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Camp Bethel 2022 Labor Day Family Weekend Information

Schedule, Prices, Information

Hello Friends and Families! Labor Day Family Weekend is September 2-5 at Camp Bethel. Complete the Attendance and Meals Form at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/LaborDay whether or not you want meals and definitely if you plan to attend at any time.

COVID-19 SAFETY: You may choose to mask at any time. If you are ill or have symptoms or test positive for COVID, you should stay home. Please continue to wash/sanitize your hands and be as careful as possible, especially indoors and in crowded areas.

KIDS SHOULD WEAR BIKE HELMETS WHILE BIKING. Please keep your kids safe! **Kids should NOT be in the Gym without supervision** of adult or older relative. Do NOT enter facilities you did not reserve.

PAYMENT: If you have not yet paid in full for THIS year's camping/lodging and/or meals AND NEXT year's lodging reservation, use your "Payment and Future Reservations" form in this packet, calculate your fees, and pay in advance and online at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/LaborDay. If necessary, you can also write a check and deliver it before 10:00am Monday, September 5 (with a note) to our office porch metal mailbox.

NO OFFICE HOURS: Use your "Payment and Future Reservations" form in this packet and pay at CampBethelVirginia.org/LaborDay or by dropping payment (with a note) into our office metal mailbox before 10:00am Monday, September 5.

As you recall, many of you who had paid facility reservations for the 2020 or 2021 Labor Day Weekend forwarded your deposit to 2022 OR you donated prior payments to camp (thank you). If you donated your reservation, *well, THANK YOU, but now you need to pay your new deposit* to retain your present use. Don't remember? Then email Barry at CampBethelOffice@gmail.com.

MEALS: Meal reservations were due by 11:00am Tuesday, August 30. If you reserve meals, please be on time (Saturday 10:00am & 5:30pm, Sunday 10:00am, Monday 9:00am). We will serve buffet style, so please wash/sanitize your hands before going through the buffet line. All persons, please get a clean plate each time you visit the buffet, and please only take what you will eat.

Shelter-by-the-Spring is EVERYONE'S KITCHEN: since we are offering fewer meal options, we know you'll have to get creative for your own meals. The Shelter-by-the-Spring will serve as a communal kitchen for everyone who needs space to prepare meals and refrigerate food. We've added a large microwave oven in addition to the 2 stoves, 2 fridges/freezers, plus the gas grill. Other options: Get creative with outdoor campfire cooking! Local favorite restaurants include: 3 Lil' Pigs BBQ; Foot of the Mountain Cafe; Cuban Island; Bellacino's; Lentini's; and Brughs Mill Country Store has excellent breakfast biscuits!

"CAMP BETHEL PEP!" 5K is Saturday, September 3: You're already HERE, so register at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/5K!

PLEASE CLEAN BEFORE YOU DEPART: Our largest annual Guest Group rental arrives Monday evening through Tuesday (and stays through Sunday), using ALL facilities. As you depart, please thoroughly clean your facility, campsite, indoor & outdoor areas, plus bathhouses, to help us prepare for a quick turn-around. Thank you!

Thanks for sharing this information with others in your group.

Together, in Christ our hope,

Barry LeNoir, Kathleen Nettnin, Daniel Naff, Mickey Nichols, & the Camp Bethel Staff

SCHEDULE:

Friday, September 2:

7:00pm: Virginia Tech at Old Dominion football game (ESPN). Showing inside the living room at the "Graybill House", 564 Bethel Road, bring your own camping chair, snacks & drinks.

7:00pm: Music Jam in the Shelter-by-the-Spring, *"Open Music Welcome jam-based on Traditional Appalachian tunes and Songs."*

10:00pm: Gym closed, and quiet hours through campus. *Please put away balls, turn off lights & fans, close doors.*

Saturday, September 3:

8:00am: Camp Bethel PEP! 5K begins at the Ark Lawn. Spectators encouraged! See our 5K site for details.

9:00-9:30am: 5K runners cross finish line, plus awards presentation. Boisterous cheering section encouraged!

9:45-10:30: Trading Post OPEN. Credit Cards welcome. New shirts, blankets, bottles & more.

10:00am: Brunch at the Ark Dining Hall.

1:00-5:15: Pool OPEN. Children and teens must be supervised by an adult.

5:30pm: Dinner at the Ark Dining Hall for those who reserved.

7:00pm: Music Jam in the Shelter-by-the-Spring. *"Open Instructional Music and Dance Jam (a precursor to future 'barn dances' where we can show a couple steps whilst playing the music- nothing formal)."*

10:00pm: Gym closed, and quiet hours through campus. *Please put away balls, turn off lights & fans, close doors.*

Sunday, September 4:

9:00am: Worship at the Ark Deck & Lawn (pond side) w/ New Bethel CoB (weather permitting). Bring your own lawn chair.

10:00am: Brunch at the Ark Dining Hall for those who reserved.

1:00-5:15: Pool OPEN. Children and teens must be supervised by an adult.

2:00: "Ribbon Cutting" Service of Dedication for our new Disc Golf Course. Bring your disc(s) to learn and play.

5:30pm: Pot Luck Dinner at the Shelter-by-the-Spring. Bring a dish or dessert to share with 100+ people.

6:00-7:00: Wagon Rides (weather permitting) with pick-up & drop off at the Shelter-by-the-Spring.

6:15-7:15pm: Trading Post open. Credit Cards welcome. New shirts, bottles & more.

7:30pm: Music Jam in the Shelter-by-the-Spring. *"Gospel Music ~ pick and sing along!"*

10:00pm: Gym closed, and quiet hours through campus. *Please put away balls, turn off lights & fans, close doors.*

Monday, September 5, Labor Day:

9:00am: Breakfast at the Ark Dining Hall for those who reserved. See meals information below.

9:00am: Service Project: Help us perform a "dust-down" sweep/vacuum of the Gym as we convert in into a Worship Hall for our annual Guest Group, the Virginia Family Retreat of 200+ Seventh Day Adventists.

10:00-12:30: Pool OPEN. Children and teens must be supervised by an adult.

Our largest annual Guest Group rental arrives Monday evening through Tuesday (and stays through Sunday), using ALL facilities. As you depart, please thoroughly clean your facility, campsite, indoor & outdoor areas, plus bathhouses, to help us prepare for a quick turn-around. Thank you!

What to Bring/What to Offer:

- Help us add a few activities! E-mail the information and time choice to us ASAP so we can include it into the schedule.
- Please pay your fees (lodging, camping, meals, and future reservations) IN ADVANCE and ON LINE.
- Bring extra cash, check book or credit card for payments, for Sunday morning offering for New Bethel CoB, for the "Trading Post" items, and for donations.
- JOIN OUR 5K on Saturday morning, Sept 3, and run or walk with dozens of other Camp Bethel supporters!
- BRING YOUR MOUNTAIN BIKES (and helmets) and hit our new biking trails!!! We need tires on these trails!
- BRING YOUR DISCS (aka Frisbees) and play our new 9-hole Disc Golf Course!

2022-2023 Family Weekend Prices and Reservations:

“First Right of Refusal” regarding reservations for future holiday weekends: Families (1) reserved with payment 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 2023. We only reserve 1 year ahead for these holiday weekends. This reduces waiting time for available facilities. You may NOT sublet your facility to another guest without advanced permission of the Camp Office.

There are NO office times this weekend, so please pay ASAP and by 10:00am September 5 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/check payable to CAMP BETHEL and delivered to the metal mailbox on our office porch, or mailed ASAP.
3. Not sure what you owe? Email us at CampBethelOffice@gmail.com for an invoice.

Meals: Always reserve meals at least 1 week in advance. (Meal prices are \$2 less than “regular” fees.)

	Regular Breakfast/Brunch	Dinner	“Regular” guest price
Adult age 13+	\$10.00	\$12.00	Breakfasts \$12, Lunches & Dinners \$14
Child age 4-12	\$5.00	\$6.00	Breakfasts \$6, Lunches & Dinners \$7
ICE from Ark	\$2/bag or donate	\$2/bag or donate	\$4/bag

Rustic Cabins: Whispering Pines (14), Willoro (4)

Cabins	Per night 2022	Per night 2023, minimum deposit 2 nights	“Regular” guest price
Up to 12-14 persons	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$54/night min & \$18/person

Comfort Cabins: Daleville (14), Friendship Haven (14), Pleasant View (14), StoneHOP (12)

Cabins	Per night 2022	Per night 2023, minimum deposit 2 nights	“Regular” guest price
Up to 12-14 persons	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$60/night min & \$20/person

Cottages: Bandage Box (12), Bethel Lodge (11), Blue Birds’ Nest (14), Carolina Haven (12), Forest Lodge (14), Pineview (11), Wildwood (14)

Cottages:	Per night 2022	Per night 2023, minimum deposit 2 nights	“Regular” guest price
Up to 11 or 14 persons	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$140/night min & \$28/person

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

Heritage Lodge	Per night, per room 2022	Per night 2023, minimum deposit 2 nights	“Regular” guest price
12-14 persons per room	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$704/night min & \$32/person (for entire facility)

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

Retreat Center	Per night, per room 2022	Per night 2023, minimum deposit 2 nights	“Regular” guest price
1 or 2(+) persons per room	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$400/night min & \$40/person (for entire facility)

Camping in RV or Tent:

RV or Tent	2022 per night, per site or tent	Per night 2023, minimum deposit 2 nights	“Regular” guest price
Tent site: per tent	\$8.00	no deposit necessary, \$10.00	\$12/tent
RV not on sites C1-8 or A-B (ex: field camping)	\$12.00	\$14.00	\$16/night
RV sites C1-8; A-B	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20/night

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS and IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

1. Parents: SUPERVISE YOUR CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES, including in 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. KIDS SHOULD WEAR BIKE HELMETS WHILE BIKING. Please keep your kids safe! Kids should NOT be in the Gym without supervision of adult or older relative. Do NOT enter facilities you did not reserve.
3. Keep fires controlled, supervise at all times, and extinguish after use.
4. In case of thunderstorms, seek immediate shelter AWAY from trees, creeks and ponds.
5. Rattlesnakes can sometimes be abundant in the forested/rocky areas; (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.
6. 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!
7. Tick, mosquito & chigger prevention: Wear insect repellent per its manufacturer’s 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.
8. First Aid Kit on office porch. A.E.D. in the Ark. In a life-threatening emergency, call 9-1-1. YOU are responsible for your child’s First Aid.
9. Something need fixing in your facility? Write us a note. Is it something YOU can help fix? We appreciate your help and donations!
10. **Please please please** thoroughly clean and sanitize your facility and/or camping area before you depart. Thank you!

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 cannabis, no drugs, no obscene language.
2. **You MUST supervise children/teens at all times in all areas and facilities including in the Gym**, at the Pool, and 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 OFF LIMITS.
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.

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BIG IMPACT 2022-2023! Experiences at Camp Bethel make a lasting impact on our campers, our summer staff, and our guests. *Like a drop rippling outward on the Spring Pond*, ordinary gifts become extraordinary experiences. **Please give a donation**, for all the little needs that add up and make Camp Bethel extraordinary. *Together with God, each other, and creation.* [CampBethelVirginia.org/donate](https://www.CampBethelVirginia.org/donate).



MAKE A BIG IMPACT AT CAMP BETHEL:

1. Donate toward our NEW MOWER fund (see below) to help keep our site and grounds groomed and beautiful.
2. Give an "undesignated gift" to help fund all the little things. *And boy-oh-boy, there's a LOT of little things!*
3. SPONSOR our 5K, our Golf Tournament, OUR Disc Golf Course holes, our Story Fest.
4. Purchase an item off our Amazon Wish List: <https://a.co/5qG5JYq>
5. Donate to our Summer Staff Adoption Fund to help young adults accept the call to summer ministry.
6. DONATE! Every gift and every item helps! Thank you! [CampBethelVirginia.org/donate](https://www.CampBethelVirginia.org/donate).



MEND MICKEY'S MOWER MISERY! Our Facilities Manager, Mickey Nichols, doesn't ask for much. So when he DOES express a need, we know it's legitimate! Sadly, our old lawn mower died this year, and we ask for YOUR help in purchasing a new mower for Mickey and his excellent team. His research pointed us to a Cub Cadet Pro X 160S with Mickey's preferred Kawasaki motor. We're \$9,371 away from our funding goal. Can you help? Donate to our New Mower Fund to help mend Mickey's mower misery at [CampBethelVirginia.org/donate](https://www.CampBethelVirginia.org/donate), (choose New Mower Fund). Thanks!

CAMP BETHEL WISH LIST: Skid Steer, tracked or wheeled; Mini-van or 15-passenger van (2015 or newer); Road-worthy pickup truck (2010 or newer); Clothes washer and dryer; Refrigerator (full or mini); Chest freezer or upright freezer; LED light bulbs; new first-aid supplies; brooms & dustpans; 3'x8' plyboards for bunks (any thickness or quality); "Tree Cookies" (3"+ diameter and less-than 0.5" thick); Amazon wish-list at <https://a.co/5qG5JYq> or [CampBethelVirginia.org/donate](https://www.CampBethelVirginia.org/donate). *Tax-deductible!*



2022 SUMMER CAMPS were June 12 through August 5. Our Counselors provided excellent care, and the Holy Spirit was alive and present! Our curriculum, "What's in a Name?" helped us recognize our encounters with the miraculous and the mundane, and the mundane made miraculous. 785 campers registered, including 54 for the return of Carilion Camp Too Sweet June 26-July 1 and 33 participants in our return to Parent-Child Overnight Camp June 3-4. By comparison, we had 554 total campers in 2021. 106 campers received Good-as-Gold funding from Virlina congregations totaling \$35,426. We granted camperships to 41 families totaling \$14,395. 97 families chose the "Sustainers Fee" for their camper, donating an additional \$4,850 to Camp Bethel. 2022 was 262 campers' first time at Camp Bethel (33%). [CampBethelVirginia.org/camps](https://www.CampBethelVirginia.org/camps)



SUMMER 2023 STAFF APPLICATIONS FOR COUNSELORS & KITCHEN STAFF: Counselors serve May 29 to July 22, pay is \$320+/week, plus a \$300+ end-of-summer bonus, plus recruitment bonuses. Kitchen Staff serve May 29 to August 12, pay is \$350-or-\$420/week. Info and applications are at [CampBethelVirginia.org/staff](https://www.CampBethelVirginia.org/staff).



OUR STAFF ADOPTION PROGRAM expanded in 2022 to 11 congregations and 1 ministers' group. We provided each of our 40 summer staff (counselors and coordinators) a \$300 end-of-summer bonus for completing their contract! Our ability to declare this is an extremely valuable recruitment tool. Information and giving portal at [CampBethelVirginia.org/adopt](https://www.CampBethelVirginia.org/adopt).

GIVE A CHILD A CAMPSHIP FOR SUMMER CAMP: We did not hold an in-person Sow the Seed Banquet, so please give instead. In 2022 we granted camperships to 41 campers totaling \$14,395. Please give \$390, which was the 2022 cost for a child to attend one week of camp. Mail checks with memo "Camperships" or donate at [CampBethelVirginia.org/donate](https://www.CampBethelVirginia.org/donate)



CAMP BETHEL PEP! 5K, SEPTEMBER 3: Our 5K Course covers some of the many trails, fields, and forests on the 470 acres of Camp Bethel. \$35.00 Fee includes water/aid stations, a race t-shirt, pre-and-post-race snacks, 10:00am BRUNCH, fun, fellowship, and Barry's bad jokes. Sponsor the run for "the PEPPIEST gang around!" Info and registration at [CampBethelVirginia.org/5K](https://www.CampBethelVirginia.org/5K)

CAMP BETHEL DISC GOLF COURSE RIBBON CUTTING SEPT 4, 2:00: Thanks to gifts from [StottsbergEng.com](https://www.StottsbergEng.com) and from the Roanoke Disc Golf Club, our 9-hole Disc Golf Course is playable along the fields and forests of our southern acreage, (info kiosk, parking zone, and tee boxes coming soon). Hole Sponsorship opportunities coming soon! [CampBethelVirginia.org/DiscGolf](https://www.CampBethelVirginia.org/DiscGolf)



BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT, SEPTEMBER 28: Golfers and sponsors needed on Wednesday, September 28 for our 2022 Golf Tournament at Ashley Golf Course. Tee off is at 12:30pm. \$75 per person includes green fees, cart, and a delicious, boxed lunch. Updated plans, plus registration and sponsor information is at [CampBethelVirginia.org/golf](https://www.CampBethelVirginia.org/golf).

2022 HERITAGE DAY FESTIVAL REPLACED BY CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS: After a District-wide survey and much discussion, we made the difficult decision to wait until next year (Oct 7, 2023) for a return to an "on-site and in-person" Heritage Day. We know that Heritage Day is fully dependent on willing-and-able congregations providing many work hours to prepare and bring a booth. Many congregations' ability to do this has changed since our last on-site Heritage Day in 2019, and COVID-19 concerns persist. Staff and the OMC will encourage and recruit returning and "new" congregations to *reboot and restart Heritage Day in 2023*.



We are so grateful for many congregations who are holding individual fund-raisers, meals, or food/craft sales in honor of Heritage Day. These events are extremely important to our 2022 budget. **Please participate** with an event in 2022 in support of Camp Bethel. Contact our office, CampBethelOffice@gmail.com, 540-992-2940, or [CampBethelVirginia.org/HeritageDay](https://www.CampBethelVirginia.org/HeritageDay) for a list of events. *We love and appreciate each of you!*



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 we build! Updated site layout and images for our long-planned 15-site "RV Village" area are at VirlinaFuture.org. Plans include water, electric, sewer, picnic table, campfire ring, and parking. Contact Barry for info, Barry@CampBethelVirginia.org

BRIDGES AND BENCHES ARE EXCELLENT EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS! Camp has benefitted in recent years from several Eagle Scout projects. With new trails opening, we need several new foot-and-bike bridges. Portable benches are another excellent addition to campus. Contact Barry LeNoir for information and locations: CampBethelOffice@gmail.com or 540-992-2940.



FALL VOLUNTEER WORKDAY IS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5: 7:30am free breakfast; 12:30pm free lunch; Rain or shine, we need help with projects for all ages. RSVP meals and attendance by Oct 30 at CampBethelVirginia.org/workday.

MOUNTAIN BIKING TRAILS OPEN AT CAMP: Volunteers headed by Rob Odenwelder (Troutville CoB) have built excellent new trails and bridges winding through our "Adventure Forest." Call or email in advance (CampBethelOffice@gmail.com or 540-992-2940), and bring your bike and helmet for fun in our beautiful property. Trail Maps are on the Camp Office porch and CampBethelVirginia.org/groups.

21ST SOUNDS OF THE MOUNTAINS STORY FESTIVAL VIDEOS: Our successful return to an in-person story fest featured Bil Lepp, Len Cabral, Lynn Ford, Josh Goforth, and Barbara McBride-Smith. You can relive the fun! WATCH every performance video **FREE** (with donations encouraged) at SoundsoftheMountains.org.



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!**

2022 OUTDOOR MINISTRIES COMMITTEE = Stephanie Naff (Mount Hermon) Chair; Sam Foster (Cloverdale) Vice-Chair; Allison Mullins (Cedar Bluff) Secretary; Kimberly Brown (Cloverdale); Randall Eakin (Oak Grove); Laura Harrington (Cloverdale); Charles Huffman (G'town Brick) Property Chair; Terry Johnson (Troutville) Finance Chair; Junior King (Mount Hermon); Amanda Leddy (Williamson Rd) Program Chair; Stephanie Robinson (Oak Grove); Peggy Sink (G'town Brick); Scott Yingling (Oak Grove); Ex-Officio = Barry LeNoir (Director) & Kathie Robinson (District Treasurer).



CAMP DIRECTOR, BARRY LENOIR, TO DEPART JUNE 30, 2023: The Outdoor Ministries Committee of the Virlina District Board announces that Barry LeNoir will depart his role on June 30, 2023. He began his service on August 19, 2002.

Barry writes, "After 38 years of camp staff experience including 20 years at Camp Bethel, I am ready to hand over responsibilities to the next Camp Director. **I have loved all of it, our Camp Bethel.** I especially treasure the relationships with coworkers, summer staff, campers and families, congregations, committees, volunteers, guest groups, business partners, and peers in camping in Virginia and across the country."

Barry's tenure saw 112% growth in camp attendance, and expansion of the Summer Camps beyond Resident and Day Camps to Adventures, Trips, and Skills Camps. He advocated a "Small Group Camping" relationship-based philosophy of camp ministry. Over 20 summers, he trained and mentored over 500 Summer Staff to be Experiential Christian Educators with equal focus on group dynamics (F-N-S-P-R), child development, and activity leadership.

Barry encouraged ecumenism and collaborative partnerships, notably with the River Adventure Program, Carilion Camp Too Sweet, and the Presbytery of the Peaks. He was an organizer and workshop leader at the annual Virginia Ecumenical Camp and Retreat Leaders' Gathering. He served on the Church of the Brethren's Outdoor Ministries Association (OMA) Steering Committee from 2004-2010, and he received the OMA Camp Staff Award in 2011. He served on the American Camp Association (ACA) Virginias Local Council of Leaders from 2005-2017, and he is an ACA Accreditation Visitor. He was a presenter at the United Methodist Camp and Retreat Ministry (UMCRM) National Gathering in 2013.

Barry taught and coached at William Byrd Middle/High in Roanoke County Schools (1992-2002) and served on Summer Staff at Camp Alta Mons (VA), YMCA Camp St. Croix (WI), and Camp Occohannock on the Bay (VA). Barry and Angie, and adult sons Zander and Cyrus will relocate to their family farm in Floyd, VA.

Barry writes, "Camp Bethel is 'sacred ground' because of the relationships with PEOPLE, not just the site and facilities. We've experienced tremendous growth and success these past 20 years, and we've expanded the reach of our ministry by following a 'Program First' philosophy. I will remain available to help the next Director, and I hope to volunteer as much as possible in the life of the camp, including the 100th anniversary events in 2027. I am excited for God's continued work through you at Camp Bethel, and I am very grateful for being allowed to serve with you and our excellent staff."

The Virlina District Board and the Outdoor Ministries Committee will establish a search committee and an application process in the coming weeks. Information will be posted at CampBethelVirginia.org/jobs.

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR MONTHLY E-NEWS at CampBethelVirginia.org/subscribe.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CAMP BETHEL, CampBethelVirginia.org/events

2022 Sounds of the Mountains Videos are FREE to watch at SoundsoftheMountains.org.

September 2-5, 2022: Labor Day Family Weekend, RSVP meals by August 30.

September 3, 2022 (Sat), Camp Bethel **PEP!** 5K.

September 28, 2022 (Wed), 28th Benefit Golf Tournament.

October 2022, Congregational events in honor of Heritage Day.

November 5, 2022 (Sat), 7:30am Fall Volunteer Workday, RSVP free meals.

January 7-8, 2023 (Sat-Sun), Winter Camp Youth & Kids' Retreat.

January 9, 2023: Summer Camp 2023 Registration **OPENS**.

February 11, 2023 (Sat), 12:00noon: Camp Supporter Lunch, RSVP.

March 9, 2023 (Thurs), 6:30pm: Sow the Seed Banquet, RSVP.

March 31-April 1, 2023: Sounds of the Mountains Storytelling Festival.

April 15, 2023 (Sat), 7:30am: Spring Volunteer, RSVP free meals.

May 26-29, 2023: Memorial Day Family Weekend, RSVP meals.

May 27, 2023 (Sat), Family Day/Summer Camp Open House, 1:00-4:00pm.

May 29-June 9, 2023: Summer Staff Training.

June 2-3, 2023 (Sat): Parent-Child Overnight and Day Camp.

June 9, 2023 (Fri) 5:30pm: Summer Staff Commissioning Dinner.

June 11-July 28, 2023: Summer Camps & Family Adventures.

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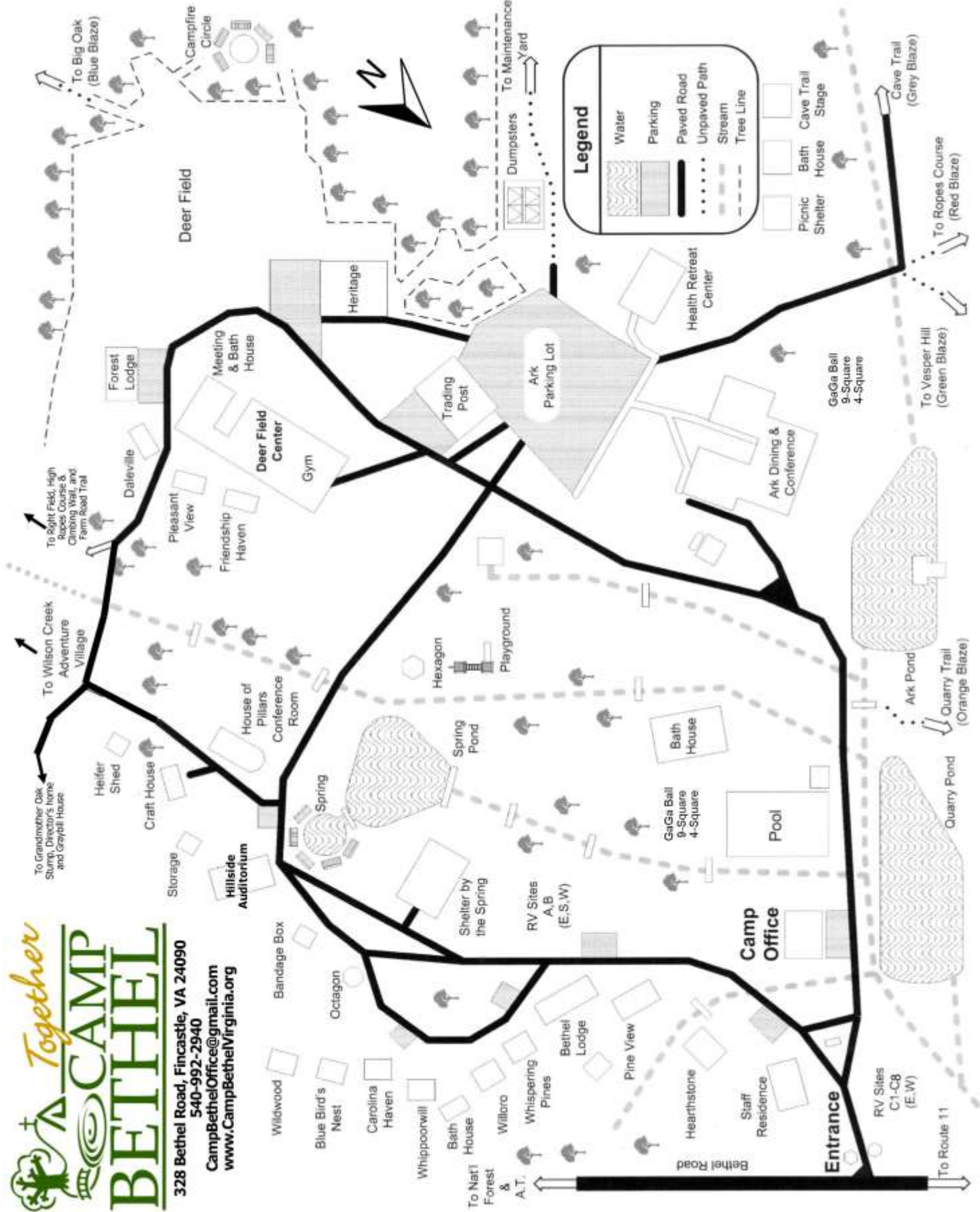


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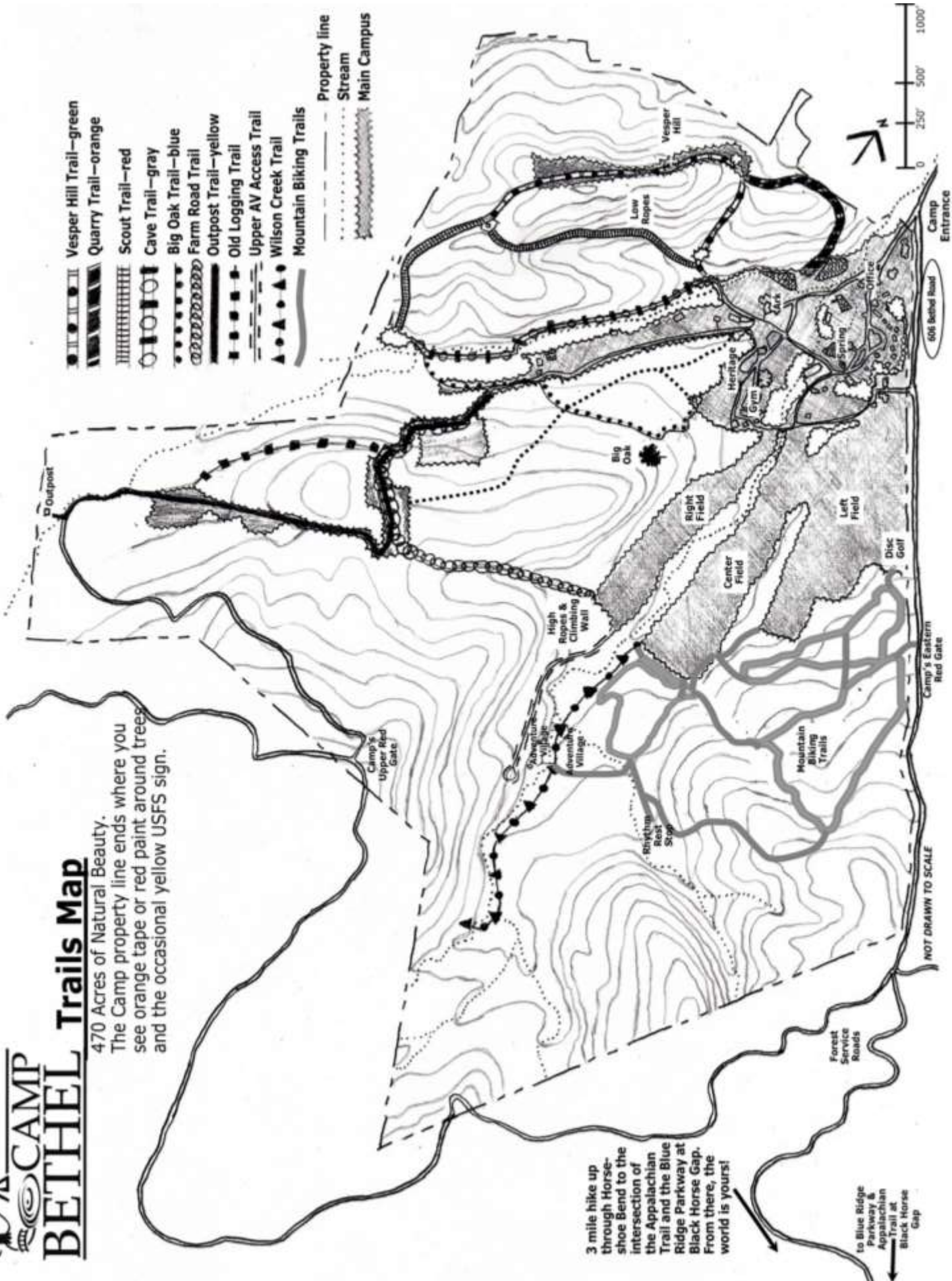


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Trails Map

470 Acres of Natural Beauty.
The Camp property line ends where you see orange tape or red paint around trees and the occasional yellow USFS sign.

- Vesper Hill Trail—green
- Quarry Trail—orange
- Scout Trail—red
- Cave Trail—gray
- Big Oak Trail—blue
- Farm Road Trail
- Outpost Trail—yellow
- Old Logging Trail
- Upper AV Access Trail
- Wilson Creek Trail
- Mountain Biking Trails
- Property line
- Stream
- Main Campus



3 mile hike up through Horse-shoe Bend to the intersection of the Appalachian Trail and the Blue Ridge Parkway at Black Horse Gap. From there, the world is yours!

to Blue Ridge Parkway & Appalachian Trail at Black Horse Gap

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Camp Bethel Disc Golf Course

