

Camp Blue Diamond

Summer Camp 2020



this

is

our

prayer



Camp at a Glance

Camp provides an opportunity to get away. It's a place where campers, old and young alike, are free to explore, run, laugh, play, make friends, and experience God in new ways!

Camp Blue Diamond offers children and adults many summer sessions from which to choose. Children ages 5 and 6 can attend Kiddie Camp with a parent. School age children and youth have many programs to choose from including adventure camps, such as: Junior Adventure and Yough, or camps based at Camp Blue Diamond, such as: Creative Arts, junior, junior high, Outdoor Living Skills, Cooking Camp and youth sessions. Adults are invited to attend Kiddie Camp with their young camper and Family Camp. No matter the session you choose, each camp is filled with hiking, crafts, Bible discovery, swimming, music, games, friends and much more.

We believe that a church camp experience will positively impact a child's life. If you have not experienced summer camp at Camp Blue Diamond, this is your invitation to join our family and have the time of your life. If you are already a camper – we look forward to seeing you again this summer!



The mission of Camp Blue Diamond is to encourage discipleship of Jesus Christ and to facilitate growth and healing in each person's relationship with God, others, themselves, and the created world.

During summer camp, this mission is accomplished as children and youth experience God in a variety of settings, including: daily Bible discovery, vespers, group building activities, campfire, music, nature, crafts, swimming, canoeing, adventure activities, recreation, and living together in a Christ-centered community.

The program at Camp Blue Diamond is based on small group cabin units combined with large group camp activities. Bible discovery is an important part of what we do at camp. The curriculum is based on scripture, age appropriate, geared to an outdoor setting, respectful of God's creation and adaptable to a variety of learning styles. However, the opportunity to experience God is a part of everything we do at camp as we keep Christ at the center of all programming and relationships within the community.

To register online and view more photos visit:

Campbluediamond.org



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Daily Themes:

Longing to be Invited – Luke 6:12-16
 Longing to be Together – Esther 4
 Longing to be Heard – Jonah 4
 Longing for Guidance – 1 Kings 3:7-15
 Longing for Renewal – Luke 5:12-16
 Longing for Change – Number 27:1-11
 Longing to Celebrate – Philippians 1:3-11

We long to be wanted and included in something bigger than ourselves. Through the theme *This is Our Prayer* campers will connect with each other and discover that we have shared longings, hopes and dreams of being heard, affirmed and cared for, and we each long to make a difference in the world around us.

At Camp we'll discover the importance of prayer and be better prepared for the work God sets before us. We are called to reach out, seek change, work for justice and extend an invitation to others to experience God's love. We do this trusting God to walk with us on the journey and to use us to point others to Christ.

As Paul said in Philippians 1:

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God.

GRADE CITED IS THE GRADE THE CAMPER COMPLETES IN SPRING 2020

June 6 - 7	Kiddie Weekend CIT Camp	Ages 5-7 + an adult Grades 9-11
June 12 - 14	Cooking Camp	Grades 5-6
June 18 - 19	Kiddie Camp Tenderfoot Camp	Ages 5-6 + an adult Grades 1-2
June 21 - 26	Junior 1 Junior High 1	Grades 3-5 Grades 6-8
June 28 - July 1	Pioneer Camp Caving Camp	Grades 2-4 Grades 5-7
July 5 - 10	Junior Adventure 1 Creative Arts Yough Adventure	Grades 4-5 Grades 5-8 Grades 7-9
July 12 - 17	Youth Camp	Grades 8-12
July 19 - 24	Junior 2 Advanced OLS	Grades 3-5 Grades 9-12
July 26 - 31	Junior Adventure 2 Junior High 2 Wild OLS	Grades 4-5 Grades 6-8 Grades 6-8
August 21 - 23	Family Camp	Everyone!



Junior Camps

Grade cited is the grade completed in spring 2020

KIDDIE WEEKEND KIDDIE CAMP

Parent & Child ages 5-7

Cost: Before March 1 - \$115 for 1 child/one adult
March 1-June 1 - \$125 for 1 child/one adult
After June 1 - \$135 for 1 child/one adult
Additional children - \$55



Come spend quality time with your young camper and make precious memories at Camp Blue Diamond. Together you will explore the woods, play games, do crafts, swim, have Bible Study, enjoy a campfire, and make new friends. (Parents will have the opportunity to climb the tower.)

Kiddie Weekend begins Saturday morning at 10 a.m., and ends Sunday 6 p.m. Kiddie Camp begins Thursday at 10 a.m. and ends Friday at 6 p.m. Adults and children will sleep in the lodge or cabins. Campers must be accompanied by an adult - preferably a parent or grandparent.

TENDERFOOT CAMP Grades 1-2

Cost: Before March 1 - \$90
March 1-June 1 - \$100
After June 1 - \$110

At Tenderfoot Camp you'll experience two days and one night of camp fun, like crafts, Bible stories, singing around the campfire, splashing in the lake, and making new friends! This is a great way to begin your Blue Diamond camping adventure! At night you'll stay in a cabin with your counselor and new camp friends. Tenderfoot Camp begins Thursday morning at 10 a.m. & ends Friday at 7 p.m.



PIONEER CAMP Grades 2-4

Cost: Before March 1 - \$165
March 1-June 1 - \$180
After June 1 - \$195

Pioneer Camp is 3 fun-filled days of camp activities and friends. During your stay you'll swim, play, have a cook-out, learn about nature, hike, make friends, play gaga ball and enjoy Bible Discovery time. You'll stay in the cabins with wonderful counselors and eat in the lodge. Pioneer Camp begins at 4 p.m. on Sunday and ends Wednesday at 1 p.m.



June 6-7
June 18-19

JUNIOR CAMPS Grades 3-5

Cost: Before March 1 - \$280
March 1-June 1 - \$300
After June 1 - \$320

At Junior Camp you and your friends will enjoy a week of swimming, canoeing, exploring the Bible, nature activities and crafts. You'll also have fun at the water carnival, coffeehouse, cooking out, riding the giant swing and campfires. At Camp you'll meet awesome counselors, make new friends and experience the gift of prayer, adventure and fun! Campers stay in comfortable cabins and eat meals in the dining hall. Junior Camps begin Sunday afternoon at 4 and ends Friday at 7 p.m.



June 21-26
July 19-24

JUNIOR ADVENTURE CAMPS Grades 4-5

Cost: Before March 1 - \$290
March 1-June 1 - \$310
After June 1 - \$330



These camps are designed for the elementary camper who loves adventure and challenge. In addition to the traditional camp activities like canoeing, swimming, nature, crafts and Bible Discovery, campers will have a daily adventure such as: the climbing tower, giant swing, hiking Tussey Mountain and exploring a local cave. This is a perfect camp for the young thrill seeker. Sign up early! These camps are limited to 12 boys and girls. Both sessions begin Sunday at 4 p.m. and end Friday at 7 p.m.

July 5-10
July 26-31

COOKING CAMP Grades 5-6

Cost: Before March 1 - \$175
March 1-June 1 - \$190
After June 1 - \$205

This camp is promises to be fun, inspirational and yummy. You'll sleep, cook and play in Rising Sun Cabin. Shawnee, Camp's Food Service Director, will teach basic cooking skills, recipes that can be repeated at home, and food safety. Together the young chefs will show off their skills to parents at closing. Cooking Camp begins Friday at 7 p.m. and ends Sunday at 4 p.m.



June 12-14

Visit us online at: campbluediamond.org

Junior High Camps

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JUNIOR HIGH CAMPS

Grades 6-8

Cost: Before March 1 - \$300
March 1-June 1 - \$320
After June 1 - \$340

This camp is designed with teens in mind. You'll experience more choices and exciting adventure while living in a Christian community. Activities include the climbing tower, zip-line, challenge course, cycling the lake on a surf bike and paddle board, night games and hikes. You'll also swim canoe and enjoy the coffee house and fancy dinner. Inspiration and fun go together as we explore scripture and discover the power and peace found through prayer. Junior High camps begin at 4 p.m. Sunday and conclude at 7 p.m. Friday.

June 21-26

July 26-31



YOUGH ADVENTURE

Grades 7-9

Cost: Before March 1 - \$395
March 1-June 1 - \$415
After June 1 - \$435

This camp is for adrenaline junkies with a lot of energy. On Monday you'll climb Tussey Mt and do the tower and swing. Tuesday campers will backpack 10 miles on the ridges of the Allegheny Mountains and explore Ohiopyle State Park with its beautiful natural waterslides and Cucumber Falls. Wednesday is biking on the Allegheny Passage Bike Trail and Thursday is whitewater rafting on the Youghiogheny River - nine miles of class I, II & III Rapids with trained outfitters. Campers must be 12 years of age before the beginning of this camp. Begins Sunday at 4 p.m. and ends Friday at 2 p.m.



CREATIVE ARTS CAMP

Grades 5-8

Cost: Before March 1 - \$320
March 1-June 1 - \$340
After June 1 - \$360

July 5-10



Discover how you can express your love for God through music, art, drama and dancing. You choose what activity you want to learn: jewelry making, painting, drawing, drama, chimes, storytelling and more! If you play an instrument, you can join the CBD band, or perhaps you'd like to sing in the choir. Camp favorites like swimming, campfires, and the climbing tower will still take place.

Come! Be a part of this favorite camp! Creative Arts begins at 7 p.m. Sunday. Parents are invited to come for a special camper-led worship on Friday evening at 6:30. Camp concludes after worship (approximately 7:00).

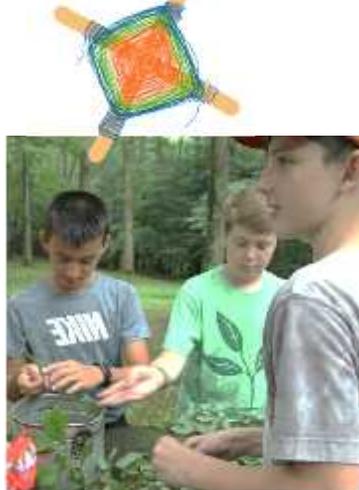
WILD OLS

Grades 6-8

Cost: Before March 1 - \$300
March 1-June 1 - \$320
After June 1 - \$340

This is an amazing opportunity to learn outdoor living skills from skilled camp leaders. You'll stay in cabins, learn to start matchless fires, make rope using dogbane, learn about native plants and go berry picking. At Wild OLS you'll live close to the earth and grow to appreciate God's gift of creation. The regular camp activities like the climbing tower/giant swing, swimming, crafts and hiking will take place. This camp begins at 4 p.m. Sunday and concludes at 7 p.m. Friday. Space is limited - register soon!

July 26-31



CAVING CAMP

Grades 5-7

Cost: Before March 1 - \$195
March 1-June 1 - \$210
After June 1 - \$225

Caving Camp is for the camper who wants to discover God's creation underground. You'll begin on Monday with a visit to Lincoln Caverns and learn about caves from an expert. Monday afternoon you'll explore Hall's Cave, a wild cave near Huntingdon. Tuesday and Wednesday are Hipple's and Tytoona Caves.



If you like to explore and don't mind getting muddy, this is the camp for you! You'll also enjoy other camp favorites like swimming, Bible discovery, campfires, the climbing tower/giant swing, crafts and more. Caving Camp begins Sunday at 4 p.m. and concludes at 1 p.m. Wednesday. Space is limited - register soon!

Learn more about Camp
by visiting our website at:

Campbluediamond.org

Camp's office info:
(814) 667-2355
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Senior High Youth & Adults

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YOUTH CAMP

July 12-17

Grades 8-12

Cost: Before March 1 - \$320
March 1-June 1 - \$340
After June 1 - \$360

This camp promises to be adventurous, inspirational and fun! The schedule includes service projects, the climbing tower and swing, night games, an evening shindig and a memorable closing campfire and communion service. You'll be inspired through worship, Bible study and an array of insight sessions with special guest speakers. Come experience Youth Camp and be challenged spiritually and physically and make friendships that will last a lifetime! Youth Camp is a fantastic opportunity to experience a Christ-centered community and form strong relationships with God, others and the created world. Begins Sunday at 4 p.m. and ends Friday at 7:00 p.m.



ADVANCED OLS

July 19-24

Grades 9-12

Cost: Before March 1 - \$320
March 1-June 1 - \$340
After June 1 - \$360



Come learn advanced Outdoor Living Skills with Bob Etzweiler. You will build matchless fires under various conditions and discover wonders found only in the wilderness. Skills taught will be tailored to experienced campers as well as OLS first timers. Regular camp activities will take place such as the climbing tower, swimming, canoeing and Bible Discovery. This is a great opportunity to live in God's creation and learn how to live off the land. This camp is limited to 12, so register soon.

Camp begins at 4 p.m. Sunday and ends Friday at 7 p.m.

CIT CAMP

June 6-7

Grades 9-11

Cost: Before March 1 - \$62
March 1-June 1 - \$67
After June 1 - \$72

This camp is a requirement for those wishing to serve as a first time Counselor-in-Training. As a young potential leader, you will strengthen your leadership skills, learn how to lead Bible sessions, develop listening skills and learn about outdoor ministry. There will be time to enjoy camp activities and make friends, too!

CIT Camp begins on Saturday at 9 a.m. and concludes Sunday at 6.



Check it out! If you attend CIT Camp and another senior high camp, or Youth Adventure, CIT Camp will be discounted 50%.

Cost:

Before March 1
Ages 12 & older - \$68
Ages 3-11 - \$47
March 1-June 1
Ages 12 & older - \$73
Ages 3-11 - \$52
After June 1
Ages 12 & older - \$78
Ages 3-11 - \$57

FAMILY CAMP! August 21-23

Family Camp is an opportunity for families of all types to reconnect while being in a Christ-centered community and surrounded by God's creation. Debbie Eisenbise will be leading worship and Bible Discovery and Crazy Joe Hinich will lead our singing and other activities.

Participants will go swimming/canoeing, enjoy campfires/outdoor worship, great food, gaga, crafts, homemade ice cream, polar bear swimming, coffee house with Joe, singing, family time, and friends old and new! Youth and Adults (age 12 and above) can experience the tower and zip-line. Elementary age kids and older can ride the Giant Swing and everyone can play soap hockey!

Families will be housed in the summer camp cabins, Main Lodge and Ouch House. Meals will be provided. Most activities will be done as families, with some separate programming available for adults, youth and children. Family Camp begins Friday at 7 p.m. and ends Sunday at 11:00 a.m. To register use the summer camp brochure, on-line, or use the special Family Camp Registration Form.



Where is Camp Blue Diamond Located?



Camp is located 7 miles northeast of Petersburg, PA off SR 305 on Diamond Valley Rd., about 30 minutes from State College and Huntingdon. For a map and detailed directions, visit campbluediamond.org.

The Program at Camp

The curriculum and activities at Camp Blue Diamond are age sensitive and includes progression from one year to the next. Typical camp activities include: Bible discovery, hiking, crafts, recreation, cookouts, canoeing, nature activities and singing. Junior campers will have opportunity to canoe and ride the giant swing, junior high and senior high campers will additionally experience the tower, zip-line, surf-bikes, and paddle boards.

Specialty camps such as Yough Adventure, Caving, OLS camps and Creative Arts are available according to interest and abilities. Activities mentioned above are included to some degree at specialty camps.

Instructions for Registration

- ◆ Complete the registration & health history information in this booklet.
- ◆ Note that grades cited are those completed in spring 2020.
- ◆ Note the savings & free photo if registration is completed by June 1. Register before March 1 and save money!
- ◆ Parents/Guardians: Be sure to sign the registration.
- ◆ If applying for more than one camp, or for more than one camper, use separate registration forms.
- ◆ Be sure to deduct Sibling Discounts or church stipends for which you qualify.
- ◆ If applying for financial aid you must complete the scholarship application page of this booklet.
- ◆ Include your portion of the fee with the registration. You may pay by check, credit card, or extended payments.
- ◆ For additional registration & scholarship forms, or to register on-line, visit campbluediamond.org.
- ◆ Mail registration and fee to: **Camp Blue Diamond**
PO Box 240
Petersburg, PA 16669

If paying by credit or debit card, you may email the registration to campbluediamond@verizon.net.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation less than one week prior – No Refund
Cancellation one week to one month prior – Refund less \$50
Cancellation more than 1 month prior – Refund less \$25
Cancellation of specialty camps (Jr. Adv., OLS Camps, Caving, Cooking & Yough) closed because of full enrollment – No Refund.

After registering for camp, you will receive a confirmation packet including a receipt of your payment, an activity release form, packing list, and information about what your child will experience at camp.

Discounts

In addition to the early-bird discounts, Multiple Sibling discounts are available to families not requesting scholarship aid and sending two or more school age campers. Campers attending a week-long camp may deduct \$25 from their fee. Pioneer and Caving campers may deduct \$15. Tenderfoot and Kiddie campers may deduct \$10. CIT & Family Camps – no Sibling Discount. One Sibling Discount per child/per summer

Other Important Information

Campers may register for more than one session but must return home between camps. CBD does not provide transportation between home and camp. Submit one registration form per camper/per session. If you need additional forms, contact camp, your church, or get them at campbluediamond.org.

Only 1 cabin-mate request please. For special circumstances, please call the camp office at (814) 667-2355.

★ **Grandparents:** Please encourage your grandchildren to attend camp, but remember, we must have a parent's or legal guardian's signature on the registration and health history forms. Thank you.

Camp Blue Diamond is ACA Accredited!



CBD is proud to be accredited by the American Camp Association. Developed exclusively for the camp industry, the nationally recognized program focuses on program quality, training, health and safety issues. As an accredited camp, we are required to review every facet of operation. CBD has voluntarily submitted to this accreditation and appraisal.

Church of the Brethren Affiliation

Camp Blue Diamond is affiliated with the 55 congregations of the Middle PA Church of the Brethren. The central emphasis of the Church of the Brethren is a commitment to follow simple Christian obedience. As Brethren, we believe in God as Creator, the Lordship of Christ, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in every aspect of life, thought and mission.

We hold the New Testament as our guidebook for living and believe that God has revealed an unfolding purpose for the human family and universe through the Old Testament. Faithful following of Jesus and obedience to the will of God as revealed in Scriptures have led us to emphasize principles that we believe are central to true discipleship. Among these are peace and reconciliation, simple living, integrity of speech, family values, and service.

Meet the Full-time Staff

Dean and Jerri Heiser Wenger are Executive Co-Directors of Camp Blue Diamond and have held this position since 1991. Jerri is an ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren and oversees programming and accreditation. Dean oversees business operations.

Brian Bert is camp's Program Director. He is a graduate of West Virginia University and has served as PD since January 2008. He is responsible for training and overseeing the summer program staff and planning all the fun things that happen at camp.

Other members of the staff include: Facilities Director Paul Witkovsky, Office Administrator Amanda Helfrich, Food Service Coordinator Shawnee Rupert, Kitchen Staff Sarah Rupert.

Summer Staff

Each camper is assigned to a cabin unit overseen by two or more counselors. Counselors are generally college students between the ages of 18 and 23. Other program summer staff members include: a lifeguard, naturalist, crafts director, and a climbing tower director. Staff members are interviewed by the Program Committee of the Board of Directors and chosen based on their application, qualifications, references, background checks and interview. Staff members are required to attend a week-long orientation where they learn camper care, policies, procedures, and Bible discovery development. All counselors are 1st Aid/CPR certified and obtain clearances as required by the State of Pennsylvania. A Registered Nurse is present to oversee medications and medical needs.





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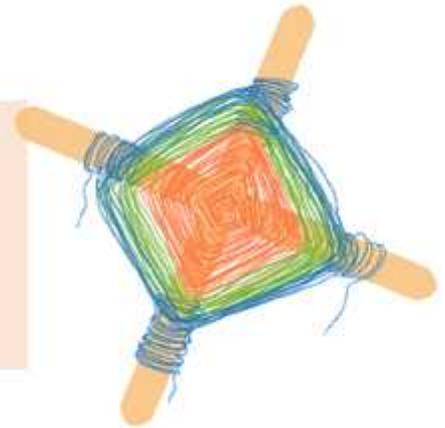
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GET A FREE PHOTO!

You'll receive a free 8X10 photo of your child's camp if we receive each of the following by June 1:

- ◆ Completed registration
- ◆ Completed Health History Form
- ◆ Parent portion of fee paid in full



DISCOUNTS, STIPENDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

EARLYBIRD DISCOUNT!

Register before March 1st and get extra savings!

MULTIPLE SIBLINGS DISCOUNT!

If you are sending more than one child to camp, you qualify for an additional \$10 - \$25 discount off each child's camp, depending on the length of the camp. Simply send the registrations together and make note of the sibling's names on the appropriate line of the registration form. More details are on the registration form. Scholarship recipient are ineligible. One Sibling Discount per child/per summer.

STIPENDS

Church of the Brethren and American Baptist congregations in Middle PA typically pay ½ (or more) of Camp Blue Diamond's summer camp fee. Be sure to check with your Pastor or Camp Representative concerning the policy of your church. If you belong to one of these churches, you are responsible for only your portion of the fee. Camp will bill your church for their portion in mid-July. Please list the name of your congregation on the registration form.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Families with annual total income of less than \$60,000 may apply for a scholarship. If applying for a scholarship, complete the Scholarship Application page to find the minimum your family is required to pay. If your family can pay more than the required amount, please do so. Mail the completed Scholarship Application with your Registration and your portion of the camp fee. Scholarships are not available for Kiddie and Family Camps, or adults. One scholarship per child/per summer.

EXTENDED PAYMENTS

Families requiring more time to pay their portion of the camp fee may pay \$25/child and mark the extended payment box on the registration. Extended payments will be arranged through the camp office. Final payment must be made by the beginning date of your child's camp. Camp Blue Diamond accepts credit and debit cards.