VACATION... AT CAMP BETHEL!** Visit CampBethelVirginia.org/groups for discounted facility prices!
- 2. STAFF ALUMNI CHALLENGE!** Tina Lowe Brockman initiated the "Staff Alumni Challenge" via Facebook in which staff are donating the amount of your last summer, (ex: Summer 2003 would be \$20.03, or \$200.30, or \$2,003.00). 42 staff have given \$4,714.81 thus far! www.CampBethelVirginia.org/donate
- 3. PLEASE DONATE 2020 BUDGETED "GOOD-AS-GOLD" FUNDS OR ANNUAL CONFERENCE FUNDS.** We ask and encourage your Congregation to consider giving your 2020 budgeted "Good-As-Gold" to Camp Bethel and/or your AC funds to the Virginia District to help us BOTH bridge this difficult year.
- 4. CAMP BETHEL 93RD BIRTHDAY CHALLENGE.** Ever-supportive and uber-creative Linda and Buddy Crumpacker encourage others to match their \$93.00 gift in honor of Camp Bethel's July 4, 2020, 93rd "birthday."
- 5. SPONSOR** our 5K or our Golf Tournament.
- 6. DONATE!** Every gift helps! Thank you! www.CampBethelVirginia.org/donate



LABOR DAY FAMILY WEEKEND, SEPTEMBER 4-7

The weekend will be different (no pool, no pot-luck, music-at-a-distance), but we'll be together... *sort of!* Pack your facemasks and check www.CampBethelVirginia.org/LaborDay for updates, to RSVP meals by August 28, AND to confirm your attendance and reservation.

"CAMP BETHEL PEP! 5K" SEPTEMBER 5: SAFE and IN-PERSON

In-person safety adaptations include "wave-starts," room to physically distance, pre-wrapped food, and more at our annual 5K fundraiser for "the PEPPIEST gang around!" Plans, sponsors, and registration at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/5K.



BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT SEPTEMBER 23: SAFE and IN-PERSON

Golfers and sponsors needed on Wednesday, September 23 for our adapted 2020 Golf Tournament at Ashley Plantation Golf Course. Tee off is at 12:30pm. \$75 per person includes green fees, cart, and dinner. Updated plans and safety adaptations, plus registration and sponsor information is at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/golf.

HERITAGE DAY FESTIVAL, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

We will be watching closely to determine whether our 2020 Heritage Day Festival is in-person at Camp or if we will need alternate plans. Regardless, **please prepare for and participate in** this vitally important fundraiser for Camp Bethel. Updated plans, forms, fliers, and information is at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/Heritage-Day, or available by contacting CampBethelOffice@gmail.com or 540-992-2940.



**Seed, Scattered
& Sown**

"**Seed, Scattered and Sown: Reaching Beyond This Generation**" is the mission resourcing campaign of our Virginia District and Camp Bethel now through November 2020. As of July 14, 2020, 284 donors have given \$491,654 toward our Victory Goal of \$750,000, and our Challenge Goal of \$1,000,000. Camp's half of the campaign is to be used for previously designated projects (not in our budget), so reaching our goal means: the **RV Village** will provide long-overdue "real" campsites AND provide extra off-season income; **road improvement** will solve ingress/egress issues AND protect the spring area of campus; **two new cottages** will increase summer camp capacity AND provide year-round rental income; **Ark entrance enclosure** will provide extra space AND improve our camper/guest experience; **new trails** benefit everyone! *Learn more or DONATE at www.VirginaFuture.org.*

STORYTELLING FESTIVAL VIDEOS FOR YOU TO ENJOY

Running out of shows to binge-watch? Annoyed by the lack of live sports television? Are you *quaran-tired* of quarantine? Cure your entertainment blues with our five Sounds of the Mountains "At-Home" Storytelling Festival videos featuring storytellers Regi Carpenter, Tim Lowry, Andy Offutt Irwin, and Kim Weitkamp at www.SoundsoftheMountains.org/watch.

CAMP BETHEL WISH LIST: Road-worthy mini-van or 15-passenger van (2010 or newer); clothes dryer; kitchen refrigerator; chest coolers w/ handles; digital cameras; GoPro video camera; portable LCD projector; gas grill; laptop computer (Windows 10); LED light bulbs; new (in-the-box) first-aid kits; new (in-the-box) bike helmets & horse helmets; working vacuum cleaners; brooms & dustpans; 3'x8' plyboards for under bunk mattresses (any thickness or quality); "Tree Cookies;" picnic tables, disconnected smart phones (with their charging cables) for use as a cameras and video cameras. CampBethelOffice@gmail.com or www.CampBethelVirginia.org/donate. *Tax-deductible!*

WOW! THANK YOU! Big Thank You to Daleville Church of the Brethren for a significant gift to Camp Bethel in loving memory of Sandra Sue Bolton! Big Thank You to Troutville Church of the Brethren and the Troutville Lions Club for donating 24 new brooms for our cabins!

TREE COOKIES NEEDED: Please help supply THOUSANDS of Tree Cookies for our year-round programs. Ideal "cookie" is hard wood, cross-cut showing tree rings, 2.5"+ diameter and less-than 0.5" thick. 540-992-2940 or CampBethelOffice@gmail.com. **THANK YOU!**

PINEVIEW A-FRAME COTTAGE IS ALSO A RESPITE HOUSE: CadinsCure.org is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization focused on giving hope to children diagnosed with cancer. The dedicated families behind CadinsCure.org have teamed with Camp Bethel to update the Pineview A-Frame Cottage for use as an occasional respite retreat house for families with children diagnosed with cancer. CMC Supply, Lowe's, Whitt Carpet One, Shively Electric, and Roanoke College gave materials, time, and funding. Learn more at CadinsCure.org.

FALL VOLUNTEER WORKDAY IS NOVEMBER 7: 7:30am free breakfast; 1:00pm free lunch; We need your help with projects (rain or shine; indoor & outdoor) for all ages. RSVP meals by October 31 at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/workday.



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UPCOMING EVENTS AT CAMP BETHEL, www.CampBethelVirginia.org/events

July-August 2020: Camp Bethel OPEN for Facility Rentals & Campsites.
July-August 2020: Family Activities, Self-Guided Adventures, "Camp At Home" videos.
September 4-7, 2020: Labor Day Family Weekend.
September 5, 2020 (Sat): Camp Bethel PEP! 5K Run/Walk, *in-person*.
September 23, 2020 (Wed): 26th Benefit Golf Tournament, *in-person*.
October 3, 2020 (Sat): 36th annual Heritage Day Festival.
October 16-18, 2020: Camp Bethel at Roanoke GO Outside Festival.
November 2, 2020 (Mon): Crisis Management Workshop at Camp Bethel.
November 7, 2020 (Sat), 7:30am: Fall Volunteer Workday, RSVP free meals.
December 3, 2020 (Thu): Christmas TOGETHER Banquet.
January 2-3, 2021: Winter Camp Youth & Kids' Retreat.
January 5, 2021: Summer Camp Registration OPENS.
February 6, 2021 (Sat), 12:00noon: Camp Supporter Lunch, RSVP.

Together
with God
with each other
with creation