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Camp Bethel 2021 Memorial Day Family Weekend Information

Hello Friends and Families!

Hello Friends and Families! Memorial Day Family Weekend is scheduled for May 28-31 at Camp Bethel. However, due to COVID-19, much of our usual scheduled (but optional) activities might not be feasible. Much is "to be determined." Health and Safety will be a priority, and we will follow Camp Bethel's COVID-19 Guidelines (page 3) while present. *So, we'll be together, but just sort of!*



As you recall, many of you who had paid facility reservations for the 2020 Memorial Day Weekend either forwarded your deposit to 2021 or you donated your previous deposit. So, if you forwarded your 2020 deposit, you are also currently reserved for 2021 Memorial Day! If you donated your deposit, you still get "first dibs" on your present-use facility/campsite, but you need to send a new deposit. Don't remember what you did? Then email Barry at CampBethelOffice@gmail.com.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTENDANCE AND MEALS FORM at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/MemorialDay before May 21. Coming? Not coming? Reserved? Not reserved? Meals? No meals? No matter your plans, complete the attendance form. If you are reserved but are NOT planning to come, let us know so we can offer the facility/campsite (for this weekend only) to a family on our waiting list. If you wish to have the "right of first refusal" for reserving your present-use facility/campsite for Memorial Day 2022, pay for minimum 2 nights online before Friday, May 28 at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/MemorialDay, and include a note with your name and your facility. 2021 prices and menus, and 2022 prices/reservations information is at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/MemorialDay.

To avoid our office please pay in advance, or online, or by check/mail. Your invoice/receipt for lodging (and meals if you reserve them) will be emailed to you after May 25 from CampBethelOffice@gmail.com, and a printed, personalized packet will be on our office porch May 27-31. Check your invoice/receipt and recalculate to ensure accuracy (pricing on page 2). Only pay for your actual use and/or meals. Note that for future holidays, a minimum of 2 nights is required to reserve. Pay ASAP in advance in one of two ways:

1. Online at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/MemorialDay. (WiFi is available outside the Trading Post, network info posted), or
2. By cash OR check payable to CAMP BETHEL and either mailed to us OR delivered in an envelope to the metal mailbox attached to the front of our office.

Help us add a few outdoor-based and distanced/safe activities! E-mail the information and time choice to us ASAP so we can include it into the weekend's optional (and safe) activities. Bring extra cash, check book, or credit card for payments, for free-will offerings (if we have musicians), for Sunday morning offering for New Bethel CoB, for the "Trading Post Outlet" items, and for donations. BRING YOUR MOUNTAIN BIKES (and helmets) and hit our new biking trails! We need tires on these trails!

All weekend information (tentative schedule, menus, forms, fees, etc.) is posted and updated at CampBethelVirginia.org/MemorialDay. The final weekend packet will be the personalized (your name) printed copy on the office porch. Thank you for sharing this information with others in your group.

Together, in Christ our hope,

Barry LeNoir, Spencer Knox, Jenna Stacy Mehalso, Mickey Nichols, Wes Shrader & the Camp Bethel Staff

2021 Memorial Day Family Weekend Prices and Reservations:

“First Right of Refusal” regarding reservations for future holiday weekends:

Families (1) reserved and/or (2) present at this year’s holiday weekend have first right of refusal to reserve *with a minimum 2 nights deposit* their present-pattern-use facilities for this holiday in 2022. We only reserve 1 year ahead for these holiday weekends. This makes planning easier for families and reduces waiting time for available facilities. You may NOT sublet your facility to another guest without advanced permission of the Camp Office. **Due to COVID-19, there are NO office times this weekend, so please pay ASAP in one of two ways:**

1. Online at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/payment. (WiFi is available outside the Trading Post, network info posted), or
2. By cash OR check payable to CAMP BETHEL and either mailed to us OR delivered in an envelope to the metal mailbox attached to the front of our office.

Meals: Always reserve meals at least 1 week in advance.

	Brunch/Breakfast	Dinner
Adult age 13+	\$9.00	\$10.00
Child age 4-12	\$4.50	\$5.00
ICE from Ark	\$2/bag or \$4/cooler	Pay for ice at Ark.

Cabins: Daleville, Friendship Haven, Pleasant View, StoneHOP, Whispering Pines, Willoro

Cabins	Per night 2021	Minimum deposit per night for 2022
Up to 14 persons	\$30.00	\$30.00

Cottages: Bandage Box (TBD), Bethel Lodge, Blue Birds' Nest, Carolina Haven, Forest Lodge, Pineview, Wildwood

Cottages:	Per night 2021	Minimum deposit per night for 2022
Up to 14 persons	\$50.00	\$50.00

Heritage Lodge: Room 1, 2, 3 or 4: Bedroom + Bathroom:

Heritage Lodge	Per night, per room 2021	Minimum deposit per night per room for 2022
12-14 persons per room	\$50.00	\$50.00

Health Retreat Center: (HRC), Room 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7

Retreat Center	Per night, per room 2021	Minimum deposit per night for 2022
1 or 2(+) persons	\$50.00	\$50.00

Camping in RV or Tent:

RV or Tent	2021 per night, per site or tent	Minimum deposit per night for 2022
Tent site: per tent	\$8.00	no deposit necessary, \$8.00
RV not on sites C1-8 or A-B (ex: field camping)	\$12.00	\$12.00
RV sites C1-8; A-B	\$20.00	\$20.00

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS and IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

1. Parents: SUPERVISE YOUR CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES, including use of the Gym. Please help monitor the gym. Put balls away; turn off lights & fans; trash in cans; close doors! YOU are responsible for your child's First Aid.
2. Keep fires controlled, supervise at all times, and extinguish after use.
3. In case of thunderstorms, seek immediate shelter AWAY from trees, creeks and ponds.
4. Rattlesnakes can sometimes be abundant in the forested/rocky areas in late May; (do NOT kill black snakes or brown water snakes). If you spot a rattlesnake/copperhead, get far away, tell an adult and camp staff. DO NOT attempt to handle or move snakes.
5. Black bears are rare, but occasionally appear. When out in the forest OR when out after dark, be as noisy as you can be! Bears are frightened of humans. When hiking, wear bear bells or be noisy. Do NOT leave food or trash outside!
6. Tick, mosquito & chigger prevention: Wear insect repellent per its manufacturers recommendations (plus long pants tucked into socks) to deter ticks and chiggers. Remove ticks with tweezers, pinching as close to the skin (the tick's head) as possible. Do not crush, burn or smother a tick as they might vomit into your bloodstream, which can lead to Lyme disease or other tick-borne illness. Chiggers roam your body for about 1 hour prior to biting, so check children (and yourself) for ticks and chiggers several times daily. TICK & CHIGGER CHECKS SEVERAL TIMES DAILY!
7. First Aid Kit on office porch. A.E.D. in the Ark Dining Room. In a life-threatening emergency, call 9-1-1. YOU are responsible for your child's First Aid.
8. Something need fixing in your facility? Write us a note. Is it something YOU can help fix? We appreciate your help and donations!
9. Please thoroughly clean and sanitize your facility and/or camping area before you depart. Thank you!



Camp Bethel and COVID-19, Summer 2021, VA Phase 3

Camp Bethel is OPEN for facility rental and campsites by reservation. **These guidelines will likely change as conditions improve in Virginia.** Weekend day visitors including cyclists, hikers, and walkers, are welcome except when the campus is reserved; biking and hiking trail maps are on our office porch. Visit CampBethelVirginia.org/groups for rates, and email CampBethelOffice@gmail.com to inquire about availability.

Camp Bethel facilities are available according to the following guidelines:

1. Please designate a Health Coordinator to implement COVID-19 safety guidelines for your group/family while you are on site at Camp Bethel.
2. No one with a fever or symptoms of COVID-19 or known exposure to a COVID-19 case in the last 14 days, is permitted on site at Camp Bethel.
3. Bring and use lots of hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes in and around your reserved facility or campsite to clean and disinfect high contact areas and hard surfaces, including door knobs/handles, dining tables/chairs, light switches, handrails, restrooms, appliances, and equipment. Bring extra facemasks.
4. Use disinfectant wipes to grab-touch-handle common surfaces like switches, knobs, handles, faucets, spigots.
5. Continue to practice physical distancing (6-to-10+ feet) with persons from other households.
6. You must require EVERYONE to wear face coverings while indoors OR when near people from other households. (This does NOT include our open-air Picnic Shelters or Hillside Auditorium.) If you are the group organizer or Health Coordinator, **bring extra masks** to give away.
7. Tents and RVs from differing households should maintain 10+ feet between units when possible.
8. Only the facilities, shelters, pavilions and bathhouses reserved by you are available to your group.
9. Only share recreation equipment if (A) it is disinfected and (B) participants sanitize their hands before use.
10. Only registered guests are permitted on site overnight. Day hikers, walkers, and cyclists are permitted on site during daylight hours with designated parking. Do NOT enter facilities you have not reserved.
11. Outdoor gatherings must be less than 250 persons. Indoor gatherings must be less than 100 persons or 75% facility occupancy, whichever is less. Facemasks required indoors. When close to others outdoors, practice physical distancing plus facemasks. Depending on which facility you are using, consider limiting long-exposure to other persons.
12. Wash hands frequently inside your facility or at your campsite.
13. Note: Persons from the same household may not need physical distance or facemasks when together.

Stop the spread of COVID-19:

- ✓ Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- ✓ Stay at least 6-10 feet apart (2 arms' length) from other people.
- ✓ Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.
- ✓ Wear a cloth face mask covering your nose and mouth when near other people indoors and outdoors.
- ✓ Do not touch your eyes, nose, and mouth, and avoid touching your face.
- ✓ Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces. Sanitize your hands before touching surfaces, or use disinfectant wipes to touch.
- ✓ Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- ✓ Get your vaccination as soon as possible.



Learn more at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus

Virginia's Phase 3 information: <https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorvirginiagov/governor-of-virginia/pdf/5.15.21-Forward-Virginia-Guidelines.pdf>

Virginia's vaccination appointments: vaccinate.virginia.gov

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- Please consider a donation. *We need it!* www.CampBethelVirginia.org/donate
- Subscribe to our occasional eNews, www.CampBethelVirginia.org/subscribe
- *We're so grateful for you. THANK YOU for your continued support for Camp Bethel!*

CAMP BETHEL RULES AND POLICIES:

These rules and policies will ensure the comfort, safety, and proper peaceful environment of all our guests. Camp Bethel reserves the right to dismiss any guest or to notify law enforcement regarding any disturbance or noncompliance with stated policies. Help monitor camp while you are here to ensure the safety of all guests, especially children.

1. No smoking, e-cigs or vaping. No tobacco, no nicotine, no alcohol, no drugs, no obscene language.
2. You **MUST** supervise children/teens at all times in all areas and facilities including meal times in the Dining Hall. You are responsible for the behavior, safety and first aid of your children/teens and your group members.
3. Do not enter buildings that you have not reserved. Only the buildings, equipment and areas you have reserved are available and accessible to you. The Ark Dining Hall and the Ark Conference Room (and all amenities within) are only available to guests who have purchased/reserved meals in advance. The House of Pillars Conference Room and its bathrooms are only available to guests who have reserved it.
4. No pets, **NO DOGS**, and no animals. Leave your pets at home or in someone else's care. The only exception is for you to secure written individual permission by contacting the Camp Bethel office, and then you must bring accompanying proof of dog/animal vaccinations with your individual written permission. If pre-approved by our office, then you must keep dogs/animals outside of our facilities, and on a leash or in a pet crate and kept quiet for courtesy, and aggressive loud animals are not permitted.
5. No weapons, hunting, ammunition, target shooting, BB or pellet shooting, paint-ball, fireworks or explosives.
6. Vehicles: Speed limit is 5 mph. Park in designated areas; avoid parking in grass where possible. Once on site, park your car and walk to and from your areas of use, unless providing mobility for the disabled. Vehicles yield to pedestrians and cyclists, and cyclists yield to pedestrians. Pedestrians have the right of way everywhere. Turn off your car radio/stereo when on camp. Do not transport your participants anywhere on or off camp property in non-passenger vehicles or in the bed of trucks. Wear seat-belts in moving vehicles.
7. Cyclists must wear bike helmets. Bikes yield to pedestrians; be wary of vehicles. No biking after dark w/out lighting.
8. No motorized bikes, scooters, ATVs, go-carts, etc. Motorcyclists driving to camp must follow rules for vehicles.
9. For insurance purposes, horses are not allowed on camp without the prior approval of the Director.
10. Keep out of posted or "Staff Only" areas and buildings, including the Heifer shed and paddock and electric fenced grazing areas: You may feed animals grass through the fence.
11. Trash: Place all trash in the dumpster beside the Retreat Center. Thank you.
12. Quiet hours & Gym **CLOSED** 10:00pm-7:30am. Music (unless live/singing) should be inaudible to other guests.
13. To avoid foot injury, wear shoes at all times (except in bed, in shower, in pool). Flip flops are discouraged.
14. To avoid injury or damage to camp property and facilities, do not throw anything, except during outdoor games. Do not play throwing games near or inside buildings (other than the Gym), and no rough or dangerous play or activities.
15. You should bring your own First Aid Kit, but just in case, a First Aid Kit is on the office porch. An A.E.D. is in the Ark Dining Room. In a life-threatening emergency, call 9-1-1.
16. No swimming or wading in ponds. We maintain our ponds and streams specifically for natural and aquatic life. Be aware of the sensitive pond and creek wildlife habitat, and be aware of the likely presence of snakes and bees.
17. Fishing is by permission only in the Ark Pond or Quarry Pond, and only on catch-and-release using barbless hooks.
18. Keep wheelchairs and strollers back from ponds or pool, lock brakes, and prevent accidental rolling into the water.
19. Leave facilities, furniture, equipment and areas of use orderly, clean, and free of food-waste. Please transport your trash to our dumpster above the Ark Parking Lot.
20. Extra paper supplies, trashcan liners, cleaning supplies, plungers and brooms can be found in closets and cabinets. Please be as self-sufficient as possible during your stay; thank you for helping us by helping yourselves.
21. Bring and use hand-sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, and extra facemasks to prevent the spread of communicable illnesses.

CAMP RULES TO TEACH CHILDREN AND TEENS IN YOUR GROUP:

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