

Camp Bethel News, June-July 2021, Fincastle, VA



CAMP BETHEL IS OPEN FOR GROUPS, FAMILIES, and PROGRAMS
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 welcome on weekends; 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 STORY VIDEOS online thru June 19!

Over 30 stories to start your Summer from Donald Davis, Dolores Hydock, Kevin Kling, Bil Lepp, Barbara McBride-Smith, and Donna Washington. Enjoy (and Donate to) our FREE and FUN online storytelling "festival" to raise funds for Camp Bethel. www.SoundsoftheMountains.org.



LIMITED SUMMER CAMPS ARE FILLING FAST! Resident camps, adventures, trips, and day camps are SAFE and FUN in 2021 because of our "Small Group Unit" model. *Kids need Summer Camp in 2021 more than ever!* Schedule, prices, safety info, and more at CampBethelVirginia.org/camps.

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

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.



SKILLED CONSTRUCTION TEAMS NEEDED! We need help (1) completing our new summer camp Adventure Village platform huts, (2) finishing a new deck at the renovated Bandage Box Cottage, and (3) replacing boards on the bridges and decks. We hope to complete all projects ASAP. We have all materials and projects have begun. We can provide free lunches! Find more information, dates, and basic plans at CampBethelVirginia.org/volunteer or email Barry at CampBethelOffice@gmail.com.

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 hope to retain core staff through all of 2021. **Until the pandemic ends, we will continue to rely on donations to "survive" 2021.** Please give at CampBethelVirginia.org/donate. Thank you!

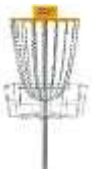


FOUR WAYS TO HELP CAMP BETHEL:

1. FALL/WINTER FAMILY VACATION... AT CAMP! Info at CampBethelVirginia.org/groups.
2. SPONSOR our Disc Golf Course holes, our Golf Tournament, or our 5K.
3. ORDER Apple Butter at CampBethelVirginia.org/TradingPost.
4. DONATE! Every gift and every item helps! Thank you! CampBethelVirginia.org/donate



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](https://www.CampBethelVirginia.org/self-guided-adventures).



CAMP BETHEL WISH LIST: Clorox wipes, disinfectant sprays (like Lysol); road-worthy mini-van or 15-passenger van (2015 or newer); road-worthy pickup truck (2010 or newer); clothes dryer; refrigerator (full or mini); chest coolers w/ handles; 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 or shop-vacs; 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](https://www.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 for "the PEPPIEST gang around!" Information at [CampBethelVirginia.org/5K](https://www.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](https://www.CampBethelVirginia.org/golf).

HERITAGE DAY FESTIVAL, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2: Please encourage everyone in your church to participate and help in this vitally important fundraiser for Camp Bethel. Tell your friends and help us advertise. Heritage Day forms, fliers and information are available at [CampBethelVirginia.org/Heritage-Day](https://www.CampBethelVirginia.org/Heritage-Day), or from your Pastor or Camp Rep.



FALL VOLUNTEER WORKDAY IS NOVEMBER 6: 7:30am free breakfast; 1:00pm free lunch; RSVP meals by October 31 to 540-992-2940 or CampBethelOffice@gmail.com. We need your help preparing camp for the winter conference season. Workday projects (rain or shine; indoor & outdoor) for all skill levels and all ages at [CampBethelVirginia.org/workday](https://www.CampBethelVirginia.org/workday).

CHRISTMAS TOGETHER BANQUET, THURS, DECEMBER 9: Camp Bethel's Christmas TOGETHER Banquet on Thursday, December 9, 6:30pm includes an excellent dinner and fun Christmas program in our festive, decorated Ark Dining Hall. Your \$50 gift (larger gifts accepted) provides needed year-end funding. RSVP your family or group by Dec 2: 540-992-2940 or CampBethelOffice@gmail.com.

WINTER CAMP YOUTH & KIDS' RETREAT, JANUARY 8-9: Winter Camp is a fun Retreat for kids grades 1-5 and youth grades 6-12 led by our reunited Summer Staff. \$70 includes 4 meals, lodging, and program including group games, Glow-in-the-Dark Gym Party, campfire & S'mores, Bible study, crafts, hiking, nature fun, skits, sledding and other snow fun (if it snows), worship, wagon ride, summer photos slide show, 2022 camp preview... and Camp Bethel stickers! Register at [CampBethelVirginia.org/winter-camp](https://www.CampBethelVirginia.org/winter-camp).

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 (Virilina District Treasurer) Ex-Officio.

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

Now through June 19: 20th Sounds of the Mountains Fest at [SoundsoftheMountains.org](https://www.SoundsoftheMountains.org).

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.

October 15-17, 2021: Camp Bethel at Roanoke GO Outside Festival.

November 6, 2021: Fall Volunteer Workday, RSVP free meals.

December 9, 2021 (Thu): Christmas TOGETHER Banquet.

January 8-9, 2022: Winter Camp Youth & Kids' Retreat.

January 10, 2022: Summer Camp Registration OPENS.

February 12, 2022 (Sat), 12:00noon: Camp Supporter Lunch, RSVP.

March 10, 2022 (Thurs), 6:30pm: Sow the Seed Banquet, RSVP.

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with God
with each other
with creation

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