

Camp Bethel Headliner, September-October 2018

CAMP DIRECTOR'S 2018 SUMMER CAMP SUMMARY:

Our 92nd consecutive summer camp season ended on August 3 after 8 excellent weeks learning about "Boundless Belief: God's Universe." 1,195 campers participated in Resident Camps, Adventure Camps, Trips, Skills Camps, and Day Camps including 330 participants in our 7 Traveling Day Camps and 35 participants in our Family Fun nights. We are blessed with excellent staff, helpful partner organizations, and dedicated volunteers who served as Chaplains, counselors and helpers. 188 children and youth received Good-As-Gold funding from Virgina congregations totaling \$47,583. Watch our weekly summer camp videos at <www.CampBethelVirginia.org/videos>

GIVE A CHILD A CAMBERSHIP FOR SUMMER CAMP

In summer 2018, 75 campers received "Campership" funding totaling \$20,430. Please give \$340, which is the 2019 cost for a child to attend one week of camp. Mail checks with memo "Camperships" or donate at <www.CampBethelVirginia.org/donate>

CAMP BETHEL WISH LIST, FALL 2018:

Refrigerator; Mini-van; chest coolers w/ handles; old smart phones; digital cameras; GoPro video camera; portable LCD projector; gas grill; laptop computer (Windows 10); LED light bulbs (75-100 watt equiv); new (in-the-box) bike helmets and horse helmets; brooms w/ dustpans; "Tree Cookies;" picnic tables. Gifts are tax-deductible!
<www.CampBethelVirginia.org/donate>

DONATE YOUR OLD SMART PHONE TO CAMP BETHEL

Give us your disconnected smart phones to use as a camp cameras and video cameras! 540-992-2940 or <CampBethelOffice@gmail.com>

TREE COOKIES NEEDED

Can you help supply THOUSANDS of Tree Cookies for our upcoming programs and 2019 summer camp? Ideal "cookie" is hard wood cross cut showing tree rings, 2.5" or larger diameter and less-than 1/2" thickness. Cut 'em, drill 'em, deliver 'em, or contact us 540-992-2940 or CampBethelOffice@gmail.com. THANK YOU!

WELCOME FOOD SERVICES COORDINATOR, WESLEY SHRADER

Wes served on summer staff from 2010-2015 and in our summer kitchen staff in 2013. He is a 2013 graduate of Johnson & Wales University's culinary program (Charlotte, NC), and served as Banquets Supervisor at Hotel Roanoke from 2014-2018. Wes successfully navigated 12 consecutive weeks of summer camp food services and served over 26,000 meals from May 23 through August 18. He served as interim from May through August, and he began full-time on September 1. Say "Hello" to Wes at CampBethelArk@gmail.com.

HERITAGE DAY FESTIVAL, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

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. Forms, fliers and information are available at <www.CampBethelVirginia.org/Heritage-Day>, or from your Pastor or Camp Rep.

FALL VOLUNTEER WORKDAY IS NOVEMBER 3

7:30am free breakfast; 1:00pm free lunch; RSVP meals by October 28 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 <www.CampBethelVirginia.org/workday>.

OMA NATIONAL RETREAT, NOVEMBER 11-15

YOU ARE INVITED to learn, share, play, sing, and worship at the Outdoor Ministries Association of the Church of the Brethren's annual Retreat at Camp Bethel with the theme, "Waters of Grace." Join leaders from across the country for excellent-and-fun workshops, worship, and networking. Register at <www.CampBethelVirginia.org/OMA>

CHRISTMAS TOGETHER BANQUET, THURS, DECEMBER 6

Camp Bethel's Christmas TOGETHER Banquet on Thursday, December 6, 6:30pm includes an excellent dinner and fun Christmas program in our festive, decorated Ark Dining Hall. Your gift of \$50 per person (larger gifts accepted) will provide much needed year-end funding for Camp Bethel. Our collective support of Camp Bethel puts TOGETHERness into practice as described in Acts 2:43-47. RSVP your family or group by November 29 to 540-992-2940 or CampBethelOffice@gmail.com.

WINTER CAMP YOUTH RETREAT, DECEMBER 29-30

Winter Camp is a fun and spiritual holiday Retreat for kids and youth graders led by our reunited Summer Staff. \$70 includes 4 meals, lodging and program including Group Games, Glow-in-the-Dark Gym Party, a big bonfire, Bible study, crafts, hiking, nature fun, skits, sledding and other snow fun (if it snows), worship, wagon ride, summer photos slide show, 2019 camp preview... and Camp Bethel stickers! Register at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/winter-camp.

PRELIMINARY "RV VILLAGE" SITE DESIGN AVAILABLE

Site layout and images for Camp Bethel's long-planned "RV Village" camping area are available for view at www.VirlinaFuture.org. Plans include 15 new campsites, each with water, electric, sanitary sewer, a picnic table, campfire ring, and parking for 2-3 cars. Site sizes range from 60'x23' to 65'x28'.

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

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

October 6, 2018 (Sat): 34th Brethren Heritage Day Festival.
October 12-14, 2018: Camp Bethel at Roanoke GO Outside Festival.
November 3, 2018 (Sat), 7:30am: Fall Workday, RSVP meals.
November 11-15, 2018: OMA National Conference at Camp Bethel.
November 12, 2018 (Mon): Crisis Management Workshop.
November 23, 2018 (Fri): "Turkey Burner Race Your Bike" Trail Ride, TBD.
December 1, 2018 (Sat): Virlina District Board & OMC Retreat.
December 6, 2018 (Thurs): Christmas TOGETHER Banquet.
December 29-30, 2018 (Sat-Sun): Winter Camp Program.
January 7, 2019: Summer Camp Registration OPENS.
February 2, 2019 (Sat), 12:00noon: Camp Supporter Lunch, RSVP.
March 7, 2019 (Thurs), 6:30pm: Sow the Seed Campership Banquet, RSVP.
April 6, 2019 (Sat) 7:30am Spring Workday, RSVP meals.
April 12-13, 2019: Sounds of the Mountains Storytelling Festival.