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Camp Bethel and COVID-19, August 2020, Virginia Phase 3

Camp Bethel is OPEN for facility rental and campsites, but 2020 summer camps were suspended.

In Virginia's Phase 3, overnight summer camps must remain closed. In accordance with Virginia's Phase 3 guidelines, facilities and campsites are available by reservation. Day visitors including cyclists, hikers, walkers, picnics, and creek explorers are welcome except when the campus is reserved; biking and hiking trail maps are on our office porch. Visit www.CampBethelVirginia.org/groups for special Summer 2020 discounted facility prices available through August 31. Email CampBethelOffice@gmail.com to inquire about availability. **Note: Our Pool is closed for 2020**, but we have created a nice wading "hole" in the front entrance creek.

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

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

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, floors, furniture, appliances, and equipment.
4. Continue to practice physical distancing with other people. Recommended safe distance is 6 feet or more.
5. You must encourage EVERYONE to wear face coverings when near people from other households and when indoors with others. If you are the group organizer or Health Coordinator, bring extra masks to give away.
6. Tents and RVs from differing households should maintain 10+ feet between units when possible.
7. Only select bathhouses, shelters, and pavilions are available.
8. Only share recreation equipment if (A) it is disinfected and (B) participants sanitize their hands before use.
9. 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.
10. No gatherings of 250+ people in one area of campus or 50% facility-occupancy, whichever is less, and practice physical distancing plus facemasks. (Ex: Shelter-by-the-Spring holds 150 persons x 0.5 = 75 persons.)
11. Wash hands frequently inside your facility or at your campsite.
12. Note: Persons from the same household may not need physical distance or facemasks when together.

Stop the spread of COVID-19:

- ✓ Stay at least 6 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.
- ✓ Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- ✓ Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

Learn more at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus

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

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 and disinfectant wipes to help prevent the spread of communicable illnesses.