

Camp Bethel News, April-May 2021, Fincastle, VA



CAMP BETHEL IS OPEN FOR GROUPS AND FAMILIES

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 always welcome; 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 "AT HOME" STORY FEST April 17 thru June 19!

Donald Davis returns with Dolores Hydock, Kevin Kling, Bill Lepp, Barbara McBride-Smith, and Donna Washington. Enjoy (and Donate) this fun, FREE, and unique online storytelling event to encourage donations to Camp Bethel www.SoundsoftheMountains.org.



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 sharply. *We were inspired and blessed in 2020* by generous gifts and sponsorships from hundreds of individuals, families, and groups. Camp Bethel "survived" 2020, and we will retain core staff through (at least) summer 2021 and hopefully through all of 2021. **Until the pandemic ends, we will continue to rely on donations to "survive" 2021.** Please give at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/donate. Thank you!



FOUR WAYS TO HELP CAMP BETHEL:

1. SPRING/FALL FAMILY VACATION... AT CAMP! Info at CampBethelVirginia.org/groups.
2. SPONSOR our SOTM Festival or Disc Golf Course holes at CampBethelVirginia.org/DiscGolf.
3. ORDER Apple Butter & Mother's Day Desserts at CampBethelVirginia.org/TradingPost.
4. DONATE! Every gift and every item helps! Thank you! CampBethelVirginia.org/donate



SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN for SAFE and FUN 2021 resident camps, adventures, trips, and day camps using our "Small Group Unit" model. Health and safety adaptations include: each Unit has their own cabin, bathhouse, and shower; equipment and facilities thoroughly sanitized between use; physical distancing during activities; use of facemasks within 6-feet and indoors; increased Unit autonomy with limited all-camp gatherings; daily health checks; and following Health and Safety Behaviors. *Kids need Summer Camp in 2021 more than ever!* Schedule, prices, safety info, and more at CampBethelVirginia.org/camps.

SUMMER 2021 COUNSELORS & KITCHEN STAFF: We seek hard-working and resilient young adults for our 2021 Summer Camp Staff. Counselors serve May 31 through July 24, and Kitchen Staff serve May 28 through August 14. Position descriptions, videos, and applications are at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/summer-staff.

SUMMER STAFF ADOPTION 2021 FOR PRAYER AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT: We ARE planning adapted Summer Camps in 2021, and we seek groups, congregations, and individuals to adopt one of 36 Summer Staff with a commitment of prayer, letters, and a \$100 "end-of-summer" bonus. This program helps Camp Bethel recruit and secure the highest quality Counselors for our Campers, and it helps these excellent young adults to accept God's call to summer ministry in what will be an unusual-and-challenging (adapted-for-COVID-19) program. Info at CampBethelVirginia.org/adopt.



CAMP SUPPORTER ZOOM WORKSHOP VIDEO AND DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE: Please ensure that at least ONE person from your congregation watches the recorded meeting. All Camp Representatives, pastors, youth leaders, OMC, friends and supporters of Camp Bethel are encouraged to watch our Camp Supporter Workshop video at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/rep.



MOTHER'S DAY DESSERTS FUNDRAISER: We were unable hold our Scholarship Banquet, so please honor Mom with a box of home-made treats and/or a gift to help kids attend summer camp. Each box has 6 Chocolate-Chip Cookies, 4 Chocolate-Dipped Strawberries, 4 Lemon Bars, and 6 Shortbread Cookies, all custom-made by Wesley Shrader. Each box is \$20 (or a \$380 gift pays for 1 child's week of summer camp). Mother's Day is May 9. Order TODAY for pick up on Friday, May 7, 10:00-4:00 at Camp Bethel, or 4:30-6:30 at Oak Grove Church in Roanoke. CampBethelVirginia.org/TradingPost

CAMP BETHEL APPLE BUTTER, \$12/QUART & \$6/PINT: *At least one very good happened in 2020: Delicious Apple Butter!* Our 2020 Apple Butter was hand-crafted on October 9, 2020 by our friends at Cedar Bluff Church of the Brethren. \$12/quart & \$6/pint. Order TODAY at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/TradingPost, and pick up at the Camp Bethel Office.

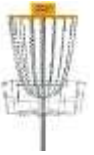


GIVE A CHILD A CAMPSHIP FOR SUMMER CAMP: We could not hold our in-person Sow the Seed Scholarship Banquet, so please give instead. We annually grant Camperships to an average of 108 children for an average total of \$27,165 (2010-2019). Please give \$380, which is the 2021 base cost for a child to attend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



NEED SKILLED CONSTRUCTION TEAMS! We need help (1) building our new summer camp Adventure Village platform huts, (2) finishing a new deck at the renovated Bandage Box Cottage, (3) replacing boards on the Ark Deck, and (4) designing and building one or more outdoor hand-washing troughs with foot controls. We hope to complete all projects by May 27. Current planned work dates are **May 15 and May 22**. We have all materials and projects have begun. If we know in advance when work teams will be here, we can arrange free lunches! Find more information, dates, and basic plans at CampBethelVirginia.org/volunteer.

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! www.CampBethelVirginia.org/discgolf



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

SELF-GUIDED ADVENTURES FOR YOUR FAMILY: Compass Trails (or Letterboxing) use clues and a compass and GPS Trails (or Geocaching) use a GPS device (Google Maps) and GPS Coordinates to find each destination. Each adventure has a theme, a color code, an estimated time to complete, and a brief description of activity level. Compass Trails include Camp Bethel Fun Facts; Exercise Circuit; and Photo Challenge. GPS Trails include Photo Challenge; Nature Facts; and Coyote Survival. Packets are on our office porch or at CampBethelVirginia.org/self-guided-adventures.



CAMP BETHEL WISH LIST: 20” box fans; 20”x20”x2” MERV-13 air filters; adhesive weather stripping; duct-tape; infrared forehead thermometers; Clorox wipes, face masks, hand-sanitizer; disinfectant sprays; road-worthy mini-van or 15-passenger van (2015 or newer); clothes dryer; refrigerator (full or mini); chest coolers w/ handles; play parachute; digital cameras; GoPro video camera; portable LCD projector; gas grill; laptop computer (Windows 10); LED light bulbs; new (in-the-box) first-aid kits; new (in-the-box) bike helmets & horse helmets; working vacuum cleaners; brooms & dustpans; 3’x8’ plyboards for under bunk mattresses (any thickness or quality); “Tree Cookies;” disconnected smart phones (with their charging cables) for use as a cameras and video cameras. 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!**

CAMP BETHEL PEP! 5K, SEPTEMBER 4: In-person safety adaptations include “wave-starts,” physical distancing, pre-wrapped food, and more at our annual 5K fundraiser for “the PEPPIEST gang around!” Information at CampBethelVirginia.org/5K.

BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT, SEPTEMBER 22: Golfers and sponsors needed on Wednesday, September 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.

2021 OUTDOOR MINISTRIES COMMITTEE = Naomi Powers (Daleville) Chair; Sam Foster (Cloverdale) Vice-Chair and Finance Chair, Stephanie Naff (Mount Hermon) Secretary; Randall Eakin (Oak Grove); Laura Harrington (Cloverdale); Trish Haskins (Fairview Rocky Mount); Charles Huffman (Germantown Brick) Property Chair; Terry Johnson (Troutville); Junior King (Mount Hermon); Amanda Leddy (Williamson Road) Program Chair; Ron Rucker (Summerdean); Peggy Sink (Germantown Brick); Scott Yingling (Oak Grove); Barry LeNoir (Camp Director) Ex-Officio; Kathie Robinson (Virlina District Treasurer) Ex-Officio.

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

- 2021 Summer Camp Registration is OPEN.
- Camp Supporter Video & Info available at CampBethelVirginia.org/rep.
- Now through June 19: 20th Sounds of the Mountains Fest at SoundsoftheMountains.org.
- May 9, 2021 is Mother’s Day! Order desserts for Mom at CampBethelVirginia.org/TradingPost
- May 27-31, 2021: Memorial Day Family Weekend, RSVP meals.
- May 31-June 11, 2021: Summer Staff Training.
- June 11, 2021 (Fri), 5:30: Summer Staff Commissioning, TBD.
- June 13–July 30, 2021: Summer Camps & Adventures.
- 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.
- November 6, 2021: Fall Volunteer Workday, RSVP free meals.



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