

CAMP BLUE DIAMOND



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Summer Camp 2021!

Online 2021 Summer Camp registration has begun. Any child Registering between now and the end of the year will receive a \$5 coupon for the Trading Post. Families that transferred Summer Camp '20 payments to Summer Camp '21 received letters in October, reminding them of the dollar amount they can deduct from their '21 fees. If you are unsure about how much you transferred contact the camp office. Summer Brochures will be mailed to past campers and churches in January. If you register online or with a brochure between now and Feb. 28th, you will get the Early Bird Discount. Online registration, camp details, fees and photos are all at campbluediamond.org.

Kiddie Weekend	Ages 5 - 7, Adult	June 5-6	Kiddie Camp	Ages 5 - 7, Adult	July 1-2
CIT Training	Grades 9 - 11	June 5-6	Tenderfoot Camp	Grades 1 - 2	July 1-2
Cooking Camp	Grades 5 - 6	June 8-10	Youth Camp	Grades 8 - 12	July 11-16
Junior 1	Grades 3 - 5	June 13-18	Junior 2	Grades 3 - 5	July 18-23
Jr. High 1	Grades 6 - 8	June 13-18	Advanced OLS	Grades 8 - 12	July 18-23
Creative Arts	Grades 5 - 8	June 20-25	Jr. High 2	Grades 6 - 8	July 25-30
Yough Adventure	Grades 7 - 9	June 20-25	Junior Adventure	Grades 4 - 5	July 25-30
Pioneer Camp	Grades 2 - 4	June 27-30	Family Camp	Everyone	Aug. 20-22
Caving Camp	Grades 5 - 7	June 27-30			



When Registering Don't Forget!



- ❖ Pre-Register online in December and get a \$5 coupon for the Trading Post!
- ❖ Register by February 28th & get the Early Bird Discounts: \$5 - \$20!
- ❖ Regular Summer Camp Fees from March 1st - May 31st. Late fees start June 1.
- ❖ Church Stipends - Brethren & American Baptist pay ½ or more of the camp fee.
- ❖ Sibling Discount - Campers with siblings coming to CBD get an extra \$10 - \$25 off.
- ❖ Summer Camp Brochures will be mailed to all past campers starting Jan. 4th.
- ❖ Scholarships are available for families that make less than \$60K.
- ❖ If you want a Scholarship or Extended Payments (\$25 down), complete the paper registration.
- ❖ Cabinmate friend requests must be on both your, and your friends, registration form.



SUMMER CAMP 2021 NEWS

It is with great hope and excitement that we look toward Summer Camp 2021, though, we are mindful that it will look different. As we continue to navigate the realities of the COVID19 and the changes that may take place between now and next June, we are giving considerations to some of the following possibilities: limiting the number of campers per session, hiring additional staff, adding health and sanitation protocol, operating strictly as Family Groups, and if available, doing rapid testing upon arrival. The American Camp Association, along with the CDC, has provided a *Field Guide for Implementation of CDC Guidance*. Staff and other professionals are working on policies & procedures to be implemented to help keep campers and staff as safe as possible while enjoying time together in Creation. More information will be shared as we draw nearer to summer.



Daily Theme & Image	With this Bible Study Campers Will
Invited by Light Genesis 1:1-5 & John 8:12 <i>Light of the World</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience light as a symbol of invitation. • Be introduced to God's Creation and the way it manifests in their lives. • Discover Jesus as God's light in the world.
Refreshed by Water Genesis 1:6-8 & John 4:4-15 <i>Woman at the Well</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand that water is life-giving & spiritual water is life giving and life changing. • Learn about Jesus as one who crossed boundaries and welcomed all people. • Celebrate the diversity of everyone present at camp.
Shaped Like Earth Genesis 1:9-13 & Jer. 18:1-10 <i>Potter's House</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize that we come from the earth. • Understand that God continues to shape and reshape us. • Embrace that the stuff we are made of is valuable.
Moving thru Seasons Genesis 1:14-19 & Eccl. 3:1-11 <i>A Time for All Things</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledge that life has ups and downs. • Be assured that God is with them in every season. • Explore ways to connect with God in each season.
Kinship with Animals Genesis 1:20-25 & Gen. 8:1-12 <i>Surviving the Flood</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Realize every creature has an important role to play in God's Creation. • Experience the interdependence of Creation. • Discover how the diverse parts of Creation and community need each other.
Purpose for Humanity Genesis 1:26-31 & Gen. 2:4-7 <i>God Breathes Life</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn that they are created in the image of God. • Learn that they are created for a purpose as caretakers of Creation. • Know they are empowered by God's Spirit. • Know that caring is a shared responsibility with God and one another.
Inspired by Creation Genesis 2:1-3 & Psm 104:1-13, 24, 31 <i>Celebrating Creation</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joyfully proclaim the awe and wonder of Creation. • Go home with grateful hearts for our Creator.

In the beginning, God created . . . and God continues to create.

Creation Speaks, inviting us to listen for God's voice and discover our place in the world.

Daily themes - light, water, earth, seasons, animals, humans, rest - teach us of our interdependence on one another and all of creation.

May we respond to our call as caretakers of Creation and stand in awe and wonder of our God, the Creator of all.

If the children of God stop and listen to Creation, what might we hear?

Shhh... Listen - Creation Speaks!

Summer Staff Needed!

If you love camp and enjoy kids, working at CBD is the greatest. Staffers will grow in faith, make friends and learn how to be leaders. **Counselors** must be at least 18, committed Christians, enjoy kids, and be able to live in harmony with others. **Maintenance Staff** need to be at least 16, and work 8-hour days with time off in evenings to join activities. Pay ranges from \$190 - \$250/week. Room & board are provided. Camp is from June 7 - July 31. Application Forms and online application are now available at campbluediamond.org or contact Camp.

CBD will be holding Youth, Jr. High and Junior Retreats this winter. Because of the Covid pandemic, numbers will be limited to 15 campers for each event. Special safety protocol will be in effect and all participants will need to wear masks. Don't worry, the kids will still have fun. If an event is cancelled a full refund will be given.

Inviting 6th, 7th & 8th graders to the Jr. High Retreat

Feb. 19–21 at Camp Blue Diamond

Do you miss camp and seeing your friends. While plans are moving ahead for summer camp, we wanted to welcome back campers this winter. Don't miss this chance to spend the weekend at CBD as we welcome Pastor Marlys Hershberger of the New Enterprise CoB. Marlys will share Jesus' message of the good news and we'll sing, play games, do crafts and play in the snow!



Who: All 6th, 7th and 8th Graders

When: February 19th – 21st

Registration Begins 7 pm Fri.

Retreat Ends 1:30 pm Sun.

Where: CBD Lodge **Bring:** Sleeping Bag, Pillow, Bible, Flashlight, Outside Clothing & Face Mask

Cost: \$70: Pay \$60 if you register by Feb. 13th!

Please complete the form and send to: Camp Blue Diamond, P.O. Box 240, Petersburg, PA 16669

Make checks payable to: *Camp Blue Diamond* Questions: call (814) 667-2355 or email: *campbluediamond@verizon.net*

Name: _____ Gender: M / F Grade: _____ **Jr. Hi Retreat**

Street: _____ Phone: _____ Congregation: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Email: _____

Parents: I give my child permission to attend the **Jr. Hi Retreat at CBD on February 19-21**. I authorize the leaders to act in any emergency and give permission to the physician selected to hospitalize or secure treatment as needed. Should it become necessary for my child to return home for any reason prior to closing, I will abide by the decision and provide transportation. I give permission to use pictures of my child in District and CBD brochures & publicity.

_____ Date: _____

Signed by Parent/Legal Guardian

Meds: Bring in Original Bottle w/Instructions: _____

Allergies or dietary restrictions: _____ Is Child covered by Medical/Hospital Insurance?: Y/ N

Insurance Carrier: _____ Policy #: _____ Ins. Phone #: _____

Check Card Number _____ / _____ / _____ Exp. Date: _____ / _____ CVV # _____ Name _____



Upcoming 2021 CBD Events:

◆ Junior Retreat Grades 3 – 5 March 5 - 6
 ◆ Quilt & Craft Camp April 23 – 25

◆ Jr. Hi Retreat Grades 6 - 8 Feb. 19 - 21
 ◆ Youth Retreat Grades 9 -12 March 19 - 21
 ◆ Father/Son Ret. Grades K-8 May 7 - 8



3rd, 4th & 5th Graders – Junior Retreat Miracles...The Power of Jesus

March 5 – 6 at Camp Blue Diamond

Jesus' miracles served the purpose of demonstrating Jesus' power and divine authority. Jesus showed he had God's power by healing physical illness, raising the dead, feeding the 5,000, and even forgiving people's sins! We will spend time this weekend learning about some of the miracles performed by Jesus and what they can teach us today! We will also have your camp favorites. There will be singing, games, a campfire, outside fun, crafts and your favorite summer camp counselors.

Who: YOU! (3rd, 4th & 5th graders)

When: March 5th & 6th

7:00pm Friday
 to 7:00pm Saturday

Why: To have FANTASTIC FUN!

Bring: Sleeping bag & pillow, Bible, clothes for outdoors & face mask

Cost: \$35.00

Special Discount

Pay \$30 if you register by Feb. 26th!

Please complete the form and send to: Camp Blue Diamond, P.O. Box 240, Petersburg, PA 16669

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Name: _____ Gender: M / F Grade: _____ **Junior Retreat**

Street: _____ Phone: _____ Congregation: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Email: _____

Parents: I give my child permission to attend the **Junior Retreat at CBD on March 5-6**. I authorize the leaders to act in any emergency and give permission to the physician selected to hospitalize or secure treatment as needed. Should it become necessary for my child to return home for any reason prior to closing, I will abide by the decision and provide transportation. I give permission to use pictures of my child in District and CBD brochures & publicity.

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Allergies or dietary restrictions: _____ Is Child covered by Medical/Hospital Insurance?: Y/ N

Insurance Carrier: _____ Policy #: _____ Ins. Phone #: _____

Check Card Number _____ / _____ / _____ Exp. Date: _____ / _____ CVV # _____ Name _____

Youth in grades 9-12 are invited to the District Youth Retreat

March 19-21 at Camp Blue Diamond!

Join the Middle PA District and Camp Blue Diamond as we welcome Walt Wiltschek! Walt serves as pastor at Easton Church of the Brethren in Maryland. He loves camp and volunteers at several camps each year! Come out to enjoy nature, music, games, engaging conversation and reconnect with friends!



Who: All Youth in grades 9-12

When: March 19-21, 2021

Registration begins 7 p.m. Fri.

Retreat ends 1 p.m. Sunday

Where: CBD Lodge

Bring: sleeping bag, pillow, Bible, flashlight, outside clothes & face mask

Cost: \$80: Pay \$70 if you register by March 1st

Please complete the form and send to: Camp Blue Diamond, P.O. Box 240, Petersburg, PA 16669

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Name: _____ Gender: M / F Grade: _____ **Sr. Hi Retreat**

Street: _____ Phone: _____ Congregation: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Email: _____

Parents: I give my child permission to attend the **Sr. High Retreat at CBD on March 19-21**. I authorize the leaders to act in any emergency and give permission to the physician selected to hospitalize or secure treatment as needed. Should it become necessary for my child to return home for any reason prior to closing, I will abide by the decision and provide transportation. I give permission to use pictures of my child in District and CBD brochures & publicity.

Date: _____

Signed by Parent/Legal Guardian



Medications: Bring in Original Bottle w/ Instructions: _____

Allergies or dietary restrictions: _____ Is Child covered by Medical/Hospital Insurance?: Y/ N

Insurance Carrier: _____ Policy # : _____ Ins. Phone # _____

Check Card Number _____/_____/_____/_____ Exp. Date: ____/____/____ CVV # _____ Name _____

Building Projects and Road Update: The third project of CBD's capital campaign, a new washhouse for the RV Campground, has begun. To date the foundation has been completed and the blockwork is up. Camp hopes to have the building completed before the 2021 RV Campground season opens. This fall, Diamond Valley Road was repaved. First, culverts were replaced and ditch erosion was cleaned up. Next the old road was ground up, and then two layers of asphalt and a new berm were laid. Work was completed by Thanksgiving. A big thanks to the PA State Forest for making this project happen, New Enterprise Stone and Lime, Pepple Excavating and Cem-Base for doing the work! Photos on the Road Construction and Capital Campaign webpages on campbluediamond.org.



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Summer Camp Registration Has Begun ♦ Winter Junior, Jr. Hi and Youth Retreats

Address Service Requested



Virtual Heritage Fair 2020: Thanks to the churches who participated in the CBD/District Virtual Heritage Fair, and the many families who supported those churches or directly gave to the fair. To date over \$23,000 has been raised. District and camp staff have extended the \$25,000 Ice Water Challenge deadline to year's end, so if any church or family wishes to still participate mail your gift to the District Center at 1113 Mt. Vernon Ave., Huntingdon, PA 16652. Churches sold food and candy, made scarecrows, had mini festivals, and took up special offerings for the virtual fundraiser. Pictured is Space Cadet Wayne Guyer's trip to Mars. Wayne has returned safely to Woodbury and managed to raise \$1,172 for Heritage Fair. After landing in Mars, Wayne invited the Martians to come and visit Camp Blue Diamond, the 'Happiest Place on Earth'.

CBD 2020 Christmas/Year-End Gift: 2020 was a bleak year, and CBD is looking forward to a brighter 2021! Camp is taking every action to make sure summer camp 2021 happens! All of us need the reassurance that life will return to normal – especially Kids. They need to: see old camp friends and counselors, do their favorite camp traditions, learn about Jesus in the woods, and just be kids (surrounded by other kids) letting off all the extra energy they accumulating this year. Support from friends kept CBD going this year. Gifts have paid staff, kept buildings in good repair and supported needed building projects. Please consider making a year-end gift to keep CBD operating thru this tough time. Send donations to: Camp Blue Diamond, PO Box 240, Petersburg, PA 16669

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Choose One: \$50 Gift \$100 Gift \$200 Gift \$500 Gift \$1000 Gift Other _____

Choose One: Check Enclosed Paying by card - Complete information below

Name on Card _____ Card # _____ Exp. ____/____ CVV ____

Use my gift toward: Wherever most needed Camp Scholarships (extra will be needed in '21)
 Building Projects/Capital Campaign Other: _____