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## 2020 Week-Long Adventure Camp Confirmation Packet

Dear Camper and Parent,

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

Arrive at Camp Bethel at or before **4:00pm, Sunday**. Be in the Gym at 4:00! 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" (page 5) for detailed instructions about your luggage. 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 on Sunday.

Pick up time and camper dismissal is **6:30pm, Friday**. Families who reserve Friday dinner with their campers may arrive at the pond-side of the Ark Dining Hall at 5:20pm. You must reserve your dinner(s) in advance at Sunday's check-in. Your camp fee includes your camper's dinner on Friday, but not parents or extra family, *so please give a generous donation at Friday's dinner to cover the cost of your added meal(s)*. Our Closing Singing and Celebration from 6:00-6:30 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 on Friday 6:30-7:15pm after dismissal.

This packet includes "**Preparations for Your Time at Camp**" with your packing list, "the 7 Camp Rules," information about your camp week, behavioral expectations, health preparations, forms, and detailed check-in procedures. *Write your name on or label every item you bring to camp*. Please consider donating toward our Wish List (page 2) and our Summer Offering Project (page 5). 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 as early as possible before your camp begins and no later than 14 days before your camp begins, including:** (1) Your completed "Camper Health & Information and Medication Instructions Form." (2) Waivers if you paid for any "Add On" activity. (3) Your fee balance is due ASAP and at least 14 days prior to your camp date or you will forfeit your reserved spot.

Campers enjoy receiving mail! 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, our answering machine message will prompt you to our on-call emergency staff number.

*Summer Camp at Camp Bethel keeps getting better and better*, and we have an exciting, active, on-the-go week planned. Subscribe to our eNews at **CampBethelVirginia.org/subscribe** for announcements, news and "*all things Camp Bethel*." Please encourage your friends and classmates to register for summer camp at Camp Bethel in Fincastle, VA! 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, Spencer, Wes  
and the Summer Staff of Camp Bethel

*This is a general information packet for all week-long Adventure Camps that begin Sunday at 4:00 and end Friday at 6:30 including:*

*Elementary Adventure Explorers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6  
Middle School Adventures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6  
High School Adventures 2, 4, 5*

# 11 PREPARATIONS FOR YOUR TIME AT CAMP:

1. What to pack: Gear list.
2. Camp rules and policies.
3. Preparing for camp living.
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7. Driving directions to camp.
8. Sunday check-in procedures.
9. Friday pick-up procedures.
10. Communicating with your camper during the camp week.
11. Safety on our Adventure Outing.
12. Health Form & Medication Instructions & waivers (if any).

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

**Write your name on ALL items and bags!** You may want to pack all gear into ONE backpack. Remember, you will be sleeping on a bunk bed in your Hut all week, and your space is limited. Keep it 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 signed up for an Adventure combination or paid for an "Add-On Activity" then "additional things to pack" are in your waiver info at [www.CampBethelVirginia.org/packets](http://www.CampBethelVirginia.org/packets).*

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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 Hut bunk &amp; camp-out.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Small pillow for Hut 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"/> Bathroom supplies: toothbrush/paste; shower 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; <i>NO flip-flops or Crocs.</i></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> </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"/> 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 or headlamp &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
- Shower caddy/bag
- Camera/GoPro
- Hammock, straps & rainfly
- Swim mask/ear plugs
- Extra white t-shirt, socks, or bandana for tie-dye craft.

*Camp Bethel provides all necessary program, camping, first aid & safety gear, and AV hut bunks have personal mosquito nets.*

**Please consider donating** new and gently-used supplies. We ALWAYS need items listed in the Gear List above and:

- camping chairs ("soccer Mom" chairs)
- disconnected smart phones (w/ chargers) to use as camp cameras and video cameras
- craft supplies
- window unit air conditioners
- digital cameras or GoPro video cam
- new bike helmets and/or horse helmets
- canoes & paddles
- brooms & dustpans
- chest coolers w/ handles
- kayaks & paddles
- new lifejackets
- 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
- working vacuum cleaners
- "Tree Cookies"

**WISH LIST:** Road-worthy 7-or-12-or-15-passenger van ('07 or newer); clothes dryer; kitchen refrigerator; chest freezer; chest coolers w/ handles; portable LCD projector; gas grill; laptop computer (Windows 10); LED light bulbs; picnic tables. 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"/> vapes, tobacco/nicotine products, alcohol, drugs, marijuana, CBD products, smoking/vaping/drug 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"/> clothing with inappropriate language/images or is too revealing including string bikinis or speedos.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> cell phone/smart phone (<i>see "A Matter of Trust" on page 3</i>), tablet, electronics, video games, toys, pets</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food, drinks, candy, snacks, gum</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:

### The 7 Camp Rules to teach your camper:

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

### 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!* (AND, there's ample research proving that youth greatly improve their social and emotional growth while phone-free!) 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 (*charged, but OFF*) 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 "Trading Post" about Camp Photos and #10 "Communicating With Your Camper."

### **Healthy and Ready for Camp:**

We have a long record of no major health issues at camp: *Let's keep it that way!* Upon arrival and check-in at camp, we will ask the parent/guardian a few Health Screening questions, including, "In the past 7 days: Has your child had a fever of 100 or greater, felt achy or fatigued, had a cough or sore throat, or any injuries or wounds?" Ensure that your camper is free of headlice. Submit your Camper Health and Information Form (enclosed) no later than 14 days before your camp begins.

### **Camper Medications:**

If you send medication for your camper to take during the camp week, YOU MUST RECORD precise instructions on the enclosed "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. Send exactly 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.** Place all this into a gallon zip-lock bag with camper's name on it to speed the check-in 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 Campership 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, staffing, 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 and communicate instant updates on summer storms or emergencies, and your counselors are trained for camper safety during storms and emergencies. In 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 everyone is safe. In case of family emergency you must communicate to your camper, contact 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 message 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/wait 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 at the Adventure Village:**

1. Bathhouses and showers are located in main camp, about ¼-mile away from the Adventure Village. We'll visit the bathhouses every day. A port-a-john is located about 200 yards from the Adventure Village. Plan ahead.
2. Living in your Hut with 6-10 other persons might challenge our need for individual privacy, (boys' hut is separate from

girls' hut). Think of ways you can prepare and adapt to a week of rooming with others.

3. Huts have mattresses and bunk beds with mosquito netting. You are also welcome to bring your hammock and rain fly.
4. 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.
5. 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.

#### **Social/Behavioral/Spiritual expectations:**

1. You will be with other campers and your counselors all day each day. We stay together with our group during our entire time at camp, so we have little to no "alone time." Bad behavior does not fit and cannot be tolerated.
2. Group living: We'll experience all our daily activities **together** as a Unit, including completion of our daily group duty and eating meals together.
3. 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.
4. You **MUST** learn and follow the Camp Rules (page 2) to ensure 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 and quietly, (Bible study/worship, meals/announcements, counselor explaining an activity, bed/quiet hours).
5. 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 Adventure Camper Day:** (Also see your individual activity descriptions at [CampBethelVirginia.org/camps](http://CampBethelVirginia.org/camps))

7:30am	Unit 1 sets tables	12:30	Lunch/songs/announcements	8:00	All-camp special activity
7:45	Morning Watch at the Spring			9:00	Campfire vespers: worship/songs
8:00	Breakfast in the Ark; Unit 1 hosts	1:30-5:30	Unit activities: swimming, hiking, games, Bible Study, High-ropes, crafts, showers!	10:00	Lights out for Elementary camps
8:30	Singing/announcements			11:00	Lights out for Middle/High camps
9:00	Adventure Outing!	5:15	Unit 3 sets tables & hosts meal		
12:15pm	Unit 2 sets tables & hosts meal	5:30	Dinner/songs/announcements		
		6:30	Unit activities: Games, etc.		

#### **#4: Preventing homesickness:**

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

1. Set realistic camp expectations based on our information and the activities listed in the brochure. Reinforce positive camp aspects; encourage new learning.
2. In the months before camp, practice overnight sleep-overs with friends and relatives.
3. With your child, come and visit Camp Bethel. Walk out to the Adventure Village. Call us to arrange a self-guided pre-tour.
4. Don't force a child to camp who has no desire to go. Only send a willing & ready child to back-to-back camps.
5. Don't tell campers how much you will miss them. Instead encourage new friends and new experiences.
6. 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:

1. All staff will do everything possible to address the cause and to encourage the camper.
2. If symptoms persist, the Director will call home to discuss options before you speak with your child.
3. 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.

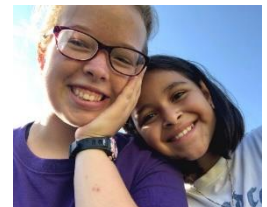
#### **#5: Trading Post camp store open Sunday 3:15-4:30pm & Friday 6:30-7:15pm:**

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; blankets \$30; carabineers \$2, and other items range from \$2 to \$40. Earnings directly support the programs of Camp Bethel.

View selected **Weekly Photos** or subscribe for access to ALL your week's photos at [www.CampBethelVirginia.org/photos](http://www.CampBethelVirginia.org/photos).

#### **#6: Summer Offering 2020: Summer Staff Adoption Fund**

We LOVE our Counselors, and we strive to recruit the *best and brightest* young adults for Summer Staff ministry service. *It is a tough ask.* They commit eight-to-ten weeks of intense daily leadership to care for and guide your campers. We pay them, but not as much as we wish we could and not as much as they need to afford college and textbooks. Some young adults want to serve, *but cannot afford to serve.* Families often ask, "*Can we tip our counselors?*" YES, by donating toward our Summer Staff Adoption Fund to help these young adults accept the call to serve in Outdoor Ministry!



Donations toward our Summer Staff Adoption Fund are divided equally among all summer staff upon completion of their summer contract, and your gift is paired with congregations/groups/families/individuals who are "adopting" our staff with prayer support, letters of encouragement, care packages, additional funding, and church visits.

We encourage your family to donate toward our Summer Staff Adoption Fund. 100% of your gift goes directly to this fund. Place your gift into the OFFERING BOX at check-in in the Gym, (checks payable to "Camp Bethel Summer Offering"). Learn more at [www.CampBethelVirginia.org/adopt](http://www.CampBethelVirginia.org/adopt).

*Note: Your gifts in 2019 and 2017 totaled \$4,295 for our capital campaign, "Seed, Scattered and Sown: Reaching Beyond This Generation." Your gifts in 2018 totaled \$1,849 for summer camp supplies. Thank you for your support!*

### **#7: Driving directions to Camp Bethel:** *Physical address is 328 Bethel Road, Fincastle VA 24090.*

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 (southeast) 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: Sunday Check-In Procedures:**

1. Check-in begins promptly for everyone at **4:00pm Sunday** at the Deer Field Gym with important announcements and introductions for all families. *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.
2. **LUGGAGE:** Carry gear inside the Gym and find your name (listed alphabetically) on any of many identical LUGGAGE SIGNS which list where to put your gear, (which is dependent on your program choice).
3. Please tag or label all luggage/gear with your name. We will have markers & tags available in the Gym. PLEASE pack lightly enough so that the camper can easily carry all gear by herself/himself.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. At the **SECOND** check-in table, you will (1) reserve your places in Friday's dinner for our Closing Celebration, (bring a donation on Friday to offset the cost of your meals), (2) turn in any adventure waivers or forms due (extra blank waivers will be available), (3) update or add any names of adults who are authorized to drive the camper home from camp, and (4) answer a few quick Health Screening questions (fever? achy? sore throat? cold/flu symptoms?).
7. 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"
8. Parents and Campers will then walk to meet your Unit in the Deer Field. **Parents: Take time to meet the counselors and other campers** in the Unit, then say good bye as your campers begin a great week at camp with their group.
9. Parents: Drive slowly as you leave, watch for pedestrians, and follow exit signs out of camp.
10. Once the entire Unit has arrived and after a few "get-to-know-you" games, the boys will carry their gear from the Gym to their cabin beside the Gym. The girls will walk across camp to find the luggage wagon outside their cabin area.
11. 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: Friday Camper Pick-Up Procedures:**

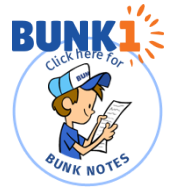
1. Families who reserved Friday dinner (at Sunday's check-in) at the Ark with their campers may come at 5:20pm to the pond-side of the Ark Dining Hall. Your camp fee includes your camper's dinner on Friday, but not parents or extra family, so please give a generous donation at Friday's dinner to cover the cost of your added meal(s).
2. Dismissal/Pick-up is **Friday at 6:30pm**. Park in the Ark parking lot or in the grass Deer Field lot beside the Deer Field Gym. Bring your **CAMPER PICK-UP CARD**. Meet campers and staff at the pond side of the Ark Dining Hall.
3. **Our Closing Celebration is an important and meaningful ceremony for your camper and their group, so we will not dismiss campers until 6:30pm.**
4. 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.
5. If you arrive after 6:30, your camper will be in the Gym 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.
6. Pick up medication containers after 6:30pm dismissal from the Health Coordinator at the Trading Post.
7. After 6:30pm dismissal, campers and parents will find their luggage inside the Gym, usually in the same place you placed it at check-in. The Trading Post will be open from 6:30-7:15pm. Enjoy Camp Bethel until sundown.

8. 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).
9. Parents: Drive slowly as you leave, 5 mph; watch for pedestrians; 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!

## #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 3 or 4 days before their camp week begins so they reach your camper while s/he is here. OR leave 5 pre-written dated notes for your camper.
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:

<p><b>Returning Parents:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Go to <b>www.Bunk1.com</b> or click the "Bunk Notes" image at the bottom of the page at <a href="http://www.CampBethelVirginia.org">www.CampBethelVirginia.org</a>.</li> <li>2. Enter your email address &amp; password in the space provided. <b>NOTE:</b> You are logging into the same account that you used last year. If you have forgotten your summer password, click "<a href="#">Need to reset your password?</a>" You will be prompted to enter your email address and will be sent a link to reset your password. If you don't get an email, check your spam folder.</li> </ol>	<p><b>New Parents:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Go to <b>www.Bunk1.com</b> or click the "Bunk Notes" image at the bottom of <a href="http://CampBethelVirginia.org">CampBethelVirginia.org</a>.</li> <li>2. Click "<a href="#">New Here? Get Started</a>" at the top of the page.</li> <li>3. Complete the basic form to create your account. Use our "Invitation Code" <b>24090BETHEL</b></li> <li>4. Only share the code with persons YOU approve.</li> </ol>
<p><b>SENDING BUNK NOTES</b></p> <p><b>Step 1:</b> Purchase your Bundle of Bunk Note Credits. 1 note = 1 credit. Minimum package is 6 credits for about \$7. Please note that adding features to a note (photos, puzzles, borders, etc.) will utilize/cost additional credits.</p> <p><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.</p>	

### 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** is mobile optimized. The three lines atop the screen is the Bunk1 menu. Click those three lines to navigate to Bunk Notes.

**The Bunk1 app** is available for via Google Play or the Apple App Store.

View selected **Weekly Photos** or subscribe for access to ALL your week's photos at [www.CampBethelVirginia.org/photos](http://www.CampBethelVirginia.org/photos).

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## #11: Safety in the van for our Adventure outing: Campers get full safety orientation.

All vehicles used for transporting campers are equipped with a first aid kit and emergency accessories. All vehicles have seatbelts for each passenger, and we check vehicle safety conditions prior to transport. Counselors will carry health forms for all passengers and a cell phone for emergency communication.

Passengers (campers) are instructed in the following safety procedures prior to transporting:

1. Passengers will remain seated at all times with hands and arms inside vehicle.
2. Seatbelts will be fastened – one person per seatbelt.
3. Noise level will be such as to not distract the driver. There will be no disruptive behavior.
4. Passengers will enter and leave the vehicle under the direction of a staff member and/or driver. If the vehicle makes an emergency stop, passengers will follow directions of staff member and/or driver and use buddy system if leaving the vehicle.

The Directors of Camp Bethel have selected our Adventure outfitters (those providing equipment, leadership and expertise) and off-site projects based upon their qualifications and their adherence to safety standards as outlined by the American Camp Association.

## #12: 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 9) 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 1 month or as early as possible BEFORE camp to: **Camp Bethel Registrar, 328 Bethel Road, Fincastle, VA 24090**

## Camp Bethel 2020 Camper Health & Information Form v. 01.04.2020 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 7-12 (Week 1)     June 21-26 (Week 3)     July 5-10 (Week 5)     July 19-24 (Week 7)  
 June 14-19 (Week 2)     June 28-July 3 (Week 4)     July 12-17 (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: 540-555-4321)

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: 540-555-5678)

Their other phone \_\_\_\_\_ include area code, (ex: 540-555-8765)

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 2020?* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ 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
Write medication names here ==>										<b>Penicillin:</b> 1 tablet twice daily at breakfast and bedtime	
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	
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Wednesday	8:00 am									1 tablet	
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	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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