

CAMP BLUE DIAMOND



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CBD Summer Camp Schedule!

With the pandemic slowing down and people getting their shots, CBD is excited to announce there will be summer camp in 2021. There will be a few changes: extra handwashing stations, taking temperatures when you arrive, more activities in your cabin group, moving many inside activities outside, and wearing masks when we can't social distance. But don't fret, campers will still do all the fun CBD stuff like nature activities, crafts, music, campfires, cook-outs, swimming, canoeing, Bible Discovery, coffeehouse, the giant swing, the climbing tower and more!

Now is the time to sign up. We have to keep camps smaller in 2021, so if you want to come, don't hesitate to register. Families that transferred last year's fees to 2021 can put them toward their registration. If you're unsure about how much you have to transfer contact the camp office. At campbluediamond.org you can register online or print off a summer camp registration form and mail it in. See you this summer!

Kiddie Weekend	Ages 5 - 7, Adult	June 5-6	\$135
CIT Training	Grades 9 - 11	June 5-6	\$72
Cooking Camp	Grades 5 - 6	June 8-10	\$205
Junior 1	Grades 3 - 5	June 13-18	\$325
Jr. High 1	Grades 6 - 8	June 13-18	\$345
Creative Arts	Grades 5 - 8	June 20-25	\$365
Yough Adventure	Grades 7 - 9 (Closed)	June 20-25	
Pioneer Camp	Grades 2 - 4	June 27-30	\$195
Caving Camp	Grades 5 - 7	June 27-30	\$225
Kiddie Camp	Ages 5 - 7, Adult	July 1-2	\$135
Tenderfoot Camp	Grades 1 - 2	July 1-2	\$108
Youth Camp	Grades 8 - 12	July 11-16	\$365
Junior 2	Grades 3 - 5	July 18-23	\$325
Advanced OLS	Grades 8 - 12	July 18-23	\$365
Jr. High 2	Grades 6 - 8	July 25-30	\$345
Junior Adventure	Grades 4 - 5	July 25-30	\$335
Family Camp	Everyone	Aug. 20-22	\$79 A /\$56 C



When Registering Don't Forget!

- ❖ Regular Summer Camp Fees March 1st – May 31st
- ❖ Late fees start June 1st
- ❖ Brethren Churches pay half or more of the camp fee
- ❖ Sibling Discount - Campers with siblings coming get \$25 off their week, or \$15 off Pioneer or Caving Camp, or \$10 off Kiddie or Tenderfoot Camp
- ❖ Scholarships available for families making < \$60K
- ❖ Extended Payments (\$25 down) are available
- ❖ Cabinmate friend requests must be on both your, and your friend's form

New Safety Procedures for Summer Camp 2021:

This past year has certainly been a “different” experience for all of us. This includes our children and youth as they have adapted to online learning, physical distancing from friends, and more time at home. Adaptability and resilience are important skills as we navigate stressful events – and our children have learned to do just that!

Camp provides children with the opportunity to connect – with each other, with nature, and with God. It is a great place to explore, run, laugh, play, worship, make friends, and experience God. We believe a camp experience impacts the lives of children and youth as they gain confidence, make connections, build character, and know they contribute to the larger community.

Campers need Camp – and – Camp needs Campers! We are excited to welcome all our friends, old and new, to CBD in 2021. We’re working hard to set safe guidelines and still have a fun and meaningful experience. As summer draws near, we will continue to communicate with campers, parents, and congregations. Here are several new safety precautions that will be in place at CBD this summer to protect campers and staff. If you have any questions about the policies, please contact the camp office.



- ◆ ***The number of campers per session, and per cabin will be strictly limited***
- ◆ ***Camper arrival times will be staggered***
- ◆ ***Health screening by a medical professional will be performed in a parent’s presence at arrival***
- ◆ ***Campers and staff will live and move as “Family Groups” (Cabin Units) for all activities***
- ◆ ***Physical barriers will be installed in cabins to provide extra sleep-breathing space***
- ◆ ***Regular ongoing health screening will take place throughout the camp session***
- ◆ ***Meals will be served in Family Groups, which will be seated apart from other Family Groups***
- ◆ ***A large tent will be near the lodge for additional seating for meals, rainy-day activities, large group activities, and as an extra outdoor program space***
- ◆ ***Large group activities will take place outdoors or under the tent with physical distancing***
- ◆ ***Additional handwashing facilities will be provided, as well as hand sanitizing stations***
- ◆ ***Regular handwashing will be required of all campers and staff***
- ◆ ***Common spaces and surfaces will be cleaned and sanitized regularly by staff***
- ◆ ***Face coverings will be required when physical distancing is difficult, such as:***
 - ✓ ***Registration and pick-up time when campers, staff and family members must wear masks***
 - ✓ ***Indoor activities when physical distancing cannot be practiced***
 - ✓ ***When picking up meals in the kitchen***
 - ✓ ***During times when there’s large group movement and physical distance cannot be achieved***

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 eight-hour days with time off in evenings to relax or join activities. Pay ranges from \$190 -\$250/week. Room & board are provided. Camp is from June 7 to July 31.

Application forms and online application are available at campbluediamond.org or contact Camp Blue Diamond.



Upcoming Events Calendar:

Youth Retreat	March 20	Summer Camp	June 13 – July 30
Quilt & Craft Camp	April 23-25 (full)	Golf Tournament	August 10
Father/Son Retreat	May 7-8	Family Camp	August 20-22
Camp Staff Training	June 7 – 12	Heritage Fair	September 18 ?

COVID-19 Caused Calendar Conundrum??

You may have noticed the Upcoming Events Calendar looks a little odd. Because of the pandemic, CBD is not able to offer a few activities, and indoor events are size limited (Quilt & Craft Camp is already full). Because Sr. Adult Day, and the Annual Dinners are very large indoor events which skew toward seniors, we decided not to do them this spring. If it feels safe, we may move these two events and the Sunday Hoss Event to late summer or fall. We will keep you posted. Outside camps and activities can be done, as long as we follow safety guidelines, and we look forward to summer camp and the Golf Tournament. Heritage Fair is tentatively set for Sept. 18, with details to come!

District Youth Retreat

Youth in grades 9-12 are invited to the District Youth Retreat March 20th at Camp Blue Diamond! Join the Middle PA District and Camp Blue Diamond as we welcome Walt Wiltschek for this one-day event! 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 **Cost :** \$35

When: Sat., March 20th, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Bring: Bible, outside clothes & face mask

Mail form to: Camp Blue Diamond, P.O. Box 240, Petersburg, PA 16669

Questions: call (814) 667-2355 or email: campbluediamond@verizon.net

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 20**. 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 _____

Father/Son Retreat May 7 - 8

Daniel and His Friends

The Father/Son Retreat is a terrific time for sons and dads (grandpas) to spend time together. The retreat begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday & ends at 3 p.m. Saturday.

Come join us as we explore the Bible stories of Daniel and His Friends - Fantastic Tales for boys about being faithful to God, doing the right thing, and facing difficult situations. In addition to Bible time, we'll play games, go on a night-hike, fish and canoe, cook over a fire, do crafts and ride the Giant Swing. Be sure to bring your sleeping bag, pillow and flashlight.



Cost is: \$35 for adults, \$25 for boys in grades K-8. Register by May 2nd. Mail registration to: Camp Blue Diamond, P.O. Box 240, Petersburg, PA 16669 Or register online at campbluediamond.org. Because of COVID-19, a mask will be required for some activities, so be sure to bring one. For info contact CBD at (814) 667-2355 or campbluediamond@verizon.net.

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Father/Son Retreat: May 7-8 at Camp Blue Diamond

Adult(s) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Boy _____ Age _____ Boy _____ Age _____

Email _____

MARK ONE: Check enclosed or Debit/Credit Card
(complete below)

Exp. Date: _____ / _____ CVV: _____

Card # _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Name on Card: _____



Family Camp: Aug. 20-22

Come experience Family Camp with swimming, canoes, campfires, Bible time for adults and children, great food, crafts, ice cream, polar bear swimming, coffee house with Joe Hinich, music/singing, family time, friends and our guest leader Debbie Eisenbise!

This weekend is designed to provide opportunity for families to reconnect while being in a Christ-centered community. Families will be lodged in the summer cabins, Lodge and Ouch House. Most activities are done as families. Programming will be sensitive to the need for social distancing and safe health practices. Register online at campbluediamond.org, or use a summer camp brochure, or the Family Camp Form below. Cost is \$79 for Adults, \$56 for Kids age 3-11.



2021 FAMILY CAMP REGISTRATION FORM – August 20-22

Parent(s) _____ Phone: (_____) _____
Children _____ Ages _____
Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email Address _____ Please email confirmation: Y N
Church _____ Special Needs _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Camp Fee \$ _____
Deduct Church Share if Applicable \$ _____
Family's Portion \$ _____

Method of Payment

_____ Check to 'Camp Blue Diamond' Enclosed
_____ Extended Payments, Minimum \$25 Enclosed
_____ Credit/Debit Card: Exp. Date: ____/____ CVV ____
Card # _____ - _____ - _____
Name on Card (Print) _____

Important! Must be signed:

The campers registering agree to abide by all regulations concerning personal conduct and use of camp property. Should it become necessary for any camper to return home we, the parent(s)/guardian, will abide by CBD's decision and provide transportation. We give CBD permission to photo or video any participant. Use of photos/video will be limited to CBD's publications, website, videos and group photos.

Parent(s) signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

Brethren Open – August 10th

This year's Brethren Open Golf Tournament will be held on Aug. 10th at Iron Masters in Roaring Spring. Like last year, there will be a few changes to the meal and prize ceremony because of social distancing, but all the fun and tradition live on! Cost is an extremely reasonable \$80 and covers a round of golf, cart, snacks, free gifts, meal and lots of prizes - including the hole-in-one \$10,000 prize. Sign-in is between 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Shotgun start 1 p.m. Registrations are available at your church, the district office and at campbluediamond.org.

Thanks to golfers and sponsors, about \$13,000 was netted for camp and the district last year (a new record). Sponsors are needed for 2021! Businesses or families can be a \$250 Green Sponsor, with a sign showing their sponsorship on the green of their hole. \$500 Course Sponsors get a sign at their hole, plus 4 complimentary golfers and a large banner! \$1000 Tournament sponsors get all of the aforementioned goodies, their photo in the newspaper, and a double-share of pleasure knowing they are supporting two great ministries. Come out and enjoy a day of golf with your friends at Iron Masters and help support the ministry of camp and district.



RV Campground & Cabins

Need a place for vacation this summer? CBD's campground and the Lakeside and Rising Sun cabins are open. The campground has 44 trailer sites, 2 tent sites and a primitive cabin. All sites include a table, fire ring and water. Both 30- and 50-amp service are available on each site, and a few sites have sewage hook-up. The Washhouse offers toilets, sinks and showers. A dump station, dumpster, firewood and ice are available. Smoking, vaping, alcohol are not allowed, but pets on leashes are. Camp's Family Campground has a family oriented, quiet atmosphere. It is a great place to relax, enjoy nature and have family time. A Wi-Fi hotspot is available in the campground parking lot. A lake and sandy beach are open to guests for swimming and canoeing. Hiking, beach volleyball, biking and fishing are available too.

Both Lakeside and Rising Sun cabin have 3 bedrooms, a living/dining room, kitchen, 2 bathrooms, a loft, central AC and heat, and a TV/DVD. They are handicapped accessible. The kitchen has a refrigerator, microwave, oven, dishwasher, coffeemaker, dishes and pots and pans, making it ideal for family vacations. There are 6 sets of bunk beds in each cabin, with 3 of the bottom beds being doubles. Lakeside and Rising Sun require a 2-night stay, the fee is a minimum of \$156/night (six guests or less). You can learn more about the Family Campground or Lakeside and Rising Sun at www.campbluediamond.org or contact camp at (814) 667-2355 or campbluediamond@verizon.net.



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,



Cem-Base for grinding up the old road, Pepple Excavating for fixing culverts and ditches, and New Enterprise Stone and Lime for repaving! More Photos are on the Road Construction & Capital Campaign webpages at campbluediamond.org.



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Summer Camp Registration Is Open ♦ Youth Retreat ♦ Father/Son Retreat

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Which Camp's For You?

- Kiddie Camps:** 5, 6 & 7 year-olds bring Mom or Dad (Grandparent) for an overnight of Camp Fun!
- Tenderfoot:** Your 1st overnight camp. Swimming, crafts, games, new friends, s'mores and Bible time!
- Pioneer:** A half week camp for the younger juniors. Swim, Crafts, Nature, Bible time, Water Carnival!
- Junior 1 & 2:** A whole week for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. Cook-outs, canoes, swimming, Swing, hike day, Bible time!
- Jr Adventure:** A new adventure each day: climb the tower, enjoy the Giant Swing, hike Tussey, go caving!
- Cooking Camp:** 3 Day camp for 5th & 6th graders. Learn basic cooking skills and recipes you can take home with you.
- Jr. Hi 1 & 2:** New challenges for older kids, like the Tower, Zip-Line, night games, climbing Tussey, Paddleboards!
- Caving Camp:** Four days of caving adventures, plus there's the Tower and Zip-Line, Bible, crafts, nature!
- Creative Arts:** Drama, dance, singing, band, creative worship, if you like music and art this is your camp!
- OLS Camp:** Cooking over coals, start a fire without matches, living off the land, learning how to survive!
- Yough Adv.** Serious Adventure for the older Jr. High: Raft on the Youghiogheny River, Bike, Hike, Tower!
- CIT Camp:** Learn how to counsel and lead, develop Bible study and conflict resolution skills!
- Youth Camp:** Youth geared sessions/music and worship. Make friends for life! Powerful and life changing!
- Family Camp:** Experience CBD as a family. Sessions, talent show, crafts, activities for all! A vacation for everyone!

CBD is the lowest cost Church of the Brethren operated ACA Accredited camp in the galaxy! CBD is only able to make this boast because of the wide financial support given by friends, churches and extraterrestrials! Discounts, Church Stipends and Scholarships make camp affordable too. For example: Junior Camp \$325 – \$162.50 (church half) - \$25 (sibling discount) = \$137.50. Scholarship Aid is available too if you make less than \$60,000.

