



GOOD-AS-GOLD CERTIFICATES

2024 Instructions

for Camp Reps and Pastors

The **GOOD-AS-GOLD Certificate program** enables Virginia congregations to help their youth and children pay for a week of summer camp at Camp Bethel. In 2023, 75 children and youth received Good-As-Gold funding from Virginia congregations totaling \$33,020, (106 for \$35,426 in 2022, 87 for \$23,214 in 2021, 165 for \$42,918 in 2019; 188 for \$47,583 in 2018). 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 enclosed 2024 GOOD-AS-GOLD Certificate. *Please use the newest, enclosed 2024 G-A-G Certificate; **do not use older versions.***

Please note:

1. Families receiving G-A-G funding from you should register online at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/GAG (see website image inside this packet), or they can use a paper form. For online camp registration, the family will be "billed" directly for their summer camp balance due. Their payment can include the signed/completed Good-As-Gold forms you provide to them. Families receiving G-A-G **MUST** list their/your church in their camp registration!
2. Paper registration forms (if needed) are available to print at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/camps, and a blank copy (to make multiple copies) is included in this packet. Again, families receiving G-A-G **MUST** list their/your church in their camp registration!
3. If it is easier for your congregation, we gladly accept direct church payment (checks) for individual campers or groups of campers in lieu of G-A-G forms and billing, but you **MUST** send us a detailed list of camper names and dollar amounts applied to each camper. You can also pay online 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 Board and/or Treasurer about how much your church will pay toward camper fees with the Good-As-Gold Certificates. 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 (discounted cost) in 2024 for a 6-day resident camp is \$410.00, for a 3-day resident camp or 5-day Day Camp is \$270.00. **We encourage churches to choose to pay the Supporter's Fee (\$460 for 6-day resident camps, \$320 for 5-day day camps and 3-day resident camps).** Some programs cost more than others, so DO NOT give families a "blank check" G-A-G form. Your church board/treasurer must decide how much (or what %) is feasible. Children and youth ages 4-18 are age-eligible to attend camp.

STEP 2:

Organize early; start NOW. Set April 15 (or earlier) as a goal for finalizing G-A-G certificates with families so that your Virginia kids get first choice of available camps. This helps guarantee their choice of camp program before it fills. **This is NOT a deadline**, but please distribute your Good-As-Gold information early and encourage families to register as soon as possible. Use the schedule at CampBethelVirginia.org/camps or the enclosed camp schedule and fees chart 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 G-A-G certificates (see SAMPLE on page 2) and distribute directly to camper families as requested. Camper families should mail or deliver these G-A-G certificates upon submitting their registration form to Camp Bethel. *Families who register online 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 register at CampBethelVirginia.org/GAG, knowing they are receiving GAG from you, OR they submit their completed paper registration form with the G-A-G certificate you provided them. **Families receiving G-A-G MUST list their/your church in their camp registration!** 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 G-A-G certificate counts toward their total camp fee, including their deposit and/or their summer camp balance due.

STEP 5: **REQUIRED!**

You **MUST** 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 you **MUST** mail/email a completed copy/image/scan of this "Itemized Camper List" to our Registrar at CampBethelOffice@gmail.com. You should also keep a copy/image of every completed/signed GAG form you distribute to individual camper families. Send your completed "Itemized Camper List" as soon as you have assigned all the GAG forms you plan to assign and **NO LATER** than July 28. Inform the camp office which person, address and email we should mail and email your church's final G-A-G invoice.

STEP 6:

After July 27, we will send your G-A-G 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 Virginia District Office. Send checks ASAP and **BEFORE** August 15 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 2 weeks prior to the Camp.
- You **MUST** 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 as soon as you have assigned all the G-A-G forms you plan to assign and **NO LATER** than July 27, and use your own copy of this list to compare to the invoice we send you.

Questions? See the next page, OR contact Hannah or staff at 540-992-2940 or CampBethelOffice@gmail.com.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING CHILDREN AND YOUTH ATTEND CAMP!

Camp Bethel

2024 Good-As-Gold Certificate

updated 01.17.2024

Date: April 10, 2024

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

Amount: Four Hundred and 00/100 dollars \$ 410.00

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 27. The submitting church will be billed for the above amount following the end of the last summer camp program, after July 27.

Office Use Only:

Program # _____ Church Code: _____ Notes: _____

FREQUENTLY ANSWERED QUESTIONS

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 Virginia District Office. Make checks payable to Camp Bethel. We also accept direct church payment via credit card at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/pay, 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 online registration for summer camp?*

A: Families receiving Good-As-Gold help from congregations may now register online at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/GAG. For online 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. See enclosed images for our Good-As-Gold web site.

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

A: MAYBE, so **register as early as possible**. Over 90% of families now register for summer camp online. **SO, it is very important** for Virginia District families to **register as early as possible (NOW!)** in order to guarantee placement into the camp week of their choosing. Program availability is updated in real time on the camp website.

Q: *Why should families register as early as possible (NOW!)?*

A: 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. For this reason, we urge you to organize G-A-G Certificates as early as possible. Set April 15 as your goal so that your campers get the camp of their choice. Availability is updated in real time on the camp website.

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 Campership 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/rep. 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, lists or paperwork you need. Or contact us with questions at the Camp Bethel office; CampBethelOffice@gmail.com or **540-992-2940**.

Q: *When are the deadlines? Are there actually any deadlines?*

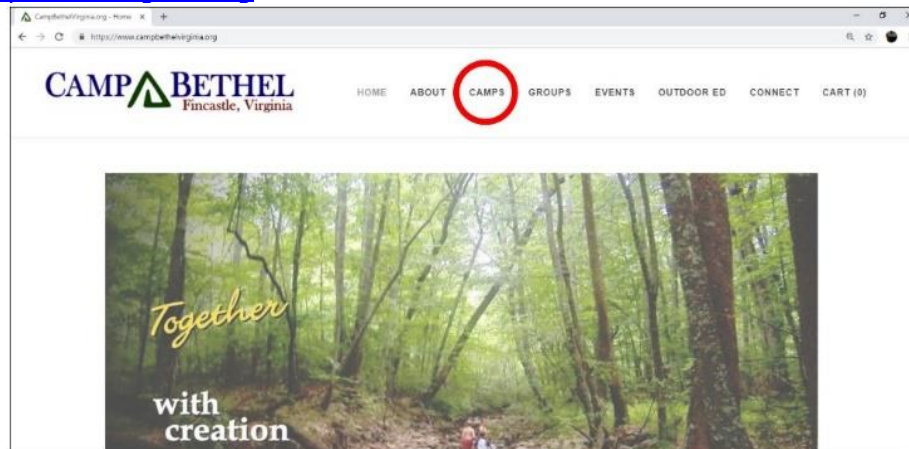
A: **There is NO deadline, but register as early as possible**. Get your congregation's campers/families registered for camp so they get their choice before it is full. Program availability is updated in real time on the camp website, and registration is open for programs as long as they are available.
July 27 (or as soon as you have assigned all your GAG forms) = Mail/Email your completed "Itemized Camper List" to us at either CampBethelOffice@gmail.com or Camp Bethel, 328 Bethel Road, Fincastle, VA 24090.
August 15 (or as soon as possible) = Send payment for your 2024 Good-as-Gold Invoice to Camp Bethel.

Q: *Why 3 prices for camps? What is 'tiered' pricing?*

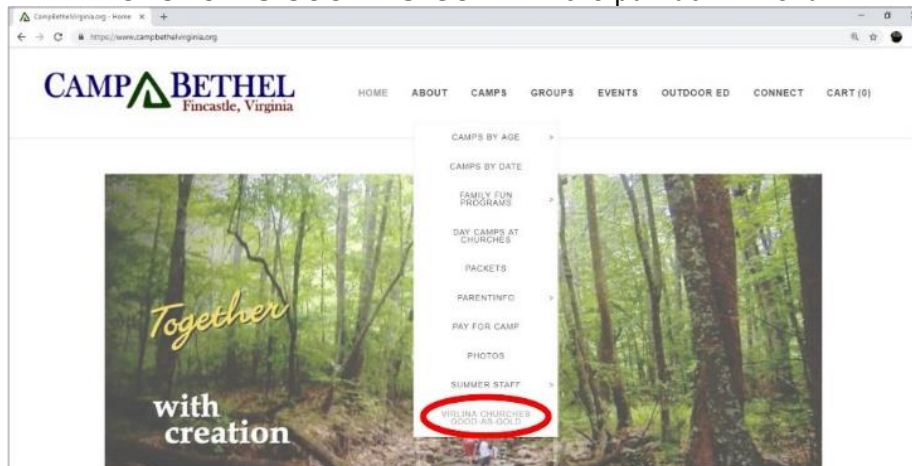
A: Each family is different, so we offer a voluntary fee program. Families may choose the fee most suitable for them. All campers receive the EXACT SAME QUALITY camp experience, no matter what amount is chosen to pay or donate. The **Supporter's Fee** is the actual cost to provide this summer camp experience for one camper, (staff, utilities, insurance, meals, supplies, etc). The **Sustainer's Fee** is the actual cost *plus* a \$50 gift. For Virginia Good-As-Gold, choose the Subsidized Fee. Through mission funding dollars, we can offer this discounted (Subsidized) fee made possible by our District congregations, our annual fund-raising events, and gifts from individuals who value the impact the summer camp experience at Camp Bethel has on children, youth, and families.

Registering with G-A-G on line:

1. Go to www.CampBethelVirginia.org. Hover over "CAMPS" in the menu.



2. Choose/click "VIRLINA CHURCHES GOOD-AS-GOLD" in the pull-down menu.



3. Follow instructions at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/GAG, including links for extra forms.

A screenshot of the Camp Bethel website's Good-As-Gold Program page. The banner features a group of children and a map of Virginia with the text "Virlina DISTRICT Together with Virlina Congregations". Below the banner, there is text explaining the program and a call-to-action box that says "My Congregation is providing Good-As-Gold funding for my family. REGISTER ON-LINE for Summer Camp at Camp Bethel." At the bottom, there are two red arrows pointing to links for "Good-As-Gold Instructions and Forms for Camp Reps and Pastors" and "2019 Printable Summer Camp Registration Form for power@mail".

DATES		CAMP BETHEL 2024 SUMMER CAMPS	Ages	Subsidized Fee <i>(discounted price)</i>	Supporters' Fee <i>(actual cost)</i>	Sustainers' Fee <i>(cost + \$50 gift)</i>
WEEK 1 JUNE 9-14	6/12-14	Elementary 3-Day Sampler Camp 1-B (Wed-Fri)	8-12	270	320	370
	6/9-14	Elementary Resident 1	8-12	410	460	510
	6/9-14	Elementary Resident River Tubing 1	8-12	445	495	545
	6/9-14	River Adventure Program 1	11-18	510	560	610
	6/9-14	Middle School Adventure WWRafting + Tubing 1	12-15	560	610	660
	6/9-14	Middle School Adventure River Tubing 1	12-15	445	495	545
	6/9-14	Middle School Resident 1	12-15	410	460	510
	6/9-14	Middle School Resident River Tubing 1	12-15	445	495	545
	6/9-14	High School Adventure WWRafting + Tubing 1	15-18	560	610	660
	6/9-11	Mini Camp 1-A (Sun-Tues)	5-8	270	320	370
6/12-14	Mini Camp 1-B (Wed-Fri)	5-8	270	320	370	
WEEK 2 JUNE 16-21	6/16-21	Elementary Adventure Explorers 2	8-12	410	460	510
	6/16-21	Elementary Resident 2	8-12	410	460	510
	6/16-21	Elementary Resident Equestrian 2	8-12	515	565	615
	6/16-21	High School Adventure Canoe + Cave + Climb 2	15-18	570	620	670
	6/16-21	High School Resident 2	15-18	410	460	510
	6/16-21	High School Resident River Tubing 2	15-18	445	495	545
	6/16-21	High School Resident Equestrian 2	15-18	515	565	615
	6/16-21	High School Resident Wellness Retreat 2	13-18	520	570	620
	6/17-21	Knee-High Day Camp 2 (Mon-Fri)	5-8	270	320	370
	6/16-21	Middle School Adventure Canoe + Cave + Climb 2	12-15	570	620	670
6/16-21	Middle School Resident 2	12-15	410	460	510	
6/16-21	Middle School Resident Equestrian 2	12-15	515	565	615	
WEEK 3 JUNE 23-28	6/23-28	Backpacking Adventure Trip 3	13-18	445	495	545
	6/24-28	Elementary Day Camp 3 (Mon-Fri)	8-12	270	320	370
	6/23-28	Elementary Resident 3	8-12	410	460	510
	6/23-28	Elementary Resident River Tubing 3	8-12	445	495	545
	6/23-28	High School Adventure Biking + Canoeing + Climbing 3	15-18	550	600	650
	6/23-28	High School Adventure Climbing Combo 3	15-18	500	550	600
	6/24-28	Knee-High Day Camp 3 (Mon-Fri)	5-8	270	320	370
	6/23-28	Middle School Adventure Biking + Canoeing + Climbing 3	12-15	550	600	650
	6/23-28	Middle School Adventure Climbing Combo 3	12-15	500	550	600
	6/23-28	Middle School Resident 3	12-15	410	460	510
6/23-28	Paddlesports Adventure Camp 3	12-18	510	560	610	
WEEK 4 JUNE 30-July 5	7/3-7/5	Elementary 3-Day Sampler Camp 4-B (Wed-Fri)	8-12	270	320	370
	6/30-7/5	Elementary Resident 4	8-12	410	460	510
	6/30-7/5	Elementary Resident Equestrian 4	8-12	515	565	615
	6/30-7/5	Middle School Adventure Caving + Climbing + Tubing 4	12-15	550	600	650
	6/30-7/5	Middle School Resident 4	12-15	410	460	510
	6/30-7/5	Middle School Resident Tube 4	12-15	445	495	545
	6/30-7/2	Mini Camp 4-A (Sun-Tue)	5-8	270	320	370
	7/3-7/5	Mini Camp 4-B (Wed-Fri)	5-8	270	320	370
6/30-7/5	Mountains-to-Beach-to-Bay Trip 4	14-18	570	620	670	
WEEK 5 JULY 7-12	7/8-12	Camp Too Sweet 5 (Mon-Fri)	8-17	Register at CarilionClinic.org/Camp-Too-Sweet		
	7/7-12	Elementary Resident 5	8-12	410	460	510
	7/8-12	Knee-High Day Camp 5 (Mon-Fri)	5-8	270	320	370
	7/7-12	Middle School Adventure Canoe + Tubing 5	12-15	480	530	580
	7/7-12	Middle School Resident 5	12-15	410	460	510
WEEK 6 JULY 14-19	7/14-16	Elementary 3-Day Sampler Camp 6-A (Sun-Tue)	8-12	270	320	370
	7/14-19	Elementary Adventure River Tubing 6	8-12	445	495	545
	7/14-19	Elementary Resident 6	8-12	410	460	510
	7/14-19	Elementary Resident Equestrian 6	8-12	515	565	615
	7/14-19	Elementary Resident River Tubing 6	8-12	445	495	545
	7/14-19	High School Adventure Biking + Canoeing + Tubing 6	15-18	550	600	650
	7/14-19	Middle School Adventure Biking + Canoeing + Tubing 6	12-15	550	600	650
	7/14-19	Middle School Adventure River Tubing 6	12-15	445	495	545
	7/14-19	Middle School Resident 6	12-15	410	460	510
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7/14-16	Mini Camp 6-A (Sun-Tue)	5-8	270	320	370	
7/17-19	Mini Camp 6-B (Wed-Fri)	5-8	270	320	370	
WEEK 7 JULY 21-26	7/23-28	Backpacking Adventure Trip 7	13-18	445	495	545
	7/23-28	High School Adventure Biking + Whitewater Rafting 7	15-18	570	620	670
	7/23-28	High School Adventure Canoeing + Climbing 7	15-18	500	550	600
	7/23-28	High School Moonrise Adventure 7	15-18	430	480	530
	7/23-28	Middle School Adventure Biking + Whitewater Rafting 7	12-15	570	620	670
	7/23-28	Middle School Adventure Canoeing + Climbing 7	12-15	500	550	600
	7/23-28	Middle School Moonrise Adventure 7	12-15	430	480	530

Camp Bethel 2024 Summer Camps

	<u>Younger Elementary</u> ages 5-8	<u>Older Elementary</u> ages 8-12	<u>Middle School Resident</u> ages 12-15	<u>Middle School Adventures</u> ages 12-15	<u>High School Resident & Adv.</u> ages 15-18
 Week 1 June 9-14	Mini Camp 1A (Sun-Tue) Mini Camp 1B (Wed-Fri)	Elm Resident 1 Elm Resident + Tube 1 Elm 3-Day 1 (Wed-Fri)	MS Resident 1 MS Resident + Tube 1	MS AdvWWRaft Tube 1 MS Adventure Tube 1 River Adv Program 1	HS Adv WWRaft Tube 1 River Adv Program 1
Week 2 June 16-21	Knee-High Day Camp 2	Elm Resident 2 Elm Resident + Eques 2 Elm Adventure 2	MS Resident 2 MS Resident + Eques 2	MS Adv Canoe Cave Climb 2	HS Resident 2 HS Resident + Tube 2 HS Resident + Eques 2 HS Adv Canoe Cave Climb 2
Week 3 June 23-28	Knee-High Day Camp 3	Elm Resident 3 Elm Resident + Tube 3 Elm Day Camp 3	MS Resident 3	MS Adv Climbing Combo 3 MS Adv Bike Canoe Climb 3 MS Adv Paddlesports 3	HS Adv Climbing Combo 3 HS Adv Bike Canoe Climb 3 HS Adv Paddlesports 3 Backpacking Trip 3
Week 4 June 30- July 5	Mini Camp 4 A (Sun-Tue) Mini Camp 4 B (Wed-Fri)	Elm Resident 4 Elm Resident + Eques 4 Elm 3-Day 4 (Wed-Fri)	MS Resident 4 MS Resident + Tube 4	MS Adv Cave Climb Tube 4	Mtns-Beach-Bay Trip 4
Week 5 July 7-12	Knee-High Day Camp 5	Elm Resident 5 Camp Too Sweet 5	MS Resident 5 Camp Too Sweet 5	MS Adv Canoe Tube 5	Camp Too Sweet 5
Week 6 July 14-19	Mini Camp 5 A (Sun-Tue) Mini Camp 5 B (Wed-Fri)	Elm Resident 6 Elm Resident + Eques 6 Elm Resident + Tube 6 Elm Adventure + Tube 6 Elm 3-Day 6 (Wed-Fri)	MS Resident 6 MS Resident + Eques 6	MS Adv Bike Canoe Tube 6 MS Adventure Tube 6	HS Adv Bike Canoe Tube 6
Week 7 July 21-26				MS Moonrise Adv 7 MS Adv Bike WWRaft 7 MS Adv Canoe Climb 7	HS Moonrise Adv 7 HS Adv Bike WWRaft 7 HS Adv Canoe Climb 7 Backpacking Trip 7

Camp Bethel 2024 Good-As-Gold Certificate

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: _____

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 27. The submitting congregation will be billed for the above amount following the end of the last summer camp program, after July 27.

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