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## 2019 3-Day Resident Camp Confirmation Packet

**Dear Camper and Parent,**

Thank you for signing up for Resident Camp at Camp Bethel! Your spot is confirmed!

Arrive at Camp Bethel at or before **4:00pm on the first day of camp**. Check-in begins promptly at 4:00pm in the Deer Field Gym with important announcements you need to hear. Park in the Ark parking lot or in the Deer Field grass lot. Parents must accompany their camper through check-in and meeting their group's counselors. See the enclosed "Check-in Procedures" for detailed instructions. The Trading Post (camp store) will be set up inside the Gym from 3:15 through check-in. Dinner will be served to campers at 5:30pm after check-in.

Pick up time and camper dismissal is **6:30pm on the last day of camp**. Families who reserve closing dinner with their campers may arrive at the Ark Dining Hall at 5:20pm on the last day of camp. You must reserve your dinner(s) in advance at check-in on the first day. Your camp fee includes your camper's dinner on the last day of camp, but not parents or extra family, *so please give a generous donation at the closing dinner to cover the cost of your added meal(s)*. Our Closing Celebration is an important and meaningful ceremony for your camper and their group, so **we will not dismiss campers until 6:30pm**. The Trading Post store beside the Ark Parking lot will be open 6:30-7:15pm.

This packet includes "**Preparations for Your Time at Camp**" with a specific list of items to pack, rules and information about your camp week, forms, and detailed check-in procedures. Write your name on every item you bring to camp. Note that we require modest swimwear. Please consider donating toward our Summer Offering, (see #6 on page 4 for details). Carefully read all the enclosed information.

Along with this packet, we sent you a document with your camper's name and program in the title. That document is your "**Final Payment and Forms Due for Camp Bethel**" which lists your balance due (if any) and any forms and waivers due. **Return forms and payments to Camp Bethel 1 month or as early as possible before your first day of camp, including:** (1) Your completed "Camper Health & Information Form." (2) Waivers if you paid for any "Add On" activity. (3) Your fee balance is due 1 month or more prior to your camp date or you will forfeit your reserved spot.

Campers LOVE receiving letters from you! Send postal mail to campers (c/o Camp Bethel) at the camp mailing address above and several days early to ensure contact; or you can leave a pack of letters addressed to your camper with Jenna for daily delivery. You can also send daily e-mailed "Bunk Notes" with Bunk1 paid-service, (see #10 on page 6). In case of extreme emergency during the camp week, contact Jenna Stacy, Program Coordinator, or Barry LeNoir, Camp Director, at 540-992-2940, (after-hours you will be prompted to our on-call staff number).

Camp keeps getting better and better, and we have an exciting, active, on-the-go camp week planned. Between now and camp, stay informed with announcements, news and "*all things Camp Bethel*" by subscribing to our E-News at **www.CampBethelVirginia.org/subscribe**. If you have questions contact Jenna or Barry at 540-992-2940 or CampBethelOffice@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you at camp!

Together, in Christ our hope,

*Barry, Jenna, Mickey, Wes  
and the Summer Staff of Camp Bethel*

*This is a general information packet for all 3-Day Resident Camps (either Sunday-Tuesday or Wednesday-Friday), including:  
Elementary 3-Day Sampler Camp 1, 4, 6  
Tenderfoot Mini-Camp 1A, 1B, 4A, 4B, 6A, 6B*

# 11 PREPARATIONS FOR YOUR TIME AT CAMP:

1. What to pack: Gear list.
2. Camp rules and policies.
3. Preparing for camp living.
4. Preventing homesickness.
5. Trading Post & Photo Flash Drives.
6. Summer Offering.
7. Driving directions to camp.
8. First Day check-in procedures.
9. Last Day pick-up procedures.
10. Communicating with your camper during the camp week.
11. Health Form & Medication Instructions & waivers (if any).

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## #1: What to pack: Resident Camper's Gear List:

**Write your name on ALL items!** Pack lightly enough that you can easily carry all gear by yourself. Remember, you will be sleeping in your cabin all week, and your space is limited. Cabins have window-unit air-conditioners if needed. Keep your packing simple and minimal. If you are coming with a friend, plan to SHARE gear and supplies (toothpaste, shampoo, sunscreen, etc.); anything to reduce your gear load! *If you paid for an "Add-On Activity" then you will see "additional things to pack" listed with your waiver information.*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Light-weight, small, carry-able sleeping bag <b>or</b> blanket/sheet for cabin bunk &amp; camp-out.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Small pillow for cabin bunk or camp-out use.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Bath towel(s) &amp; washcloth.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pool/beach towel.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Girls: 1-piece or "athletic" swim suit. <i>No string bikinis.</i></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Boys: Swim trunks/shorts. <i>No speedos.</i></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Hygiene items: toothbrush/paste; soap; etc.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Clothing (for 6 days): at least 1 pair of long pants; at least 1 long sleeved shirt; shorts; tee shirts; underwear; lots of socks; light jacket; sleepwear; <i>Hot days, cool nights.</i></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Everyday <b>dry</b> shoes (closed-toe active shoes for running, hiking, games, climbing wall).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Strap-on sandals (w/ heel-strap) or water shoes to get wet for creek play, rain hikes, pool; <u><i>NO flip-flops or Crocs.</i></u></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Large plastic bag for dirty clothes &amp; wet shoes.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Empty daypack or backpack for daily use, carrying water bottle daily, sack lunch on a hike, or for carrying gear around campus, to the bathhouse, or to your camp out.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Rain jacket or poncho with hood; no stopping for rain!</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Hat with brim to block sun or bandana.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 box of standard Band-Aids to give your counselor.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Small flashlight &amp; extra batteries.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen (waterproof and at least 30 SPF).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Small or old Bible, small notepad, pen or pencil; (<i>Need a Bible? Tell your counselor; we have extras.</i>)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle: quart-sized, non-glass, screw-top (<i>Available in our Trading Post.</i>)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Summer offering to be placed in the Offering Box at check-in (checks to "Camp Bethel Summer Offering")</li> </ul> |
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**Optional to bring:**  watch  swim mask/ear plugs  bug repellent  camera/GoPro  hammock, straps & rainfly

*Camp Bethel provides all necessary program, camping, first aid & safety gear, and all cabins have A.C. units and fans.*

**Please consider donating** new and gently-used supplies. We're always in need of items listed above and:

- camping chairs ("soccer Mom" chairs)    - disconnected smart phones (w/ chargers) to use as camp cameras and video cameras
- window unit air conditioners    - digital camera or GoPro    - new (in-the-box) bike helmets and/or horse helmets    - canoes & paddles
- chest coolers w/ handles    - kayaks & paddles    - new lifejackets    - brooms/dustpans    - new tents/tarps    - music instruments
- backpacking supplies    - S'mores supplies    - Band-Aids & new 1<sup>st</sup> aid kits & 1<sup>st</sup> aid supplies    - craft supplies & tools    - box/window fans

**WISH LIST:** Chest freezer; refrigerator; clothes washer & dryer; Mini-van; chest coolers w/ handles; LCD projector; gas grill; laptop computer (Windows 10); LED light bulbs; "Tree Cookies"; picnic tables. Gifts are tax-deductible! [www.CampBethelVirginia.org/donate](http://www.CampBethelVirginia.org/donate)

### Things **NOT** to bring:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> alcohol, tobacco or nicotine products, drugs, smoking/vaping paraphernalia</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> weapons, knife, fireworks, matches, lighter</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> money, jewelry, valuables of any kind</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food, drinks, candy, snacks, gum</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> clothing with inappropriate language/images or is too revealing including girls' bikinis or boys' speedos.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> cell phone/smart phone (see "A Matter of Trust" below), tablet, electronics, video games, pets, toys</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> cologne, perfume, scented products, hairspray, because these attract biting insects AND many persons have allergies to scented products</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> flip-flops, Crocs, skateboard, hair dryer, curling iron</li> </ul> |
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## #2: Camp rules and policies:

### Camp Rules to teach your camper:

1. Wear shoes always (except bed, shower, pool).
2. Do not throw or kick anything.
3. Walk on paths, pavement or gravel.
4. No rough play.
5. Stay with your Unit.
6. Obey your counselors.

### Good Behavior Requirement:

By requesting enrollment into Camp Bethel programs, you and your camper agree to our Behavior Policy and understand that good behavior is required. Your camper will be with other children/youth and their counselors all day each day. We stay together with our group during our entire time at camp. Bad behavior does not fit and cannot be tolerated. Behavior deemed dangerous, inappropriate, intolerable, detrimental to the group, or unmanageable by the counselors or directors is grounds for dismissal from camp. Examples include: not following the camp rules; hurting others (verbally, physically, or emotionally); possession of prohibited or harmful item; constant misbehavior; unsafe behavior; straying from your group; etc. The Director

will call parents/guardians as needed. Should it become necessary for your child to return home because of unmanageable behavior, homesickness or other reason, you agree to accept the Director's decision and arrange for transportation.

### **No Camper Cell Phones or Gadgets: A matter of TRUST:**

Aside from the fact that phones and gadgets are expensive, can get lost, and the physical camp environment is rough for such items, the main reason we don't allow campers to have phones/gadgets is TRUST. We TRUST that campers who come to camp WANT to be here, and choose to temporarily disconnect from their constant phone/internet communications in order to be FULLY present with us at camp. When children/youth come to camp they (and you) are making a leap of faith, temporarily transferring their primary TRUST from their parents to their counselors. This is a growth-producing, yet challenging aspect of camp. As children/youth learn to TRUST other caring adults, they grow and learn, little by little, to solve some of their own challenges. *This emerging independence is one of the greatest benefits of camp!* Let your child/youth know that they can always reach out to their counselor and camp leaders. The Camp Director WILL contact you if your child/youth is experiencing a challenge while at camp, and the Camp Director WILL contact families in case of any emergency. Counselors do carry charged phones in their backpacks as tools for emergency use if needed. We encourage bringing an inexpensive digital camera to camp, but you may NOT bring a "connected/serviced" phone to use as your camera. Thanks, and also read #5 about photo Flash Drives and #10 "Communicating With Your Camper..."

### **Camper Medications:**

If you send medication for your camper to take during her/his time at camp, YOU MUST RECORD precise instructions on the enclosed "**Camp Bethel Medication Instructions**" form. All medications must be checked in to our Health Coordinator at check-in. All medications are stored and dispensed by the Health Coordinator unless special arrangements are made through the Health Coordinator and Camp Director. Only send enough medication for the camper's time at camp. **Medication MUST be in the original, labeled packaging and container naming prescribing physician, camper name, medication name, dosage, and frequency instructions.** Place all this into a gallon zip-lock bag with camper's name on it to speed the registration process.

### **Cancellations, Late Arrivals, Early Departure:**

Please notify the camp office 540-992-2940 or [CampBethelOffice@gmail.com](mailto:CampBethelOffice@gmail.com) in advance if your camper will not attend this session. Campers are expected to attend this camp in its entirety. Late arrival and early departure is discouraged, but allowed in case of illness, family emergency or conditions beyond control. (1) Your \$50 deposit is non-refundable unless Camp Bethel cancels the camp program. (2) A \$20 processing fee must be added if you choose to switch or reschedule your camp date. (3) If complete payment of the camp fee (or scholarship approval or Good-As-Gold form) is not received 14 days prior to your camp date you will forfeit your reserved spot. (4) There are no refunds for cancellation of reserved spot in camp within 14 days prior to your camp date. (5) There are no refunds for partial camp attendance or early departure for any reason unless Camp Bethel cancels the camp program.

### **Caring for Campers:**

We take the safety and care of your children (our campers) very seriously. Allowing us to care for your child is perhaps the greatest act of trust a parent can engage in. That makes Camp Bethel not just a fun place, but also *a sacred one*. We do everything we can to honor your trust, including our voluntary adherence to over 300 standards of health, safety and programming. We know we cannot do this without our excellent counselors who, by joining our summer staff community, are trained and committed to providing a safe and fun week of learning and growth. If a camper is sad or if there is an issue, illness, injury, or emergency the Director WILL contact parents.

### **Emergency Preparedness and Parent Notification During the Camp Week:**

Using smart phones, our directors and staff receive instant updates on summer storms or emergencies, and your counselors are trained for camper safety during storms and emergencies. In the case of any emergency in which we request parent action, our office will contact you via e-mail and phone. Add [CampBethelOffice@gmail.com](mailto:CampBethelOffice@gmail.com) to your contacts so our emails come to your IN box. Otherwise, *NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS*, and the camp community is safe. In case of family emergency that must be communicated to your camper, contact Jenna Stacy or Barry LeNoir at 540-992-2940 or e-mail [CampBethelOffice@gmail.com](mailto:CampBethelOffice@gmail.com). For after-hours emergency call 540-992-2940, and our answering machine will prompt you to our on-call staff number.

### **Visitation is NOT allowed during camp week:**

DO NOT arrive at camp unexpectedly! Our site is closed to visitors/guests during camper weeks. While supervising campers, all staff are trained to stop and question anyone they don't recognize on site. If you need to visit camp prior to the official pick-up time (see "Pick-Up Procedures"), you must call ahead AND check in at the camp office when you arrive.

### **#3: Preparing for camp living away from home:**

Each counselor is trained to help guide your group safely and successfully through each camp day. Also, good parent preparation can give campers the knowledge they need to fully succeed during their camp week.

#### **Physical expectations of living in a cabin:**

1. No bathtubs here, only individual showers. Before camp, teach your younger camper how to take a shower.
2. We have several bathrooms around main camp. Remember, you can ask your counselor to use the bathroom ANY TIME. Hikes on camp property often venture away from bathrooms, so remember to "go" before you go; counselors will also remind you.
3. Living in a cabin with 11 other persons (same gender) may challenge our need for individual privacy, especially when changing clothes. Think of ways you can prepare and adapt to rooming with others.

- We walk everywhere, and we're on-the-go most of each day. Comfortable (dry) shoes & socks are very important. Take good care of your feet, and prepare for a highly active week.
- On hot summer days it's important to drink lots of water and apply sunscreen. Pack your water bottle: quart-sized, non-glass, screw-top (available in our Trading Post), and remember to hydrate often and apply sunscreen 20 minutes before outdoor activity. Cabins have window-unit air-conditioners if needed on the hottest days/nights.

### Social/Behavioral/Spiritual expectations:

- Group living: We'll experience all our daily activities **together** as a Unit, including completion of our daily group duty and eating meals together.
- Make new friends: Even if coming with a cabin-mate, you are expected to be friendly, courteous and helpful to others in the group. Units are co-ed, unless we need to create an all-male OR an all-female group because one sex of campers registers more than the other. You should expect to share your group with youth of different backgrounds, gifts and abilities. We believe Jesus' message of life, hope, love and unconditional acceptance, and at camp, "Love your neighbor" is part of daily living.
- Learning and following the Camp Rules (on page 2) is essential to a safe and fun week. Most of each day is active and boisterous. Also there are times and events during the day when we're expected to listen and participate calmly & quietly, (Bible study/worship, meals/announcements, bed/quiet hours).
- Try new things: Camp is a great place to taste different foods, sing different songs, try and practice new skills, play new games, and grow in our relationships with God, with each other, and with Creation.

### A Sample Resident Camper Day: (Also see your individual activity descriptions in the Summer Camps Brochure.)

7:30am	Unit 1 sets tables	12:15pm	Unit 2 sets tables & hosts meal	7:00	Unit activities: Games, etc.
7:45	Morning Watch at the Spring	12:30	Lunch/songs/announcements	8:00	All-camp special activity
8:00	Breakfast in the Ark; Unit 1 hosts	1:30-5:30	Unit activities: swimming, hiking, games, High-ropes, crafts, showers!	9:00	Campfire vespers: worship/songs
8:30	Singing/announcements	5:15	Unit 3 sets tables & hosts meal	10:00	Lights out for Elementary camps
9:00	Cabin clean-up & daily duties	5:30	Dinner/songs/announcements	11:00	Lights out for Middle/High camps
9:30-12:30	Unit activities, Bible Study, etc.				

## #4: Preventing homesickness:

Good parent preparation is essential to give campers the confidence needed to fully enjoy a camp experience:

- Set realistic camp expectations based on our information and the activities listed in the brochure. Reinforce positive camp aspects; encourage new learning.
- In the months before camp, practice overnight sleep-overs with friends and relatives.
- With your child, come and visit Camp Bethel. Call us to arrange a self-guided pre-tour.
- Don't force a child to camp who has no desire to go. Only send a willing & ready child to back-to-back camps.
- Don't tell campers how much you will miss them. Instead encourage new friends and new experiences.
- Don't tell campers they can call home. Instead, encourage your camper to talk to their counselor if they are sad. If a camper is sad or if there is an issue, injury, illness or emergency the Director WILL contact parents.

### **Camp Bethel will never force a camper to stay at camp who does not want to stay.**

Our counselors are thoroughly trained in methods to prevent homesickness, and our program style keeps campers active and engaged in camp activities and interpersonal relationships. If, however, your child becomes homesick:

- All staff will do everything possible to address the cause and to encourage the camper.
- If symptoms persist, the Director will call home to discuss options before you speak with your child.
- If all determine the best option is to pick up your child, we will have the camper ready. There are no refunds for campers who leave early, because staff, food and gear are already secured.

## #5: Trading Post (camp store) open Sunday 3:15-4:30pm & Friday 6:30-7:15pm:

Parents can shop with campers from 3:15-4:30pm in the Gym prior to check-in and 6:30-7:15pm in the Trading Post on Friday after dismissal. Camp Bethel t-shirts cost \$10, \$12, \$15; hats \$10-\$15; bottles \$15; photo Flash Drive \$22; blankets \$30; carabineers \$2, and other items range from \$2 to \$40. Earnings directly support the programs of Camp Bethel.

Each summer our counselors and coordinators photograph the fun of each camp week, and we compile each week's images into an excellent keepsake. We encourage campers to bring an inexpensive digital camera and to add their shared photos to our weekly batch (shared at lunch on last day of camp). We compile ALL photos from all groups/programs during this week onto one 16GB USB Flash Drive. Flash Drives have 1000+ photos of your week at camp and cost only \$22 each. Use the USB Flash Drive in your computer or device to view, print and share your favorites.



Photo Flash Drives are an important fundraiser for Camp Bethel, and they provide you with an extraordinary record by which to remember your time at camp. Proceeds from sales help offset summer program costs for supplies, energy and staffing, so PLEASE support your camp in this way. After ordering, we will mail your USB Flash Drive to you within 2 weeks of your camp week. Order at the Trading Post, on line at [www.CampBethelVirginia.org/photos](http://www.CampBethelVirginia.org/photos), OR after camp by sending us a \$22 check.

## #6: Summer Offering 2019:



### Seed, Scattered & Sown

**"SEED, SCATTERED and SOWN: Reaching Beyond This Generation"** is the mission resourcing campaign for Camp Bethel and our Virlina District now through 2020 to fund specific improvements at Camp Bethel and several mission projects of the Virlina District. Camp Bethel projects include our RV Family Village, road improvements, two new cottages, Ark Dining Hall improvements, and developing new trails. Virlina District mission projects include renewed children, youth and young adult programs, grants to smaller congregations for building improvements, efforts to call set-apart leadership for the ministry, and assisting multi-cultural and ethnic new church development. More information, images, and video is at [www.VirlinaFuture.org](http://www.VirlinaFuture.org).

We encourage your family to donate toward our summer offering, "Seed, Scattered and Sown: Reaching Beyond This Generation." 100% of your gift goes directly to "Seed Scattered and Sown." Place your gift into the OFFERING BOX at check-in in the Gym, (checks payable to "Camp Bethel Summer Offering").

*Note: Your gifts in 2017 totaled \$1,731 for "Seed, Scattered and Sown: Reaching Beyond This Generation," and your gifts in 2018 totaled \$1,849 for summer camp supplies. Thank you!*

## #7: Driving directions to Camp Bethel:

1. **I-81** to Exit 156: At end of exit ramp turn towards Brughs Mill Store onto Route 640, Brughs Mill Road, and go 0.2 mile to stop sign at Route 11. Green "Camp Bethel" signs point you in from here.
2. Turn left (North) onto Route 11; go approximately 2 miles.
3. Mill Creek Church on left; just across from the church turn right onto Route 606, Blue Ridge Turnpike.
4. Go 1.6 miles on Blue Ridge Turnpike to stop sign at T-intersection.
5. Turn right onto Nace Road (640) and go less than 1/10<sup>th</sup> mile to left onto bridge at Bethel Road (606).
6. Drive under rail-road trestle. Entrance to Camp Bethel is 0.3 mile straight ahead along Bethel Road on the right. Follow signs and park in Ark lot or Deer Field lot.

## #8: First Day of Camp Check-In Procedures: *(Either Sunday or Wednesday for 3-day Camps & Mini Camps)*

1. Check-in begins promptly for everyone at **4:00pm on your first camp day** at the Deer Field Gym with important announcements and introductions for all families. Plan to arrive at or before 4:00! Registration does not begin until 4:00; cabin entry is not allowed without your counselors. The Trading Post (camp store) will be set up inside the Gym from 3:15 through check-in. Park in the paved Ark parking lot or in the grass Deer Field lot beside the Gym. Follow directional signs; 5mph; drive carefully.
2. **Don't unload your luggage yet.** We'll give you your cabin assignment during check-in in the Gym. After you check-in, parents will help campers move luggage into their cabin. PLEASE pack lightly enough so that the camper can easily identify all her/his gear, and please write your camper's name on all their possessions.
3. Proceed to the check-in tables in the Deer Field Gym (there may be a line). Check in with the registrar, and turn in offering donations to the OFFERING BOX near the registration table.
4. At the **FIRST** check-in table you will receive your **CAMPER PICK-UP CARD**. This card has (1) your Unit number, (2) your counselors' names, (3) your cabin/lodge, (4) Bunk Notes instructions, (5) Friday pick-up procedures, and (6) where to meet your counselors and your group. Parents: Keep your **CAMPER PICK-UP CARD** and bring it with you Friday evening, OR pass it on to the person you have designated to bring your campers home.
5. At the **SECOND** check-in table, you will (1) reserve your places in dinner for our Closing Celebration on the last day of camp, (bring a donation on the last day to offset the cost of your meals), (2) update or add any names of adults who are authorized to drive the camper home from camp, and (3) answer a few quick Health Screening questions (fever? achy? sore throat? cold/flu symptoms?).
6. Give any medication and any Health Form updates to our Health Coordinator. Place your medication in a gallon zip-lock bag with camper's name on it to speed along the registration process. See #2 "...policies: Camper Medications"
7. We request that families **WALK** to move their camper into the cabin. This is to avoid mixing pedestrians with vehicles on our walkways. Please do not drive to the cabin unless you are physically unable to carry the luggage. PLEASE pack lightly enough so that the camper can carry everything alone.
8. Parents and Campers will then move campers into your cabin and meet your counselors. Parents: Take time to make up your camper's bunk, meet the counselors and cabin-mates. After you are comfortable, say your good-byes as your campers begin three great days at camp.
9. Parents: Drive slowly as you leave, watch for pedestrians, and follow exit signs out of camp.
10. These procedures were established to ensure camper safety and supervision, to reduce vehicle traffic through camp, and to ensure the security of staff and campers' belongings. Thanks for understanding!

## #9: Last Day of Camp Camper Pick-Up Procedures: *(Tuesday or Friday for 3-day Camps & Mini Camps)*

1. Families who reserved their place in our closing dinner with their campers may come to the Ark Dining Hall at 5:20pm on the last day of camp. You must reserve your 5:20pm dinner spots in advance at check-in on the first day of camp. Please bring a donation of \$10/person to cover your meal cost.
2. Dismissal/Pick-up is at **6:30pm on the last day of camp**. Bring your **CAMPER PICK-UP CARD**. Meet at the Ark (pond side).
3. Park in either the Ark parking lot or in the grass Deer Field lot beside the Deer Field Gym. Follow directional signs. Camp speed limit is 5 mph; drive cautiously and carefully.
4. If you're not eating dinner, you can arrive at 6:00pm to the Dining Hall and join in our Closing Celebration until 6:30pm

5. **Our Closing Celebration is an important and meaningful ceremony for your camper and their group, so we will not dismiss campers until 6:30pm.** Campers are dismissed at 6:30pm to their parents' care.
6. To "claim" your child at 6:30pm, present your CAMPER PICK-UP CARD to your child's counselor. In the absence of your CAMPER PICK-UP CARD, only adults listed as authorized may pick-up the camper AND only with a valid driver's license.
7. After dismissal, campers, parents and counselors will find their luggage in their cabins. We request that families WALK to move their camper out of their cabin to avoid mixing pedestrians with vehicles on our walkways. Please do not drive to the cabin unless you are physically unable to carry the luggage.
8. If you arrive after 6:30, your camper will be in the cabin with their counselors. Present your CAMPER PICK-UP CARD to your child's counselor to "claim" your child. In the absence of your CAMPER PICK-UP CARD, only adults listed as authorized may pick-up the camper AND only with a valid driver's license.
9. If your camper has medication, pick up meds or containers IMMEDIATELY after 6:30pm dismissal from the Health Coordinator.
10. The Trading Post will be open from 6:30-7:15pm. Families may enjoy Camp Bethel until sundown.
11. *At the Trading Post from 6:30-7:15, lock in this year's rate for next year's camp (and immediately get a **free tee shirt!**) by taking advantage of our "Closing Day Pre-Registration Form." It's a great new way to reserve your spot in your favorite camp program and your chosen camp dates. More information is at [www.CampBethelVirginia.org/parentinfo](http://www.CampBethelVirginia.org/parentinfo).*
12. Parents: Drive slowly as you leave, 5 mph; watch for pedestrians; follow exit signs out of camp.
13. We follow these procedures to ensure camper safety and supervision, to reduce vehicle traffic through camp, and to ensure the security of staff and campers' belongings. Thanks for your help and understanding!

## #10: Communicating with your camper during the camp week:

Since phones/tablets are NOT allowed by campers at camp, here's how to keep in touch:

1. Provide your camper with a pack of home-addressed, stamped envelopes and a notepad.
2. Write and send your camper hand-written letters or postcards. Mail these 1 or 2 days before their camp week begins so they reach your camper while s/he is here.
3. Send your camper daily one-way e-mail through Bunk1's paid e-mail service described below.



### TO GET STARTED TODAY with Bunk1's secure and easy PAID e-mail service:

Returning Parents:	New Parents:
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<b>SENDING BUNK NOTES</b> <b>Step 1:</b> Purchase your Bundle of Bunk Note Credits. 1 note = 1 credit. Minimum package is 6 credits for \$6.57. Please note that adding features to a note (photos, puzzles, borders, etc.) will utilize/cost additional credits. <b>Step 2:</b> Submit your note <b>before 8:30am</b> for same-day delivery at lunch. Select your camper's name and Cabin name (on your Parent "Camper Pick Up Card" at check-in), write message, then hit the "Send Bunk Note" button.	

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT BUNK NOTES:

**Who do I call if I have questions or problems?** Call Bunk1 at 1-212-974-9112 or [support@bunk1.com](mailto:support@bunk1.com). Do NOT call the camp.

**Why do I have to pay for Bunk Notes (one-way email)?** The Bunk Notes system bundles and sorts the messages for us to print and distribute to campers. It allows us to easily manage these notes. Your payment helps us cover the cost of paper, ink, and labor.

**Bunk1.com** website is mobile optimized. The three lines atop the screen is the Bunk1 menu. Click this to navigate to Bunk Notes.

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## #11: Camper Health & Info Form; Medication Instructions Form; and Waivers (if any):

Complete the Camper Health & Information Form (page 7-8) and the Medication Instructions form (page 8) with exact instructions for any medications. **OR** complete both forms on-line at: [www.CampBethelVirginia.org/health](http://www.CampBethelVirginia.org/health).

Complete & sign any adventure waivers (if applicable). Mail/submit ALL at least 14 days BEFORE camp to:  
**Camp Bethel Registrar, 328 Bethel Road, Fincastle, VA 24090**

## Camp Bethel 2019 Camper Health & Information Form v. 02.06.2019 Complete this online at [CampBethelVirginia.org/health](http://CampBethelVirginia.org/health)

A parent or legal guardian must complete and submit this form at least 14 days prior to your camp dates or as soon as possible. Keep a copy of this completed form for your records. The intent of this form is to provide information needed in case of emergency care. The directors keep information from this form confidential. Submit additional descriptions if needed via [CampBethelOffice@gmail.com](mailto:CampBethelOffice@gmail.com), attention Health Coordinator. Provide changes or updates to this information with the Health Coordinator at check-in on the first day of camp. Insurance is not required for camp attendance, and Camp Bethel provides only limited secondary accident insurance for participants. If you have insurance and you have plans to be away or unreachable during your child's camp time, you must e-mail a scan or image of the front & back of your family/child medical insurance card to [CampBethelOffice@gmail.com](mailto:CampBethelOffice@gmail.com). In any emergency, illness, or injury, we will immediately contact the parent/guardian. All answers on this form are **REQUIRED**.

Camper's FIRST name \_\_\_\_\_ Camper's LAST name \_\_\_\_\_

Camper's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Camper's Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Check the dates that most closely match WHEN your child will attend camp.

June 9-14 (Week 1)     June 23-28 (Week 3)     July 7-12 (Week 5)     July 21-26 (Week 7)  
 June 16-21 (Week 2)     June 30-July 5 (Week 4)     July 14-19 (Week 6)

First & Last Name of custodial Parent/Guardian who is the primary contact for this camper \_\_\_\_\_  
*This is the parent/guardian(s) with whom the camper has primary residence and who is our primary contact.*

City and State of residence \_\_\_\_\_

Main phone of custodial Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ include area code, (ex: 540-555-1234)

Other phone of custodial Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ include area code, (ex: 540-555-1234)

Emergency Contact Information: *If we need to give important information to parent/guardian.*

Who to call if parent/guardian is not available? \_\_\_\_\_ Relation to camper \_\_\_\_\_

Their main phone \_\_\_\_\_ include area code, (ex: 540-555-1234)

Their other phone \_\_\_\_\_ include area code, (ex: 540-555-1234)

Who will pick up your child? List the first and last names of all adults who are authorized to drive your camper home from camp.

**ALLERGIES & RESTRICTIONS:** List all known allergies and restrictions. Describe the severity of each including your child's reaction and the best management of the reaction. Describe the best accommodation, adaptations, or limitations of any restrictions. Attach additional paper if needed or send to [CampBethelOffice@gmail.com](mailto:CampBethelOffice@gmail.com). If none, leave blank or write NONE.

Food allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Medication allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Other or environmental allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary restrictions for this camper \_\_\_\_\_

Restrictions or exemptions to camp activities \_\_\_\_\_

Other restrictions or health concerns \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICAL HISTORY:** Describe any injury, illness, medical treatment, or surgery the camp should know in case of emergency.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Describe other physical, emotional, or behavioral concerns, or any conditions requiring medication, treatment, or special restrictions or considerations while at camp.

**PERMISSION TO ADMINISTER OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS:** In case of headaches, low grade fever, slight upset stomach, mild diarrhea, mild allergic reactions, aches and pains, or cold symptoms, the Camp Bethel Health Coordinator has my permission to administer the following to over-the-counter medications (or their generic) to my child: Benadryl, Cold/Cough Medicine, Ibuprofen, Imodium AD, Pepto Bismol, Sudafed, Tums Antacid, and Tylenol for Children.

YES to all.  Yes, but with these exceptions: \_\_\_\_\_  NO.

**MEDICATION NECESSARY DURING CAMP:** If camper will require medication during camp (prescribed, over-the-counter, as needed), you must indicate YES\* below AND complete the "Camp Bethel Medications Instructions" form on the next page.

This camper will NOT take medication during camp.

**YES\*** this camper requires medication, and I will complete the Medication Instructions form on the next page.

**IMMUNIZATION HISTORY -OR- WAIVER:** Families who voluntarily exempt their children from school-required immunizations OR who voluntarily exempt themselves from providing proof of immunization must sign the waiver (#3) below if you do not check YES in #1 or provide tetanus date in #2.

1. Are all immunizations required for school attendance up to date for this camper? If you choose not to answer, you must sign the waiver in #3 below.  YES, or  I choose to sign the waiver in #3 below.
2. Month and Year of last tetanus shot. If you choose not to answer, you must sign the waiver in #3 below. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ (MM/YYYY), or  I choose to sign the waiver in #3 below.
3. **Immunization Waiver:** If you did NOT check YES in #1 above or did NOT provide tetanus date in #2 above, please sign\* and date\*\* the following statement: ***"I understand and accept the potential risks to one who is not fully immunized."***

Parent/Guardian signature\* \_\_\_\_\_, Date signed\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

**GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CAMPER:** The following questions will help us ensure a quality camp experience for your camper. Get your camper's opinion, remembering that our program focus is relational small-group community living, and your camper will spend all day each day with her/his group. Attach additional pages of helpful information.

**Check all that apply:**  Returning Camp Bethel Camper. *How many summers total, not including 2019?* \_\_\_\_\_

1st time camper.

1st overnight away from home.

Have attended other camp before.

Can swim in deep water.

Non-swimmer.

*Check here only if choosing NOT to sleep out for Home-in-the-Woods overnight. Call us for information.*

Camper's personality when living, playing, & working with others: \_\_\_\_\_

Camper's interests, hobbies, likes: \_\_\_\_\_

As your camper thinks about camp, what excites her/him? \_\_\_\_\_

What concerns her/him? \_\_\_\_\_

What outcomes from this experience do you hope for your camper? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about Camp Bethel and/or get this form? \_\_\_\_\_

I/We chose Camp Bethel because... \_\_\_\_\_

Church membership, if any (not required for attendance) \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN VERIFICATION OF CAMPER HEALTH & INFORMATION FORM:**

The following box must be signed by parent/guardian for camper attendance:

***"I verify that the information on this Camper Health & Information Form is complete as far as I know. This form may be copied for camp records. I will provide updates (if any) to this information at check-in on the first day of camp."***

Parent/Guardian signature\* \_\_\_\_\_, Date signed\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_



**CAMP BETHEL MEDICATION INSTRUCTIONS** (Complete ONLY if your camper takes medication during camp.)

If you will be sending any medication for your camper to take during her/his time at camp, YOU MUST RECORD precise time and dosage instructions below and return this form to Camp Bethel. All camper medications must be checked in to our Health Coordinator during check-in on the first camp day. All medications are stored and dispensed by the Health Coordinator unless special arrangements are made through the Health Coordinator and Camp Director. Only send enough medication for the camper's time at camp. Medications MUST be in the original, labeled packaging and container naming prescribing physician, camper name, medication name, dosage, and frequency instructions.

Camper's FIRST name \_\_\_\_\_ Camper's LAST name \_\_\_\_\_

**LIST ALL MEDICATIONS TO BE ADMINISTERED** to this camper that you will be transferring to our Health Coordinator at check-in. List names of medications (including non-prescription) and the reasons for taking.

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**SCHEDULE OF DOSAGES:** In the chart below, list the name of each specific medication. Under each medication, list the dose to give beside each day and specific time we should administer it to your camper. See the "Example Column." The Health Coordinator will initial the box for each specific time the dosage has been dispensed. The times listed in the chart correspond to meals: 8:00am breakfast, 12:30pm lunch, 5:30pm dinner; and bedtime 9:30pm.

		Medication #1		Medication #2		Medication #3		Medication #4		"Example Column"	
		Dose to give each time	Health Coord initials	Dose to give each time	Health Coord initials	Dose to give each time	Health Coord initials	Dose to give each time	Health Coord initials	Dose to give each time	Health Coord initials
Sunday	5:30 pm										
	9:30 pm									1 tablet	
Monday	8:00 am									1 tablet	
	12:30 pm										
	5:30 pm										
	9:30 pm									1 tablet	
Tuesday	8:00 am									1 tablet	
	12:30 pm										
	5:30 pm										
	9:30 pm									1 tablet	
Wednesday	8:00 am									1 tablet	
	12:30 pm										
	5:30 pm										
	9:30 pm									1 tablet	
Thursday	8:00 am									1 tablet	
	12:30 pm										
	5:30 pm										
	9:30 pm									1 tablet	
Friday	8:00 am									1 tablet	
	12:30 pm										
	5:30 pm										

**MEDICATION AS NEEDED:** List meds you are checking into the Health Coordinator in case they are needed AND a description of the condition for which you feel they should be administered plus the dosage.

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