

CAMP BLUE DIAMOND



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CBD 2021 Summer Camp Schedule!

Yes, CBD is having summer camp. Since teens are just starting to get vaccinated, and those younger than 12 won't be vaccinated until later, there will be some covid related policies in effect at summer camp. All campers will be tested when they arrive, unless they bring along their completed vaccination card, and masks will be required at camp for inside, close-quartered activities, and a few outside ones. To see details how CDC requirements will affect camp this summer, check out the complete article on page 2 of the newsletter.

For 2021 we have to keep camps smaller, 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 your transfer amount, contact the camp office. At campbluediamond.org you can register online or print a summer registration form and mail it in. Rates go up June 1st. 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 (Closed)	Grades 5 - 6	June 8-10	
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 Adv. (Closed to Boys)	Grades 7 - 9	June 20-25	\$445
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
Jr. High 2	Grades 6 - 8	July 25-30	\$345
Junior Adventure (Closed)	Grades 4 - 5	July 25-30	
Family Camp	Everyone	Aug. 20-22	\$79A / \$56C



When Registering Don't Forget!

- ❖ Late fees start June 1st
- ❖ Extended Payments (\$25 down) are available!
- ❖ Brethren Churches pay half or more of the camp fee!
- ❖ Sibling Discount – Kids with siblings coming get \$25 off their week, or \$15 off Pioneer/Caving Camp, or \$10 off Kiddie/Tenderfoot Camp -- Scholarships available for families making < \$60K
- ❖ Don't Forget: Cabinmate friend requests must be on both your and your friend's form

Thanks for Getting Vaccinated!

If a camper comes to summer camp in June or July with a completed vaccination card, he/she will get a certificate for a free t-shirt or hat from the Trading Post. This is our way of saying, 'Thank You!' You saved us the expense of testing you, and that is certainly worth a gift! Be sure to bring the card!

Male Counselors and Nurses Needed!

If you love camp and enjoy kids, working at CBD is the greatest. **Male Counselors** are still needed. Other positions have been filled. Applicants must be at least 18, committed Christians, enjoy kids, and be able to live in harmony with others. Pay ranges from \$200 - \$250/week. Room & board are provided. Camp is from June 7 to July 31. Application forms and online application are available at campbluediamond.org.

Volunteer Nurses (RN's, MD's & PA's) are needed for each week of summer camp. Nurses are responsible for giving meds and treating injured or sick campers. Nurses live in the Ouch House and may bring their families. Nurses are still needed for June 5 – 6, July 11-16 and July 18-23. If you can come out for the whole camp, or just two or three days please contact CBD at campbluediamond@verizon.net or (814) 667-2355.

CBD Summer Camp Covid Plans:

We are looking forward to welcoming campers back to Camp this summer; however, COVID-19 is still a concern as we move into the summer season, knowing that most children will not be vaccinated. We have been listening closely to CDC guidelines and local recommendations, developing and adjusting our plan as new guidelines are released. It is our priority to help keep campers, families, and staff safe, while providing a fun-filled, inspirational summer camp experience. Here is a brief description of the procedures and protocol in place for this summer.

Registration: Registration times will be staggered, and all non-vaccinated campers will be tested using a *BinaxNOW* Antigen Self-Test made by Abbott. This is a simple, painless, nose swab test with a 15-minute wait time. If the test report is negative, camp will begin! If it's positive, a second test will be given. If it comes back positive, the camper will return home and another week of camp may be arranged, or a refund granted. A parent is welcome to help his/her child move into the cabin, then a hug and kiss goodbye. ***Any child/youth coming to camp with a completed vaccination card will not be tested and will receive a coupon for a free t-shirt or hat.***

Living Arrangements and Activities:

Campers will stay with their unit, or Family Group, for all activities. This is the way it has always been, but this summer when groups interact, additional safety precautions will be practiced. Face coverings will ***not*** be worn most of the time, though they will be required during registration and pick-up, when getting food, on the tower and giant swing, and when indoor physical distancing is not possible. Four or five campers and two counselors will be placed in each cabin. Clear shower curtains are hung between beds for added safety from night-time breathing. Fans and open windows will provide ventilation. Meals will be served cafeteria style by kitchen staff and groups will eat at tables in a tent near the lodge, or in the lodge at physically distanced tables during inclement weather. Swimming and canoeing will take place without face coverings.

Other Safety Precautions:

Frequent handwashing will be a lot of fun with our new Canoe Sink located near the lodge. Hand sanitizers will be in each cabin and various other places at Camp. Commonly used surfaces and equipment will be sanitized regularly. Parents will receive a detailed letter soon. Please be reassured that we are constantly watching and listening to the CDC, American Camp Association and our local health department. We are excited to welcome campers back to Camp!



Pre-Register for 2022 Summer Camp!

During camper pick-up at the end of each camp this summer, there will be the opportunity to register for your 2022 CBD summer camp. Those registering will get a free 2022 CBD T-shirt. To register, you will need to pay at least \$25 of your fee. If you later need to switch to another CBD camp, you can do so with no charge.

2021 Summer Camp Theme – Creation Speaks!

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

This summer the campers are invited to listen for God's voice and discover their 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. Through Bible study, activities and worship, campers and staff are invited to respond to our call as caretakers of Creation as we stand in awe and wonder of our God who made it all!



Again, Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Summer Camp	June 5 – July 30	Family Camp	August 20-22
Annual Dinners	August 6 & 7	Heritage Fair	September 18
Golf Tournament	August 10		

Annual Dinners: August 6 & 7

Camp couldn't have Annual Dinner in spring '20 or '21 because of Covid, but now we can! Please join us for a **Welcome Back to Camp - Annual Dinner Picnic on August 6 & 7**. Dinner will be a Chicken BBQ with all the fixings, and entertainment will be our talented Middle PA friends: Brethren Brass, the Tim & Duane Show, and Gabe & Kendrick Imler. Tickets are \$50 and will be available from CBD or your church's waiter starting in early June. This year's Annual Dinners are a summertime picnic, so there are a few changes:

- ❖ Diners will be outside, under a big tent, and on the Ballcourt near the Main Lodge!
(The Lodge Restrooms will be available for guests)
- ❖ Dinners will be earlier, starting at 5 p.m., and ending by 7 p.m., so everyone can get home before dark!
- ❖ There will be a Silent Auction, featuring the artistic and culinary talents of our camp friends!
- ❖ If you want to support the Dinner, but can't attend, there will be a To Go (carryout) option for the meal!
- ❖ Entertainment will be before, during, and after the meal!



Brethren Open – August 10th

This year's Brethren Open Golf Tournament will be held on Aug. 10th at Iron Masters in Roaring Spring. 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 \$20,000 prize. Sign-in is between 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Shotgun start 1 p.m. Registration forms are available at your church, campbluediamond.org or the district office.

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 ministries of Camp Blue Diamond and the Middle PA District Center.



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 and Main Lodge. 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. After June 1, \$84 for Adults, and \$61 for Kids.

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/Diets/Allergies: _____

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: _____



Heritage Fair – Sat., Sept. 18

The Middle PA District Heritage Fair will be back at CBD this fall! Our annual festival of Food, Fun, Friends and Family will be on Sept. 18th. There will be tons of food, loads of children's activities, an auction with the District Quilt, the Dunk the Dunker Tank, crafts, demonstrations and more! It's a family reunion for all your camp and church friends as we eat, see friends and have fun.

Has your church decided how to participate for 2021? Start making plans. Camp will be calling soon to find out what you are doing. Food and craft booths are always welcome, or perhaps your church would like to run a game, help in the Children's area or do a demonstration. Heritage Fair starts with breakfast at 6:30 in the Lodge. Booths open at 8:30. The Auction is from 11 - 1 p.m. Booths, activities and the fair typically end around 2 p.m. It's going to be Great!

Overnight lodging in the summer camp cabins, Lodge and the RV Campground is available. To reserve a lodge room, cabin or a campsite, contact CBD at campbluediamond@verizon.net or call (814) 667-2355.



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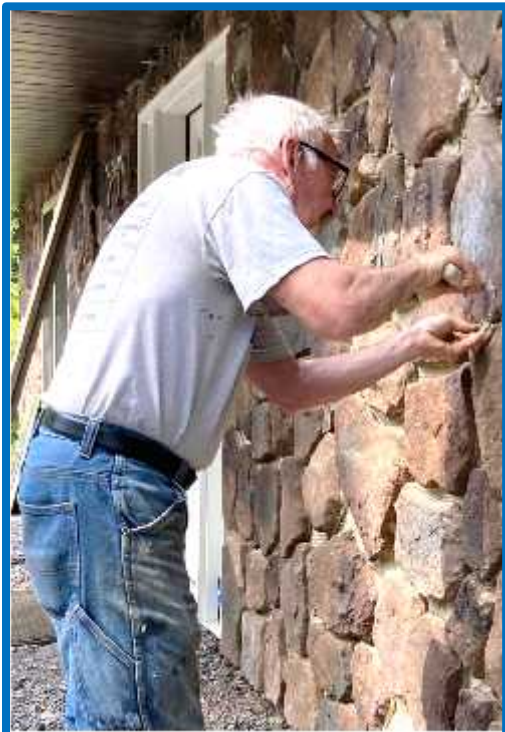
Golf Tournament: Aug 10 ♦ Family Camp: Aug 20-22 ♦ Heritage Fair: Sept 18

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Update: Executive Director Search

Following the Wengers' retirement announcement in January 2021, the Board of Directors and Search Committee began the process of identifying Camp's next Executive Director. From a strong pool of candidates, the search committee has narrowed down the field to three outstanding applicants. Interviews have begun and will be finished by the end of May, after which we will select a candidate to be introduced to the Board of Directors for approval. We anticipate that the hiring process will be completed by mid-summer. The new Executive Director will be announced and train with the Wengers in the fall, assuming leadership sometime in November. Please pray for the search committee as we discern God's plan for the future of our beloved Camp Blue Diamond. In His service, David Meadows, Chair Search Committee
Members: Babs Detweiler, Pam McDonald, Dave Flumerfelt, Tim Knepp, Tiffany Erhard, Jack Morgan, Wayne Guyer and David Banaszak



Thanks!

- US Silica
- Mike Campbell
- John Heichel
- Ken Ott, Randy Singo, Bill Baker
- Mill Creek Baptist Men
- Hollidaysburg CoB
- Ellen Will
- Rich Zeek, Thayne Lowey
- Sand for Beach
- Stone Façade on Office
- Campground Groundskeeping
- Woodcutting
- Woodcutting
- Toilets
- Craft Supplies
- Plumbing for Canoe Sink

John Knepp, John Heichel, Dean Brubaker, Don Snively
John Heichel, John & Tim Knepp, Homer Shriner, Mike Campbell,
Terry Hershberger, Don Bookhamer, Dean Brubaker

Deck for Canoe Sink
Roof for New Washhouse