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To: Congregations, Camp Representatives, Pastors, and Heritage Day Coordinators  
Subject: **37th HERITAGE DAY, CAMP BETHEL, Sat., Oct. 2, 2020, 7:30am-2:30pm.**

Dear Friends,

We **WILL** celebrate Heritage Day: ***in-person, on-site, and outdoors*** on October 2. We can maintain a healthy and safe festival by following common-sense state and local health guidance (see enclosed information). I encourage you and your congregation to participate in our 37<sup>th</sup> annual Heritage Day or to plan a separate event or offering for Camp Bethel. ***Camp Bethel needs YOUR participation!***

With many additions and changes to the event since 1984, Heritage Day still remains the “grandest of Camp Bethel’s days.” In 2019, your combined efforts and events raised \$38,992! In 2020, we were forced to cancel our on-site event, but several groups and congregations stepped up and held individual events, fundraisers, and offerings for \$32,295! 100% of Heritage Day revenue directly funds our ministry; **thus Heritage Day remain camp’s most important fundraising event, providing 6% of camp’s total annual funding!**

We hope EVERY Virginia District congregation can participate or attend. Volunteers may lodge or camp at Camp Bethel Friday and Saturday night, Oct 1-2 free of charge with RSVP 540-992-2940 or [CampBethelOffice@gmail.com](mailto:CampBethelOffice@gmail.com). If your church can’t participate in-person on October 2, help in one or more other ways:

- Hold a separate event or fundraiser at your congregation. Please let me know how we, the camp staff and the Outdoor Ministries Committee, can support or promote your creative efforts.
- Donate new or like-new pint jars (and new lids/rings!) for Heritage Day Apple Butter.
- Plan a September/October Sunday special offering to Camp Bethel in honor of Heritage Day.
- Help with parking Saturday October 2, or with 2:30 take-down and clean-up.
- Commit to announcing and including the Heritage Day bulletin insert in your September Sunday services, and copy and hang the enclosed flier several places in your church and in your local businesses.

The Camp Property Committee is seeking volunteers to help with PARKING cars in 2-hour shifts beginning at 6:00am on October 2. Contact 540-992-2940 or [CampBethelOffice@gmail.com](mailto:CampBethelOffice@gmail.com).

Our day on October 2 opens to the public with 7:30am breakfast in the Ark and at Mount Union’s booth, and booths open throughout camp 9:00am-2:30pm. We will have food, children’s fishing, wonderful crafts and sale items, plenty of Brethren Heritage items and demonstrations, live music and blessed fellowship of faithful servants!

Please complete and return your “Exhibit Space and Registration Form” OR submit your information on line at [www.CampBethelVirginia.org/heritage-day](http://www.CampBethelVirginia.org/heritage-day), all by September 27. ***Please note that our festival is EXEMPT from formerly required food permitting through the Health Department.*** If you have any questions about Heritage Day, the health regulations, lodging or helping, call Barry at 540-992-2940 or e-mail [CampBethelOffice@gmail.com](mailto:CampBethelOffice@gmail.com).

Thank you for your donations, your jars, and your help, and see you here for Heritage Day on Saturday, October 2, 2021!

Together, in Christ our hope,

Barry LeNoir, Camp Bethel Director

## Participant information: Some details of the day for Heritage Day:

7:30	<b>Breakfast</b> in the Ark Dining Hall through 9:30 and at Mount Union's booth all day.
9:00	<b>Booths OPEN</b> (see map). <i>Please visit every vendor &amp; booth.</i>
9:15	<b>Kids' Fishing open</b> 'til 2:00pm (map #11); child 3-12 w/ adult. <i>Trout donated by Brugh's Mill Store in memory of Bill Humbert.</i>
9:30	Kids' Train Rides begin; meet beside Bethel Lodge (#35 on map).
2:30	Booths close; <i>Thanks for your help with clean-up!</i>

1. **Plan A or Plan B?** Only in the case of HEAVY rain will we move into the Gym (see Plan B map). If there is rain, we will announce our decision by 6:00am Saturday and we will post this information on the office porch as well as call cell phones of vendors. If we have to move into the Gym, we will prop doors and bay doors open and run fans to increase ventilation.
2. **Find your vending area** and corresponding map number on the enclosed maps for PLAN A. For PLAN A (out-of-doors), everyone is located the same spot and number as previous years.
3. **YES, you may set up Friday.** Let us know when you'd like to come set up in advance.
4. **Vendor/volunteer PARKING is behind the Craft House.** *Please do not park your vehicle at your booth.* Please move vehicles out of main campus to behind the Craft House before 8:30am Saturday. See map for other parking areas. If you arrive on Friday evening, unload then park behind the Craft House; by Saturday morning, do NOT park in the Ark Lot or the Deer Field. **Yes, some folks use their vehicles for the vending booth or park right behind their booth**, and Barry has pre-approved you for this. No worries!
5. **BAGGED ICE** is available free in the Ark's exterior freezer (right door), 6:30-10:00am Saturday. Bring your own cooler.
6. **Standard drink pricing:** Please sell 12oz canned sodas for \$1.00 and 12-16oz (.5L) bottled water for \$1.00. Sell 20oz+ bottled sodas & water for \$2.00. Other drink pricing (coffee, tea, etc.) is determined by you, but consider a \$1.00 even fee to avoid coins. If the weather is cool, plan to sell more hot drinks than usual.
7. **Money bags/change: Please bring lots of your own ones, fives and coins.** Barry LeNoir will deliver your money collection bag to you at your site location by 9:00am Saturday morning. Inside each collection bag are 2 forms to use when tallying your earnings at the end of the day. After 2:30 today, please carefully tally the total amounts for all checks, cash and change, complete the forms, organize the bills in all the same direction, and deliver your bag to our collector on the Office Porch (#1) as soon after 2:30pm as possible. Turn in one completed form; keep the other completed form for your records. Call or text Barry at 540-797-3149 if you need extra ONES or FIVES.
8. **Camp will provide sanitation kits** to those groups serving foods. Return these bagged kits to the box on the office porch at the end of the day.
9. **Clean-up & break-down:** After 2:30 Saturday, please help with clean-up:
  - a. Empty your hand-washing station of all clean water; empty and rinse your bilge bucket. If bilge is exceptionally nasty or chunky, pour bilge into toilet and flush, per health dept rules.
  - b. Move clean buckets, hand-wash barrels & stands to the grass in front of LaMont cabin by the Craft House.
  - c. Please take as much trash as you can to the dumpster above the Ark Parking Lot.
  - d. Take sanitary kit (if assigned one) and soap from wash-station to the box on the office porch.
  - e. Take site number & pole to the box on the office porch.
  - f. As soon as possible, take money bag and completed tally form to the office porch.
10. **Report of funds raised:** Saturday evening, Barry will post final statistics on our web site at [www.CampBethelVirginia.org/HeritageDay](http://www.CampBethelVirginia.org/HeritageDay) for reporting on Sunday morning to your congregations. Also, be certain we have your e-mail contact; write it on your tally form (in your cloth bag).
11. **Didn't sell everything?** Many churches put unsold items on display after church in days and weeks following Heritage Day to continue benefiting Camp Bethel. THANK YOU for your creativity and commitment to Camp Bethel, and thanks for any extra help you can provide!
12. **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!** Your support and involvement in the life of Camp Bethel is amazing, vitally important and greatly appreciated. We thank you for the hundreds of volunteer hours represented by your Heritage Day booth! As we complete our 94<sup>th</sup> year at Camp Bethel:
  - **We rejoice for past and present blessings, giving thanks to God for ministry together in this time and place,**
  - **We celebrate each of you, the devoted members of this District who give so generously,**
  - **And we look ahead with faith and awe to an exciting future at Camp Bethel.**

**Want to help in other ways?** The Camp Bethel Property Committee is seeking volunteers to help with PARKING cars in 2-hour shifts 6:00am-2:00pm on October 2. Contact the camp office to help at [CampBethelOffice@gmail.com](mailto:CampBethelOffice@gmail.com) or 540-992-2940.

**DRESS UP in Brethren Heritage Attire!** Join the fun (blacksmithing, apple butter, woodcraft, etc.) on October 2 along "Heritage Lane" between the House of Pillars and Hillside Auditorium.



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**EXHIBIT SPACE AND REGISTRATION FORM 2020**

Submit your Registration on line at: [www.CampBethelVirginia.org/HeritageDay](http://www.CampBethelVirginia.org/HeritageDay)

Return by **September 27** to: Camp Bethel Heritage Day, 328 Bethel Road, Fincastle VA 24090  
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**A note to our churches and participants:**

**Plan A** is for our 2020 Heritage Day Festival to be out-of-doors in main camp as in years 1984-2005 & 2007-19.

**Plan B**, in case of heavy rain on Saturday morning, is to move exhibits into the Deer Field Gym as we did in 2006.

Final determination (of Plan A or B) will be announced and posted on signs by 6:00am Saturday morning, October 2. **Please be prepared for either plan.** Please bring your own tables adequate for your exhibit, and bring your own extension cords, water hoses, appliances, etc. needed for your exhibit. Thank you!

1. Name of congregation or organization: \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_; phone #: \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Contact person's address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, zip \_\_\_\_\_

4. Contact person's e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_.

5. List items (in general) you will have available at your booth: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please bring your own tables adequate for your exhibit, and bring your own extension cords, water hoses, appliances, etc. needed for your exhibit. Camp Bethel can't provide the above items.)*

6. Exhibit space needed:

A. Will you bring an RV for your space? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

B. How many tables will you bring? \_\_\_\_\_ *(Bring tables adequate for your exhibit; Camp can't provide.)*

C. Other space needs: \_\_\_\_\_.

7. Electrical and Water needs:

A. List the number and kind of electrical appliances you will bring:

\_\_\_\_\_ fry pans      \_\_\_\_\_ crock pots      \_\_\_\_\_ coffee makers      \_\_\_\_\_ blenders

\_\_\_\_\_ warming ovens      \_\_\_\_\_ microwave(s)      other: \_\_\_\_\_

B. Do you need WATER? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

*(Please bring your own extension cords, water hoses and appliances needed for your exhibit.)*

8. Other needs or information which would be helpful for Camp Bethel to know as plans are made for Heritage Day:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your participation and see you on Saturday, October 2! Return this form to Camp by Sept 27,  
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# Camp Bethel and COVID-19, Heritage Day 2021

*These guidelines may change as conditions change in Virginia.*

**Camp Bethel can provide a healthy and safe Heritage Day Festival following these guidelines:**

1. Please designate a Health Coordinator to implement COVID-19 safety guidelines for your booth/group.
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 area and disinfect high contact areas and hard surfaces, including tables, cash boxes/bags, 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. Unvaccinated persons should wear facemasks indoors or when close to other persons. If you are the group organizer or Health Coordinator, **bring extra masks** to give away.
7. Only share recreation tools and items if (A) it is disinfected and (B) participants sanitize their hands before use.
8. Wash and/or sanitize your hands frequently during the day.
9. Note: Persons from the same household may not need physical distance or wear 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 people from other households.
- ✓ Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.
- ✓ Unvaccinated persons should wear a cloth face mask covering nose and mouth when near other people indoors.
- ✓ Do not touch your eyes, nose, and mouth, and avoid touching your face. If you do, wash your hands immediately.
- ✓ 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](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus) and [www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/)  
Virginia's vaccination appointments: [vaccinate.virginia.gov](http://vaccinate.virginia.gov)

## We need your support, your advocacy, and your gifts:

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

# FOOD SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HERITAGE DAY

## 1. NEW General Information:

In late 2016, the VDH notified the camp office that our Heritage Day Festival is **exempt** from required permits!

**"12VAC5-421-3560. Exemptions to Regulations:** *The following are exempt from this chapter as defined in §§ 35.1-25 and 35.1-26 of the Code of Virginia: Churches, fraternal, school and social organizations and volunteer fire departments and rescue squads which hold dinners and bazaars of not more than one time per week and not in excess of two days duration at which food prepared in homes of members or in the kitchen of the church or organization and is offered for sale to the public..."*

Even though we're exempt from permits, we must still prepare and serve food **safely**. This packet outlines for you the reasonable and practical steps to follow when selling and serving foods to the public.

## 2. Safety recommendations when preparing foods to sell:

- A. You can prepare **any and all foods at home**. Keep an ingredients list available for persons with dietary restrictions.
  1. Home-baked goods (pies, cakes, candy, cookies): Baked goods should be wrapped as individual servings, bunched servings or "whole cake" servings. Label each individually wrapped baked item with name of food, date made, major ingredients (nuts, especially), and YOUR name and phone number.
  2. Home-canned preserves (jellies, jams, pickles, relishes, salsas, veggies): Must be sealed in clear, sterilized glass jars and labeled with name of food, date canned, major ingredients, YOUR name and phone number.
  3. Hot foods and meats: See B and C.
- B. Safety recommendations for HOT FOODS:

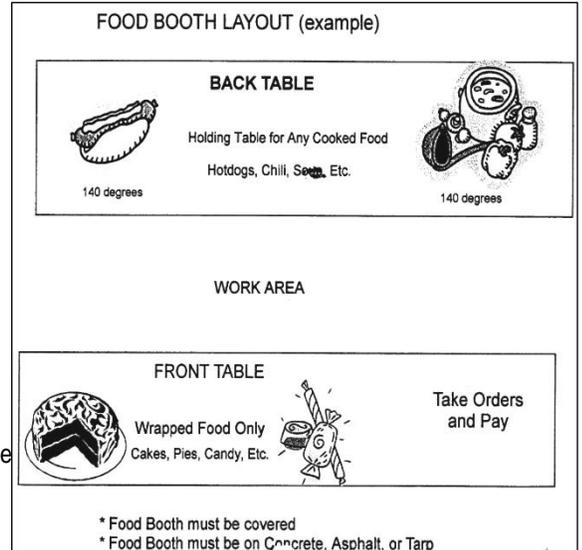
1. Cooked to a minimum of 165° F before serving.
2. Held at 140° F (in crock pot, heating cabinet, thermal container, etc.).
3. Cooking utensils (forks, spoons, knives, ladles) must be changed (or cleaned & sanitized) every 4 hours or less.
4. Keep an ingredients list available in case persons have severe allergies or dietary restrictions

C. Safety recommendations for Barbecue chicken, Grilled meats, or Grilled vegetables:

1. Cooking pits/grills should have overhead tarp or covering.
2. After chicken is cooked to minimum 165° F it can be stored in coolers lined with foil for a 4 hour maximum.
3. Recommend changing foil for each re-fill of chicken.
4. Mark date and time on foil when cooler is filled.

**3. Booth Set-Up recommendations for groups serving/selling hot foods or meats:**

- A. Hand-washing station (niftily provided by Camp Bethel). You might share a station with a neighboring vendor.
- B. Liquid waste container for wash water & ice drainage (bucket provided by Camp); don't dump waste water on the ground.
- C. Overhead tarp over entire booth (cooking and serving area).
- D. Under booth must be concrete, asphalt or tarp ground cover.
- E. Trash cans close by for waste disposal (provided by Camp).
- F. Sanitizer kit (provided by Camp Bethel).
- G. Thermometer for food temperature (provided by Camp)
- H. Plastic gloves for handling & serving (provided by Camp)
- I. Plastic or washable table covering over all tables.
- J. Condiments in squeeze bottles or packets on back table.
- K. Hair restraint or cap for persons with long hair.
- L. Money collector does NOT handle food or utensils.
- M. Utensils for cooking and serving sanitized every 4 hours.
- N. Single serve paper or plastic plates, utensils for food, etc., stored on back table up off the ground.
- O. Food table in back is AWAY from public reach. Back table includes cooking (165°) and hold area for hot food (140°).
- P. Front table has wrapped food and payment/order area. See the "Food Booth Layout" sample diagram at right.
- Q. Apple Butter/Cider pot must have a lid OR a tarp overhead. This can be tricky with an open-kettle over a fire. Be cautious and supervise the kettle and fire at all times.



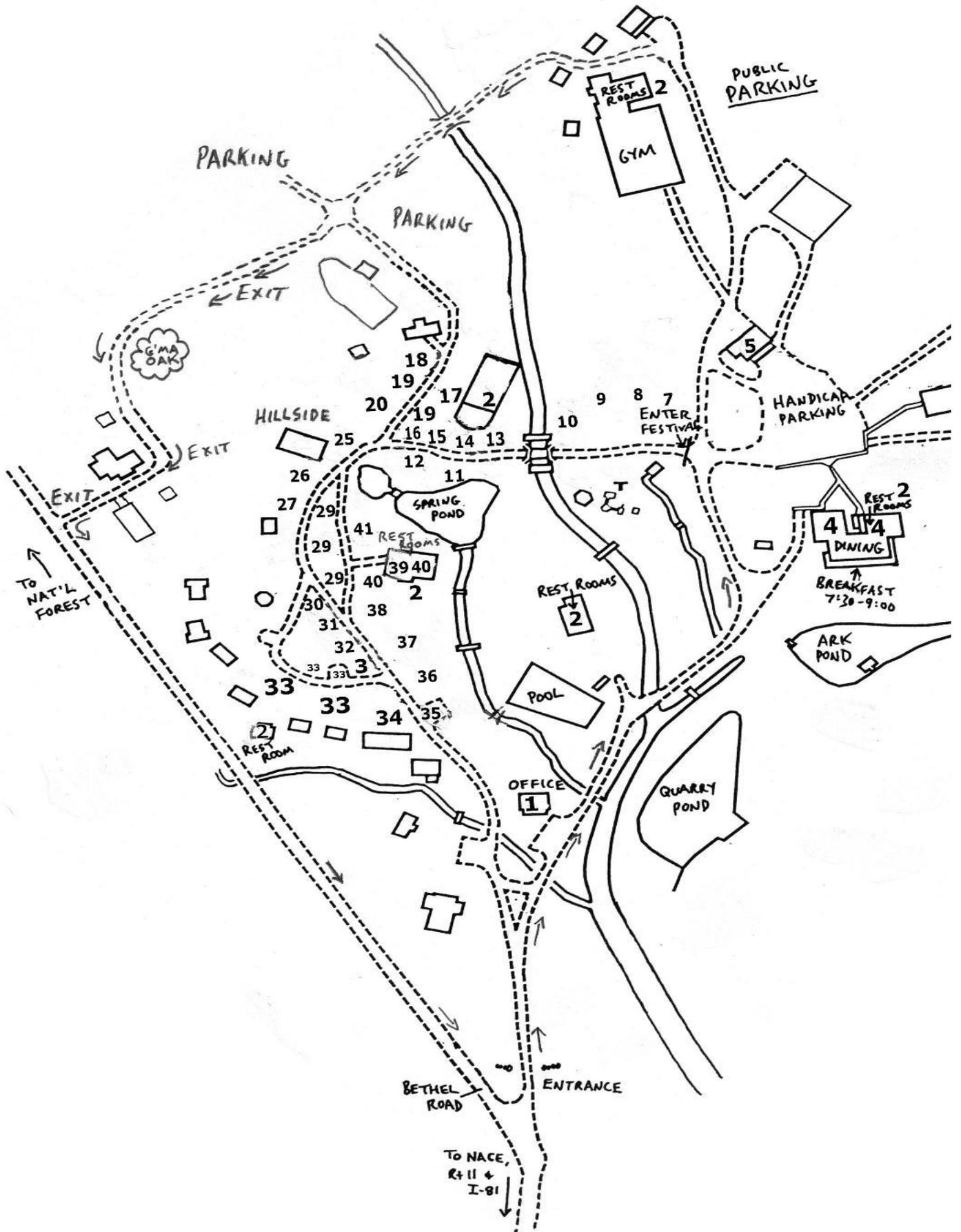
**4. Serving the Food:**

- A. Wear plastic disposable gloves (provided by Camp).
- B. Condiments in squeeze dispensers or individual packets.
- C. Wear hair restraint or cap for long hair.
- D. All food served must be stored on tables at the back of the food booth. Wrapped food can be placed on front table.
- E. Change or sanitize serving utensils every 4 hours or less.
- F. All cooked or prepared food shall be served on or in single-service paper or plastic plates, bowls or utensils, including cups, containers, lids, closures, straws, napkins, etc.
- G. Cold Food to be held at 45° F or below.
- H. Frozen Food to be held at 0° F or below.
- I. Hot Food to be held at 140° or above.
- J. COLD DRINKS or cold food items kept on ice in a **cooler which drains the melted water out the bottom**. No served item or drink should be sitting in standing water, even ice cold standing water.

**5. General Safety Guidelines:**

Handwashing Method	Method of Cleaning and Sanitizing Utensils	Restricted Public Access	Hot and Cold Holding Methods Example: Ice; Steam Table; Refrigerators; Coolers
Soap & water handwashing stations provided by Camp Bethel or interior sinks.	Wash, rinse & sanitize w/ bleach-water solution.	Front & back tables: back tables hold foods; front table for exchange; sneeze guard	<b>ELECTRIC CROCK POTS W/ COVERS;</b> coolers lined with aluminum foil for hot foods; coolers w/ ice & drain for cold foods.

**THAT'S IT! BE SAFE, CLEAN AND SANITARY!**



*Please invite everyone you know to our*  
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