

Camp Bethel News, Aug-Sept 2021, Fincastle, VA



CAMP BETHEL IS OPEN FOR GROUPS, FAMILIES, and PROGRAMS

In accordance with Virginia's Phase 3 guidelines, facilities, food services, and conference rooms are available to reserve. Cyclists, hikers, walkers, and day-visitors are welcome on weekends; hiking and biking trail maps and Self-Guided Adventure packets are on our office porch. *Disc Golf coming soon!* Visit www.CampBethelVirginia.org/groups for information and prices.

20TH SOUNDS OF THE MOUNTAINS STORY VIDEOS still online through summer!

Over 30 stories to enhance your summer from Donald Davis, Dolores Hydock, Kevin Kling, Bil Lepp, Barbara McBride-Smith, and Donna Washington. Enjoy (and Donate to) our FREE and FUN online storytelling "festival" to raise funds for Camp Bethel. www.SoundsoftheMountains.org.



2021 SUMMER CAMPS WERE SAFE AND FUN! Resident camps, adventures, trips, and day camps were safe and fun in 2021 because of our "Small Group Unit" model and multiple safety measures and health protocols. Over 554 kids and teens truly benefitted from Summer Camp in 2021! Learn more at CampBethelVirginia.org/camps.

GIVE A CHILD A CAMPSHIP FOR SUMMER CAMP: We could not hold our in-person Sow the Seed Scholarship Banquet, so please give instead. We annually grant Camperships to an average of 108 children for an average total of \$27,165 (2010-2019). Please give \$380, which is the 2021 base cost for a child to attend one week of camp. Mail checks with memo "Camperships" or donate at CampBethelVirginia.org/donate

SUMMER 2022 COUNSELORS & KITCHEN STAFF: We seek hard-working and resilient young adults for our 2022 Summer Camp Staff. Counselors serve May 30 through July 23, pay is \$320/week, plus a \$325+ end-of-summer bonus, plus recruitment bonuses. Kitchen Staff serve May 30 through August 13, pay is \$350-or-\$420/week. Position descriptions, videos, and applications are at CampBethelVirginia.org/summer-staff.



2021 SUMMER STAFF ADOPTION PROGRAM WAS A BIG SUCCESS: Families, groups, congregations, and individuals adopted our 36 Summer Staff with a commitment of prayer, letters/care, and a \$100 "end-of-summer" bonus, (matching funds increased this to \$325!) This program helps Camp Bethel recruit and secure the highest quality Counselors for our Campers, and it helps these excellent young adults to accept the call to summer ministry. Info at CampBethelVirginia.org/adopt. Gifts of any size are divided equally and given to our staff at summer's end.

CAMP BETHEL PEP! 5K, SEPTEMBER 4: Good for health, good for fellowship, and good for Camp Bethel! Walk or run to join the fun. Safety adaptations (if needed) at our annual 5K for "the PEPPIEST gang around!" CampBethelVirginia.org/5K.



BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT, SEPTEMBER 22: Golfers and sponsors needed on Wednesday, Sept 22 for our adapted 2021 Golf Tournament at Ashley Golf Course. Tee off is at 12:30pm. \$75 per person includes green fees, cart, and boxed lunch. Updated plans and safety adaptations, plus registration and sponsor information is at CampBethelVirginia.org/golf.

HERITAGE DAY FESTIVAL, IN PERSON AND ON SITE! SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2: Please encourage everyone in your church to participate in this vitally important fundraiser for Camp Bethel. Heritage Day forms, fliers and information are available at CampBethelVirginia.org/Heritage-Day, or from your Pastor or Camp Rep.



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 continues to challenge all camp operations, and 2021 revenue is down from "normal" years. *We are inspired and blessed* by generous gifts and sponsorships from hundreds of individuals, families, and groups that helped us "survive" 2020 and 2021 thus far. **Until things are truly back to "normal," we will continue to rely on donations.** Please give at CampBethelVirginia.org/donate. Thank you!



FOUR WAYS TO HELP CAMP BETHEL:

1. FALL/WINTER FAMILY VACATION... AT CAMP! Info at CampBethelVirginia.org/groups.
2. SPONSOR our Disc Golf Course holes, our 5K, or our Golf Tournament.
3. Purchase an item off our Amazon Wish List: <https://a.co/5qG5JYq>
4. DONATE! Every gift and every item helps! Thank you! CampBethelVirginia.org/donate





REQUESTING PROPOSALS FOR RV VILLAGE CONSTRUCTION!

We have approval from Botetourt County, and we have initial funding provided by your gifts to the “Seed, Scattered and Sown” campaign, so now it is time to build! Updated site layout and images for Camp Bethel’s long-planned 15-site “RV Village” area are at VirlinaFuture.org. Plans include water, electric, sewer, picnic table, campfire ring, and parking for 2-3 cars. Contact Barry for info, Barry@CampBethelVirginia.org

CAMP BETHEL WISH LIST: Clorox wipes; folding camp chairs; road-worthy mini-van or 15-passenger van (2015 or newer); road-worthy pickup truck (2010 or newer); clothes dryer; refrigerator (full or mini); 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 or shop-vacs; brooms & dustpans; 3’x8’ plyboards for under bunk mattresses (any thickness or quality); “Tree Cookies”. Please help our Amazon wish-list at: <https://a.co/5qG5JYq> or CampBethelVirginia.org/donate. *Tax-deductible!*

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, 3”+ diameter and less-than 0.5” thick. 540-992-2940 or CampBethelOffice@gmail.com. **THANK YOU!**

COMING SOON: DISC GOLF AT CAMP BETHEL! Thanks to generous gifts from Stottsberg Engineering (StottsbergEng.com) and with help from the Roanoke Disc Golf Club, we will soon open the “front nine” of our new Camp Bethel Disc Golf Course along the fields and forests of our southern acreage. Hole Sponsorship opportunities coming soon! CampBethelVirginia.org/DiscGolf



FALL VOLUNTEER WORKDAY IS NOVEMBER 6: 7:30am free breakfast; 1:00pm free lunch; RSVP meals by October 31 to 540-992-2940 or CampBethelOffice@gmail.com. We need your help preparing camp for the winter conference season. Workday projects (rain or shine; indoor & outdoor) for all skill levels and all ages at CampBethelVirginia.org/workday.

CHRISTMAS TOGETHER BANQUET, THURS, DECEMBER 9: Camp Bethel's Christmas TOGETHER Banquet on Thursday, December 9, 6:30pm includes an excellent dinner and fun Christmas program in our festive, decorated Ark Dining Hall. Your \$50 gift (larger gifts accepted) provides needed year-end funding. RSVP your family or group by Dec 2: 540-992-2940 or CampBethelOffice@gmail.com.

WINTER CAMP YOUTH & KIDS’ RETREAT, JANUARY 8-9: Winter Camp is a fun Retreat for kids grades 1-5 and youth grades 6-12 led by our reunited Summer Staff. \$70 includes 4 meals, lodging, and program including group games, Glow-in-the-Dark Gym Party, campfire & S’mores, Bible study, crafts, hiking, nature fun, skits, sledding and other snow fun (if it snows), worship, wagon ride, summer photos slide show, 2022 camp preview... and Camp Bethel stickers! Register at CampBethelVirginia.org/winter-camp.

BE REPRESENTED AT THE CAMP SUPPORTER LUNCHEON, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12: 12:00-2:30, all Camp Representatives, pastors, youth leaders, friends and supporters of Camp Bethel are encouraged to attend our Camp Supporter Luncheon. Please ensure that at least ONE person from your congregation attends. After a free lunch in the Ark, we’ll share and distribute all the tools and information you need to communicate Camp Bethel to your home congregations. CampBethelVirginia.org/rep

MOUNTAIN BIKING TRAILS OPEN AT CAMP: Volunteers headed by Rob Odenwelder (Troutville CoB) have built mountain biking trails and bridges winding through our “Adventure Forest.” Call or email ahead, and bring your bike and helmet for fun in our beautiful property. Contact Barry at CampBethelOffice@gmail.com or 540-992-2940.

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

- September 3-6, 2021: Labor Day Family Weekend, RSVP meals.
- September 4, 2021 (Sat): Camp Bethel PEP! 5K.
- September 22, 2021 (Wed): 27th Benefit Golf Tournament.
- October 2, 2021 (Sat): 37th annual Heritage Day Festival.
- October 15-17, 2021: Camp Bethel at Roanoke GO Outside Festival.
- November 6, 2021: Fall Volunteer Workday, RSVP free meals.
- December 9, 2021 (Thu): Christmas TOGETHER Banquet.
- January 8-9, 2022: Winter Camp Youth & Kids’ Retreat.
- January 10, 2022: Summer Camp Registration OPENS.
- February 12, 2022 (Sat), 12:00noon: Camp Supporter Lunch, RSVP.
- March 10, 2022 (Thurs), 6:30pm: Sow the Seed Banquet, RSVP.
- April 8-9, 2022: Sounds of the Mountains Storytelling Festival at Camp Bethel.

Together
with God
with each other
with creation

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