



GOOD-AS-GOLD CERTIFICATES

2018 Instructions

for Camp Reps and Pastors

The **GOOD-AS-GOLD Certificate program** enables participating Virginia congregations to help their youth and children pay for a week of summer camp at Camp Bethel. In 2017, 216 children received camp experiences provided by Good-As-Gold funding from Virginia congregations totaling \$50,407! As the Camp Representative/Supporter or Pastor, **you** will distribute these certificates. Use the enclosed "gold" copies or make copies onto gold or yellow paper using the original (white copy) of the 2018 GOOD-AS-GOLD Certificate. *Please use the newest, enclosed 2018 G-A-G Certificate; do not use older versions.*

Please note:

1. Families receiving Good-As-Gold funding from congregations may now register either by paper form OR on-line at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/GAG. For on-line camp registration, the family will be "billed" directly for their summer camp balance due. Payment can include Good-As-Gold forms.
2. Paper registration forms are included in each camp brochure (mailed to all previous campers), OR at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/camps, and a blank copy is included in this packet.
3. If it's easier for your congregation, we gladly accept direct church payment (checks) for individual campers or groups of campers in lieu of Good-As-Gold forms and billing, but you **MUST** send us a detailed list of camper names and dollar amounts applied to each camper. **AND** we also accept direct church payment via credit card at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/payment, but you **MUST** include a note with ALL camper names and dollar amounts listed.

Instructions for using Good-As-Gold Certificates for the children and youth in your congregation:

STEP 1:

Talk with your Church Board and/or Treasurer about how much your church will pay toward camper fees with the Good-As-Gold Certificates. It helps to speak individually with families about how much they can contribute towards the camp fee. Some churches pay the full fee; others pay a partial amount of the fee. The Subsidized Fee in 2018 for a basic resident camp week (6-days) is \$330.00, and for a basic 3-day camp or week-long day camp is \$190.00. Some programs are more expensive than others, so DO NOT give families a "blank check" G-A-G form. Your church board/treasurer must decide how much (or what percentage) is feasible. Children and youth ages 4-18 are age-eligible to attend camp.

STEP 2:

Organize early; start NOW. Set April 1 (or earlier) as a deadline for finalizing GAG certificates with families. This helps guarantee their choice of camp program before it fills, AND it's well before May 1 when the "early bird" Subsidized Camper Fee (discount) is no longer available. We want our Virginia kids to get first choice of available camps, so please do not delay distributing your Good-As-Gold information and encourage families to register as soon as possible. Use the schedule at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/camps or the camp brochure to find the cost of each camper's chosen camp program.

STEP 3:

Complete all the information on each form (including the DOLLAR AMOUNT) and sign individual GAG certificates (see SAMPLE on page 2) and distribute directly to camper families as requested. Camper families should mail or deliver these GAG certificates upon submitting their registration form to Camp Bethel. *Families who register on-line at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/GAG will be billed directly for their summer camp balance due, which can include Good-As-Gold forms as payment.*

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STEP 4:

To complete their registration, camper families submit their completed summer camp registration form with the GAG certificate you provided them, OR they register on-line, knowing they're receiving GAG from you. Camp Bethel then sends a confirmation e-mail/letter to the camper family indicating their balance due, if any. The remaining balance for their camp fee (if any) is due from the camper family no later than 14 days before their camp date. The GAG certificate counts toward their total camp fee, including their deposit and/or their summer camp balance due. See registration instructions on brochure page 8.

STEP 5:

Use the enclosed "Itemized Camper List" to keep a detailed record of how much money is to be paid by the church for each camper, and send a copy of this "Itemized Camper List" to camp. Even better, keep this list AND copies of every completed GAG form you distribute to individual campers. After July 31, total all fees to know what your bill from the camp should be. Inform the camp office which person, address and email we should send your church's final GAG invoice.

STEP 6:

After July 31, we will send your GAG bill listing the total to be paid for each camper from your congregation. Compare this bill to your records. Pass this bill on to your treasurer to arrange for prompt payment to Camp Bethel, NOT the Virlina District Office. Send checks along with your "Itemized Camper List" BEFORE August 31 to Camp Bethel, 328 Bethel Road, Fincastle, VA 24090 with memo line of check, "Good-As-Gold."

Suggestions for keeping the Good-As-Gold Certificate program easy and efficient:

- Inform families IN ADVANCE how much G-A-G assistance your congregation is providing. Some programs are more expensive than others, so DO NOT give families a "blank check" G-A-G form. Your church board/treasurer must decide how much (or what percentage) is feasible.
- Print clearly and be sure that all lines on the form are filled in with the appropriate information.
- Signature (of Camp Rep or Pastor) and phone number must be present to insure its authenticity.
- Final balance of the Camp Fee, (including G-A-G if used) is due by 14 days prior to the Camp.
- Use the "Itemized Camper List" to keep a record for your congregation of the names and values of certificates that you have distributed to your campers. Send a copy of this to camp, and use your own copy of this list to compare to the invoice we send you after July 31.
- **Questions?** See the next page, OR contact Jenna at 540-992-2940 or CampBethelOffice@gmail.com.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING CHILDREN AND YOUTH ATTEND CAMP!

Camp Bethel

2018 Good-As-Gold Certificate

updated 02.05.2018

Date: February 12, 2018

Pay to Camp Bethel in the name of this camper: Doe, Janie R.
Last, First M.I.

Amount: Three hundred thirty and 00/100 dollars \$ 330.00

Submitted by (church name): Ninth Street Church of the Brethren (Roanoke)

Camp Rep or Pastor (Printed Name): Debbie Humphrey Phone: (540) 555-1234

Signature of Camp Rep or Pastor: Debbie Humphrey

This Good-As-Gold Certificate will be accepted as cash in the amount shown above when received by the Camp Bethel Office as payment or deposit for a summer camp program. This certificate is not transferable, nor is it redeemable after July 31. The submitting church will be billed for the above amount following the end of the last summer camp program, after July 31.

Office Use Only:

Program # _____ Church Code: _____ Notes: _____

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

from Camp Reps/Pastors/Treasurers concerning Summer Camp Registration

Q: *Could we simply pay with a check for our congregation's campers instead of Good-As-Gold certificates?*

A: YES. If your congregation would simply like to partially or fully pay for a child/children to attend camp, you may do so by sending in a church check with the camper's registration OR at the time the balance of their camp fee is due. If one check pays for multiple campers, please include a note with each child's name and the amount per child. Send all payments/forms to Camp Bethel, NOT to the Virilina District Office. Make checks payable to Camp Bethel. We also accept direct church payment via credit card at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/payment, but be sure to include a note with ALL camper names and dollar amounts listed.

Q: *How can Good-As-Gold Certificates apply toward families using on-line registration for summer camp?*

A: Families receiving Good-As-Gold help from congregations may now register on-line at a special site, www.CampBethelVirginia.org/GAG. For on-line camp registration, the family will be "billed" directly for their summer camp balance due. Payment of their balance due can include Good-As-Gold forms from your congregation.

Q: *Does on-line registration cause camps to fill up faster than our church families can send in registrations?*

A: Maybe, so register as early as possible. We're balancing on-line registrations with families using paper (mailed or delivered) registrations. **However**, it is still VERY IMPORTANT for Virilina District families to **register as early as possible** (NOW!) in order to guarantee placement into the camp week of their choosing.

Q: *Why should families register as early as possible (NOW!) and before May 1?*

A: (1) Most importantly, families should register as early as possible in order to guarantee placement into the camp week and program of their choosing. Our camps fill up faster and faster each year, and we only have so many cabins and bunks, so once a camp week/program is full, we have no options.
(2) The Subsidized Camper Fee is a discounted camp fee made possible by mission funding dollars we receive from self-allocations, gifts and fund-raisers. This Subsidized discount is only available until May 1.

For these reasons, we urge you to organize G-A-G Certificates as early as possible (April 1) and long before May 1.

Q: *Our congregation doesn't have funds to participate in G-A-G. What options do we have?*

A: We have available funding! Dozens of donors contribute annually to our Scholarship Fund from which we can provide "camperships" to children who might otherwise not be able to attend camp. Have your pastor complete the "Camper Financial Assistance Application" at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/help.

Q: *Where can I learn more about summer camp (registration, available programs), and where can I get more forms (GAG forms, bulletin inserts, extra brochures, registration/health forms, etc)?*

A: For GAG forms and all Camp Rep/Pastor/church info, see www.CampBethelVirginia.org/camp-reps. For summer camp info, forms, schedule, prices and more, see www.CampBethelVirginia.org/camps. We can also mail you a packet of whatever information, forms, brochures or paperwork you need. Or contact Jenna with questions at the Camp Bethel office; CampBethelOffice@gmail.com or 540-992-2940.

Camp Bethel**2018 Good-As-Gold Certificate**

updated 02.05.2018

Date: _____

Pay to Camp Bethel in the name of this camper: _____
Last, First M.I.

Amount: _____ dollars \$ _____

Submitted by (congregation name): _____

Camp Rep or Pastor (Printed Name): _____ Phone: _____

Signature of Camp Rep or Pastor: _____

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CAMP BETHEL SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION 2018

Register easily online at www.CampBethelVirginia.org, or use this paper form.

Please PRINT and complete BOTH sides and return with a minimum, non-refundable \$50 deposit to:
Camp Bethel Registrar, 328 Bethel Road, Fincastle, VA 24090-4276.

Camper's Last Name _____

Camper's Preferred First Name _____ Gender _____

Grade in Fall 2018 _____ Camper's birth date ____/____/____ Age at camp _____

Custodial Parent/Guardian First and Last Name _____

Your mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Family Email _____

Custodial Parent/Guardian Phone _____ Other phone _____

Title of Camp Program Requested _____

Write the title and number of your program, ex: "HS WWRafting River Tubing 7"

Circle Your Fee Choice (details page 8) Subsidized / Supporters / Sustainers = My Program Costs \$ _____

Camp Dates Requested _____ Optional "Add-On" (see schedule & fee) _____

Ex: "July 15-20"

Listed on page 14-15

Cabin-or-Group Friends Requested _____

Units are grouped by age/grade; cabins are grouped by gender plus age. Write full names of friends attending the same program and dates.

For Parent-Child Overnight Camp June 1-2, name & gender of adult relatives attending with camper: _____

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The following questions will help us ensure a quality camp experience for your camper. Our program focus is relational small-group community living, and your camper will spend all day each day with her/his group. Attach additional pages of helpful information.

Explain any special needs or significant information your counselor should know about the camper. Include physical, emotional, or behavioral concerns, and include what accommodations are needed.

List in detail any RESTRICTIONS (dietary, activity, allergies) and what adaptations are needed. If your child has severe allergies to common things and if your child requires an Epi-Pen, you must contact our office before registering. For dietary restrictions or allergies, give details about severity of needs, (ex: Life threatening? Airborne? Ingestion?)

Complete BOTH sides of this form. Upon receiving your registration, we will email your Confirmation Packet including your Camper Health & Info Form and any waivers, all of which must be returned at least 14 days prior to your first day of camp. Add CampBethelOffice@gmail.com to your contacts. Contact us if you don't receive your Confirmation Packet within 2 weeks. This form may be copied. Information on this form is kept confidential. Visit CampBethelVirginia.org/ParentInfo to learn about tiered prices and Good-As-Gold church assistance. Visit CampBethelVirginia.org/help for a Campership Financial Assistance Application.

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This Parent/Guardian Authorization Must Be Signed for Attendance: I request my child be accepted to attend Camp Bethel. I understand the information at CampBethelVirginia.org/ParentInfo, including the camp rules and behavior policies, registration and cancellation policies, the program descriptions, and the activities listed for my child's time at camp. I understand that my child will be participating in many physical activities including but not limited to those listed in the program descriptions, and the potential for accidents exists. I understand that the camp has established guidelines to minimize risks and provide a safe environment, and that Camp Bethel is licensed by Virginia to operate a Summer Camp, Dining Hall and Swimming Pool, and that Camp Bethel is American Camp Association accredited in adherence to over 300 quality standards. *In consideration of acceptance to Camp Bethel,*

I indemnify and hold harmless Camp Bethel, the Virginia District Board—Church of the Brethren, Inc. and its staff and officers from any and all liability, claims, damage, injury or illness sustained by my child, and

I verify that the information on this Form is correct and complete as far as I know. This form may be copied, and

I give permission to the camp to provide routine health care, seek emergency medical treatment, and administer any prescribed medications and over-the-counter medications I list on the Health Form (after registering you will receive a Health Form in your Confirmation Materials). I agree to the release of any records necessary for emergency purposes.

I give permission to the camp to arrange necessary emergency medical transportation for my child. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the camp to secure and administer treatment for my child including ordering x-rays, administering tests, and admittance to a hospital, and

I understand that Camp Bethel provides only limited secondary medical insurance coverage for participants. I will attach proof of primary personal/family medical insurance coverage for my child, if any, as requested (but not required except for Skateboarding Camp) for camp attendance on the Health Form received in my Confirmation Materials, and

I understand the active nature of the camp activities and give permission for my child to participate fully and to engage in all camp activities listed in my selected program description including the group challenge & initiatives course, climbing wall, high ropes course, and archery, unless otherwise noted under the Restrictions section of this Form, and

I understand that climbing at any height, using climbing equipment (climbing wall/high ropes course) and archery activities may have inherent risks and that participation may involve accidents that could result in injury. I understand these activities are "challenge by choice" and that my child will not be forced to participate, and

By registering my child into a program which includes transportation off site (ex: adventures, trips, skills camps, service projects), if applicable, I permit my child to leave Camp Bethel accompanied by authorized camp personnel for out-of-camp activities at camp-approved locations, to be transported in camp-approved vehicles driven by camp-approved drivers, and, if applicable while off site, for camp personnel in consultation with the Health Coordinator to administer prescribed medications and over-the-counter medications to my child as listed on the Health Form, and

I understand the cancellation/transfer and refund policies including (1) \$50 of my payment is non-refundable unless Camp Bethel cancels the camp program, (2) a \$20 processing fee must be added if I choose to switch or reschedule my camp date, (3) that if complete payment of the camp fee (or scholarship approval or Good-As-Gold form) is not received 14 days prior to my camp date I will forfeit my child's reserved spot, (4) there are no refunds for cancellation of my reserved spot in camp within 14 days prior to my camp date, and (5) there are no refunds for partial camp attendance or early departure for any reason unless Camp Bethel cancels the camp program, and

I agree to read all information included in the Confirmation Materials and Packing List sent to me after registration and to share this information with the camper, and to read, sign and return any and all applicable forms including the Health Form and any waivers (mostly applicable to Adventures, Trips, and Skills Camps), and

Should it become necessary for my child to return home because of illness, homesickness, conduct, or other reason, I will accept the Director's decision and arrange for transportation, and

I permit camp photos, video and audio of activities or interviews that may include my child to be used in camp promotion without liability or remuneration, and

I verify the Physical Assessment of this camper as described below.

Physical Assessment of Camper by custodial parent/guardian or medical personnel: *We encourage parent/guardian to consult your child's physician to assess your child's current health and physical abilities. Provide any updates to this information on the Health Form at check-in on the first day of camp.*

This child is physically able to participate in all camp activities listed in my selected program description (unless otherwise noted in the Restrictions section of this Form), and I will provide an update to this child's health status and Health Form, if any, during health screening at check-in on the first day of camp.

*Signature of custodial parent/guardian _____ *Date: ____/____/____

*Printed name _____ *Phone: _____

HOW ARE YOU PAYING FOR CAMP?

Personal Check, Money Order or Cash enclosed in the amount of \$_____. Check/MO number: _____

I paid at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/payment. Date of payment: _____ in the amount of \$_____.

A Good-As-Gold Certificate from my Church is enclosed in the amount of \$_____.

G-A-G is from this Church _____ G-A-G is signed by this person _____

I have completed a Campership Application at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/help where I requested \$_____ of help.