



# SUMMER STAFF ADOPTION 2021

*Prayer Support and Financial Support*

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**Our Mission:** *Relationships: Together with God, with each other, with creation.*

Camp Bethel is the outdoor ministry of the Virginia District Church of the Brethren that fosters and builds relationships with God, with each other, and all creation. When we live together in intentional Christian community, even for only one week, we gain person-to-person relationship skills to benefit the world. **Staff Adoption helps us fulfill our Mission!**

**Why Adopt?** *Adoption helps these young adults accept God's call.*

We strive to recruit the best and brightest young adults for Summer Camp ministry service. It is a tough ask: they commit eight-to-ten weeks of intense daily leadership to care for and guide our children and youth. 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.* As a non-profit camp, we keep camper fees as low as possible, charging only about 87% of the actual cost per camper. **Staff Adoption helps these young adults accept the call to serve in Outdoor Ministry!**



**2021 is a particularly challenging year.** *COVID-19 safety mitigations are in place for summer camps.*

Working in summer camp ministry is challenging in normal summers, but in summer 2021 the work requires an extreme commitment for these young adults: behavioral covenants, keeping campers safe, extra sanitation and risk-mitigation, increased communications, and constant diligence. **Staff Adoption helps "reward" their commitment to a safe summer ministry.**

**How Does Adoption Work?** *Prayers, letters of support, meet-and-greet (if possible), and \$100 per Adoptee.*

Congregations, Sunday School classes, businesses, kindred groups, families, and individuals can adopt one or more of our 40 Summer Staff members. Throughout the summer, you regularly uplift your adopted Staff with prayers, letters of encouragement, and possibly care packages. If possible (via Zoom or online) your Adoptees will worship with your home congregation to introduce themselves and share an update about our Summer Camp programs. You also raise \$100 (or more) per adopted Staff member for a Summer Staff Scholarship Fund divided equally among all Summer Staff members for a \$100+ end-of-summer bonus. **Staff Adoption helps them afford to serve in Ministry!**

**Adoption Benefits Everyone!**

**Summer Staff members receive:**

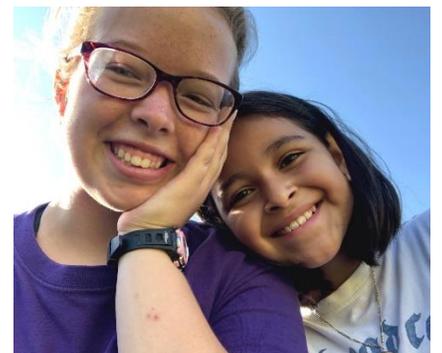
Prayer support; encouraging letters & packages; \$100+ end-of-summer bonus.

**Groups/Congregations/Families receive:**

Adoption packet with photos and biographies of your adoptees; visit/worship/meet with your adoptees (if possible); Social Media updates from your adoptees; the blessing of helping Staff answer God's call.

**Camp Bethel receives:**

High quality young adults providing excellent care for each camper; prayer network through our District and community; shared vision and support for our Mission.



**Get Started!** *Adopt a Group and/or Support the Fund at [CampBethelVirginia.org/adopt](http://CampBethelVirginia.org/adopt).*

We seek several congregations or groups/individuals to adopt one or more Summer Staff. **YES, you can partner with one or more groups/congregations to adopt!** Or simply contribute to the total Summer Staff Scholarship Fund. Learn more or sign up at [CampBethelVirginia.org/adopt](http://CampBethelVirginia.org/adopt) or contact Barry LeNoir at [Barry@CampBethelVirginia.org](mailto:Barry@CampBethelVirginia.org) or 540-992-2940.

Correspondence and/or checks (memo: Staff Adoption) payable to Camp Bethel, 328 Bethel Road, Fincastle, VA 24090.

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# How are you living your faith in Summer 2021?



## Are you interested in...

- An active, enriching, authentic summer in the out-of-doors?
- Relational ministry and service to children and youth?
- Meeting new people and making life-long friends?
- Hikes, swimming, cook-outs, creek-play, singing, crafts, canoe trips, horseback riding, challenge course, high ropes course, nature study, tons of group games, skits & drama, rock-climbing, backpacking, kayaking, mountain biking, river tubing, worship, Bible study, performing arts, campfires, campouts, and more?

## Counseling at Camp Bethel is a GREAT summer job!

"This summer... wins as the best summer of my life." - John

"Camp, over these years, has shaped me into the person I am." - Brennan

"It's not just a job, it's adoption into a family that lasts long beyond the summer." - Caleb

"You create and build upon the most amazing relationships." - Hannah G.

"Seeing God in the lives of the children and your peers is incredible." - Lucas

"You can be yourself; everyone accepts you in Christian love." - Sarah H.

"The same God who created these gorgeous mountains and these kind-hearted people also lives in me." - Celia

"It's the perfect summer job. The people will bring me back." - Darryl

"It's the most rewarding and beneficial thing I have ever done." - Sarah G.

"I have realized a greater capacity for caring." - Stacey

"Given the overwhelming amount of new friends and adventures... God is certainly here and certainly busy." - Kathleen

"Thankful for nights around a campfire under the stars singing to the God who loves us deeply." - Hannah M.

"It's a life changing experience." - Tyler

"Working at Camp Bethel is the best decision I ever made." - Joe



## 10 Big Reasons to Work at Camp Bethel

1. "Christian communion of clean hearts and minds." Every activity and lesson centers on our guiding philosophy of living as the Body of Christ in an intentional Christian community.
2. Health and safety adaptations will abound, and boy-o-boy are we excited to make summer camp happen again!
3. Amazing Activities & Exciting Adventures: 470 acres of unique on-site fun, plus adventures, skills, and trips.
4. Authentic Relationships: Relational ministry and service to children and youth... and each other!
5. Experienced Leaders: Barry, Jenna, and Spencer have 53 combined years of experience. 60% staff return rate.
6. Your Résumé Wins: Counseling builds a suite of life and job skills to make you a stronger candidate for any future career. We provide enthusiastic references and recommendation letters.
7. Excellent Food: Our family-style meals are nutritious and plentiful with veggie/vegan options, fruit, sandwich, salad and side options at each meal. Hot sauce bar. *Plus... Cheese Croissants!*
8. Excellent musicians and singers (including you?) lead a huge catalog of fun jams and goofy kid tunes.
9. Modern Cabins & Dining Hall: Electric outlets! *Wow!* Gym! Laundry house! DSL Wi-Fi! *Zippy!* Air-conditioned cabins & Dining Hall for cool reprieves from summer heat.
10. **Starting at \$290 per week for up to 7 weeks** with training provided. Weekends off. May 31 through July 24-or-31.

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