

CAMP BLUE DIAMOND



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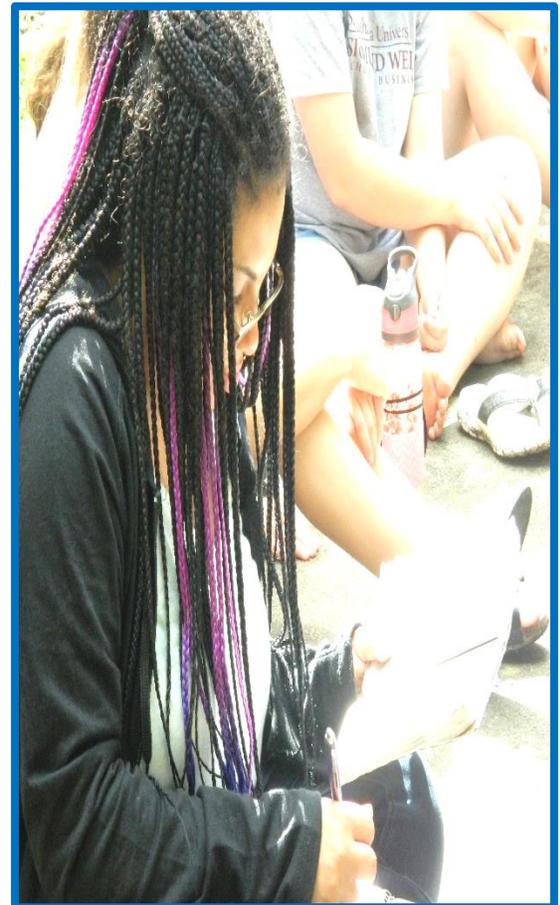
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CBD 2022 Summer Camp Schedule!

We are excited that Camp Blue Diamond will be returning to more normal operations for the summer of 2022. We are pleased that case counts are falling in general, and mitigation strategies are easing. While the pandemic will continue to be a part of our world for the foreseeable future, we have learned how to better deal with it and return to more familiar times. You can see our complete COVID procedures in this newsletter.

There is still time to register, but camps are filling up fast. Make sure you register your camper today! You can visit our website at campbluediamond.org for online registration, or print a summer registration form and mail it in. Remember, rates go up June 1st!

Kiddie Weekend	Ages 5 - 7, Adult	June 4-5	\$140
CIT Training	Grades 9 - 11	June 4-5	\$75
Kiddie Camp	Ages 5 - 7, Adult	June 16-17	\$140
Tenderfoot Camp	Grades 1 - 2	June 16-17	\$112
Junior 1	Grades 3 - 5	June 19-24	\$335
Jr. High 1	Grades 6 - 8	June 19-24	\$356
Creative Arts	Grades 5 - 8	June 26-July 1	\$376
Yough Adv.	Grades 7 - 9	June 26-July 1	\$460
Pioneer Camp	Grades 2 - 4	July 5-8	\$201
Caving Camp (girls full)	Grades 5 - 7	July 5-8	\$232
Youth Camp	Grades 8 - 12	July 10-15	\$376
Junior 2	Grades 3 - 5	July 17-22	\$335
OLS (girls full)	Grades 8 - 12	July 17-22	\$376
Jr. High 2	Grades 6 - 8	July 24-29	\$356
Junior Adventure (filled)	Grades 4 - 5	July 24-29	\$346
Family Camp	Everyone	Aug. 20-22	\$82A / \$58C



Upcoming CBD Events

❖ Summer Camp	June 4 – July 29	❖ Staff Orientation	June 9 – 15
❖ Golf Tournament	August 9	❖ Family Camp	August 19 – 21
❖ Hoss Sunday	August 21	❖ Heritage Fair/Dist. Con.	September 17

2023 New Pricing Structure – Choose What You Pay

It seems like all we hear about these days is how the price of everything is going up. It costs more to do just about anything now. While Camp Blue Diamond is seeing price increases just like any other business, we are committed to making summer camp affordable to everyone. Therefore, Camp Blue Diamond is keeping rates the same or even less in 2023 as compared to 2022. In order to accomplish the goal of making summer camp affordable to all, we are introducing a new tiered pricing structure.

There will be three different pricing tiers for each camp at Camp Blue Diamond. Parents will be encouraged to choose the tier that most closely reflects their ability to pay for summer camp. It will be 100% parents' choice of which tier to choose without question. Regardless of the tier that a family chooses for their camper, everyone



will receive the exact same quality summer camp experience. Only the office staff will know what tier a family chooses. This is an opportunity for those with the means to support Camp Blue Diamond in a new way. The higher-level tier a family chooses, the more accurately it will reflect the actual cost of summer camp, including the long-term expenses associated with maintaining the property and buildings and sustaining the long-term mission of Camp Blue Diamond. All other discounts and scholarships will remain in place in order to make Camp Blue Diamond as affordable as possible.

It is important for families to remember that the churches of the Middle PA District pay half or more for summer camp. Churches of the Middle PA District will also be given the opportunity to pay what they can for their campers to come to camp. If a parent chooses to pay the highest rate, this does not commit their local church to paying the highest rate for the church portion. Churches will be presented with the three options to choose from and won't even know which rate the family chose.

The tiers/fees will be as follows. The standard fee in 2023 will be the same or lower than the regular fee in 2022. This fee ensures that everyone has the opportunity to attend Camp Blue Diamond. The supporters' tier will be \$50 more than the standard fee. This tier will more closely reflect the actual cost of a camper attending summer camp including expenses people don't think about such as counselor and other staff pay, meals, utilities, building and grounds maintenance, vehicle upkeep, replacing outdated equipment, accreditation and permits, program supplies, and health supplies. The sustainers' fee will be \$100 more than the standard fee. By choosing this fee, families would help further the mission of Camp Blue Diamond by covering the cost of camp for their child and helping us to keep the standard fee affordable for those who need it, along with paying of summer staff a more competitive rate.

Here is an example of the pricing for a few camps:

CBD -Summer Camp	Standard Fee	Supporter's Fee	Sustainer's Fee	2022 Fee
Junior Camp	\$335.00	\$385.00	\$435.00	\$335.00
Junior High Camp	\$355.00	\$405.00	\$455.00	\$356.00
Youth Camp	\$375.00	\$425.00	\$475.00	\$376.00

We know that there may be questions surrounding this new tiered pricing structure. We will continue to communicate with families to make sure everyone understands the new system. The staff will be more than happy to help anyone with questions understand the new pricing. This is the best way for Camp Blue Diamond to continue to offer the life changing impact that summer camp can have to everyone regardless of their financial situation. Thank you for your support of this new effort.

Annual Dinners: June 10 & 11

After the huge success of last year's outdoor Annual Dinner, we are continuing this arrangement for 2022! We will once again meet outside in God's beautiful creation to celebrate Camp Blue Diamond! Dinner includes; fresh garden salad, country style braised ribs, roasted herbed potatoes, sauteed green beans, scalloped apples, oven fresh dinner rolls and strawberry shortcake. Entertainment will feature the group Route 869. Tickets are \$50 and are available from CBD or your church's waiter. Annual Dinner will be similar to last year with a few changes to the traditional setting:

- ❖ 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 7:30, so everyone can get home before dark!
- ❖ If you want to support the Dinner, but can't attend, please consider making a donation!
- ❖ The summer staff will be on hand. Don't miss this opportunity to meet the counselors and other staff members that help to make the summer camp program so successful!



CBD's 2022 Hoss Event - Sunday, August 21st!



Camp Blue Diamond is excited to announce the return of our annual Hoss's fundraiser. Below is your ticket for this year's CBD Hoss's Event on August 21st. Participating Hoss's are: Duncansville, Huntingdon, Bedford and Lewistown. The Hoss Event is simple! Please encourage all of your friends, family and your congregation to attend. Please be sure to do the following:

1. **Cut out and copy the Hoss's ticket below and distribute to those who are going. Please ensure they are distributed before-hand.**
2. **Take the ticket to Hoss's anytime on Sun., August 21st and present it when ordering.**
3. **Enjoy a great meal with your family and friends, knowing that 20-25% of your bill goes to camp!**

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Dear Friend of Camp Blue Diamond:

We are excited to team up with Hoss's Steak and Sea House to raise money for a very worthy cause. Please consider visiting the Hoss's location(s) listed below on 8/21/2022 to aid us in raising money to benefit Camp Blue Diamond.

Present this paper on **8/21/2022** at Hoss's in **Duncansville, Huntingdon, Lewistown, Bedford** Hoss's will then donate 20%* or 25%** of your total check paid to **Camp Blue Diamond**

*To qualify for the 20% payout, our group must have a minimum of \$300.00 in total pre-tax food and beverage sales.

**To qualify for the 25% payout, our group must have a minimum of \$1,200.00 in total pre-tax food and beverage sales. This applies to a one-day, single location, pre-scheduled event. The purchase of gift cards is not included as part of your organization's community fundraising totals.

DISTRIBUTING INVITATIONS ON HOSS'S PROPERTY IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED AND WILL DISQUALIFY OUR ORGANIZATION! Thank you for your cooperation!

Group #127347



Please print and present this paper when ordering.



COVID PROCEDURES

While the summer camp experience was slightly different in 2021, each camper that was blessed to spend time at Camp Blue Diamond had meaningful experiences that deepened their understanding of God, and their connection to creation. We are also pleased to report that through our cooperative mitigation strategies, Camp Blue Diamond did not have a single Covid case all summer.

As we move toward summer camp 2022, we know the pandemic is still a part of our lives. However, we are pleased that case counts are much lower and mitigation strategies are easing. From the very beginning of

the pandemic, Camp Blue Diamond has always put the safety of our campers and their families at the front of every decision we have made. We have also followed the guidance of the American Camp Association through their field guide in conjunction with the CDC. We will continue to follow the guidance laid out by these two organizations as we move forward.



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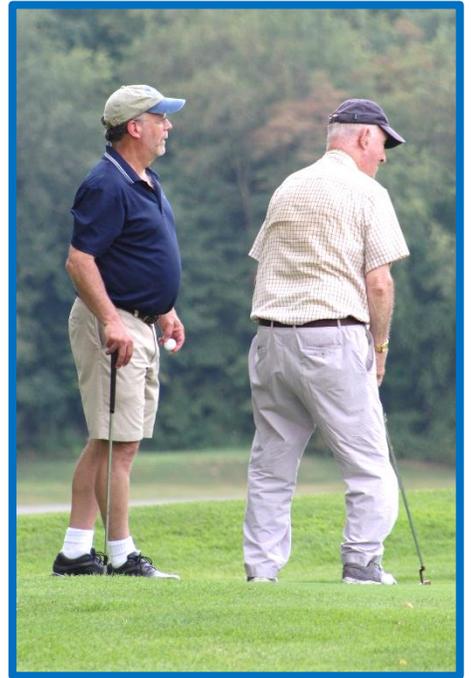
With new guidelines, summer 2022 at Camp Blue Diamond will look similar to pre-pandemic summers of the past. The protocols and changes from summer 2021 are explained below:

- Anyone experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should not come to camp without proper physician clearance and a negative COVID test. If a camper gets sick before arriving at Camp Blue Diamond and is unable to attend their scheduled camp, we will work with the family to find an alternate camp later in the summer or provide you with a refund.
- Registration will be similar to the past with everyone meeting together for registration and staff introductions.
 - We will not be administering COVID-19 tests to everyone upon arrival at Camp Blue Diamond. There will be a series of health-related questions and a temperature check. Questions will be sent in the pre-camp email. If an answer is yes to any question, please contact camp prior to arrival to ensure compliance with entrance requirements.
- Masks will be optional. We encourage anyone who wishes to wear a mask to do so at any time.
- Increased sanitation and hygienic procedures will remain in place. Common areas will be cleaned and sanitized frequently and additional handwashing stations will be in place.
- Health checks throughout the week will continue and campers will be encouraged to report any illnesses immediately.
- More activities will continue to happen outdoors whenever possible. This includes most meals when possible, singing and other entire group activities.
 - We will again have a large tent outside the lodge for additional dry and shady space.
- Some meals will be served cafeteria style, while some will return to the traditional family style.
 - The values including, manners, sharing, food waste, community and more, that are learned around the table are invaluable to the growth of the campers.

Brethren Open Tournament - Aug. 9th

The annual Brethren Open Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, August 9th at Iron Masters in Roaring Spring. This joint fundraising venture between Camp Blue Diamond and the Middle PA District helps raise funds for ministry training and other district outreach as well as summer camp at Blue Diamond. The cost is \$80 and covers a round of golf, cart, snacks, free gifts, dinner and a chance to win lots of prizes - including the \$20,000 hole-in-one, team prizes, skill prizes and door prizes. Registration begins at 11:30am with a 1:00pm shotgun start. Registration is available at campbluediamond.org or see your camp rep for a form.

Thank you to all of the golfers and sponsors of 2021. Nearly \$14,000 was netted for camp and the district last year! New sponsors are welcomed for 2022! Businesses or families can be a \$200 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, plus their photo in the newspaper and our undying gratitude! Come out and enjoy a day of golf with your friends at Iron Masters and help support the ministry of camp and district.



Heritage Fair & District Conference –September 16 & 17th



Camp Blue Diamond and the Middle PA District will host a combined Heritage Fair and District Conference on Friday night, September 16th and Saturday, September 17th. District Conference will kick off Friday night with a worship service led by Moderator Mike Benner of the Everett Church of the Brethren. There will also be a picnic style dinner beforehand provided by Camp featuring hamburgers, hotdogs and all the fixings.

Heritage Fair will kick off Saturday morning with breakfast in the lodge starting at 6:30am. There will be all the traditional Heritage Fair features including, the auction, dunk tank, crafts, children's activities, demonstrations, an escape room, entertainment and of course food! Traditional

foods include beef n' noodles, dumplings, fresh cider, pies, clay oven pizza, ice cream, soups, hot sausage, fudge, candy, cake, whoopie pies, chili, potatoes, fresh lemonade, apple butter and so much more! The money raised at Heritage Fair helps the District maintain their support of ministries throughout the district and helps Camp Blue Diamond maintain an amazing summer camp program.

Starting around 2:00pm on Saturday, the Middle PA District conference will begin. The last two district conferences have been canceled due to the pandemic. That makes this year's district conference all the more important. Moderator Mike Benner will preside over the business part of the meeting as delegates hear reports and vote on business of the district. There will also be Camp Blue Diamond's annual business meeting as part of this event. The plan is to have everything wrapped up before dinner.

Make sure you make plans to be a part of this amazing weekend in the Middle PA District. If your church would like to participate in this fundraiser for Camp Blue Diamond and the Middle PA District please contact the Camp or the District office.

2022 Summer Staff

Abby Zeek – Abby is returning to join us as the Arts and Crafts Director. This is Abby's 5th summer on staff. She attends the Bedford Church of the Brethren and is a graduate of Elizabethtown College. She currently works as a Substitute Teacher in the Hollidaysburg School District.

Chloe Soliday – Chloe is our Naturalist this summer. This is Chloe's first summer on staff, but she is a lifelong camper! Chloe attends the Stone Church of the Brethren and is a recent grad from Berea College with a degree in Peace and Social Justice Studies.

Tess Koontz – Tess joins us as the Lifeguard this summer. This is Tess's first summer on staff, and she too is a lifelong camper! Tess attends the Bedford Church of the Brethren and is entering her Senior Year at Bedford High School. Tess is an expert Balloon Animal Artist!

Kendrick Imler – Kendrick is joining us for his 5th summer on staff, this year as the Tower Director. Kendrick attends the Hollidaysburg Church of the Brethren and is entering his Senior Year at Penn State Erie. His major is Communications.

Alec Madden – Alec is returning for his third summer as a Counselor. Alec attends the Roaring Spring First Church of the Brethren and works as a Sales Associate at Walmart.

Abby Garber – Abby is returning for her second summer as a Counselor. Abby attends the Roaring Spring First Church of the Brethren and has just completed her 1st year at Juniata College.

Eliana Eicher – Eliana is returning for her second summer as a Counselor. Eliana attends the Roaring Spring First Church of the Brethren and has just completed her 1st year at Saint Francis University.

Abby Mickle – Abby is returning for her second summer as a Counselor. Abby attends the Faith United Methodist Church in Woodbury, PA and has just completed her 1st year at Seaton Hill University.



Rachel Mickle – Rachel is joining us for her first summer as a Counselor. Rachel attends the Faith United Methodist Church in Woodbury, PA and is exploring a career path in either education or ministry.

Devon O'Neal – Devon is joining us for his first summer as a Counselor. Devon resides in Florida and has attend many summers here at Camp Blue Diamond. He is a graduating from high school this year.

Kyle Duvall – Kyle is joining us for his first summer as a Counselor. Kyle attends the Snake Spring Valley Church of the Brethren and is graduating from high school this year.

Laura House – Laura is joining us for her first summer as a Counselor. Laura attends the University Baptist and Brethren Church in State College and is graduating from high school this year.

Sage Evans – Sage is joining us for her first summer as a Counselor. Sage attends the Roaring Spring First Church of the Brethren and has completed her 1st year at Seaton Hill University.

What's In A Name

Names have great power. Some hold special meanings and some come with expectations. In a lifetime, we may give new meaning to our name or take a new name. Along the journey, we discover who we are and how God equips us to care for others.

This summer campers will look at how the people of the Bible confronted expectations, confounded others' assumptions, and forged new identities. Campers will be invited to use the sacred ground of camp to reflect on who they are as an individual and how they are connected to others. As we explore, we are reminded that God knows us beyond any name we might be called and invites us into relationship.

Campers will be assured that Christ's grace meets us when we make mistakes and God's love greets us when we open our hearts. As we grow, learn, and discover our true self, we define our own name and find our place as a child of God.



2022 Summer Camp Offering

As part of our summer theme of *What's In A Name*, we will help campers realize that they can exceed the expectations and assumption that are put on them. Through our offering this summer, we will be supporting a ministry helping girls around the world confront the sometimes low expectations people have of them. This



support is provided by the *New Community Project* through their program of Give a Girl a Chance. Give a Girl a Chance is NCP's program to help girls and women around the world have a decent chance for a decent life. For the girls, this means keeping them in school in places like South Sudan, where 90 percent of girls don't complete elementary school, and a 15 year-old girl is more likely to die giving birth than to graduate from high school. Or rural Malawi, where nearly half of all girls are married before they turn 18, in part due to the inaccessibility of school (high school is a 7 mile walk each way in rural areas). They offer scholarships, shoes,

mosquito nets, bicycles - whatever they need to succeed. As for women, they are often reduced to near-slave labor, the sex trade or work that lacks dignity or opportunity. Through microloans or skills training organized by their partners, NCP helps them have better choices. You will have an opportunity to give to this worthy cause during registration each week this summer.

A Special Thank You: Maintenance Volunteers and other Gifts!

Bill Baker, Jeff Browell, Ken Ott, Randy, Singo, Shawn Shirk,

Ray Crownover, Michael Ewing, Jeff Ewing, Devin Haney – *Wood Cutting & Splitting*

Wayne Hearn – *Help with 990 form*

28th Street CoB – *Shower & Vanity for Ouch House Bathroom*

Rod & Lisa Duvall – *Donation for Climbing Tower Helmets & Harnesses*

Ken Brubaker – *Construction of Carpetball Table*

Cove Flooring – *Carpet for Carpetball Table*

Marissa Witkovsky-Eldred – *Facebook Fundraiser – Giant Ball Cover & Carpetball Balls*

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Golf Tournament: Aug. 9 ✨ Family Camp: Aug. 19-21 ✨ Hoss Sunday: Aug. 21

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Summer Camp Needs

Camp Blue Diamond is still interested in hiring another male counselor and a maintenance assistant to round out our summer staff. Counselors need to be at least 18 years old or a high school graduate. They should be a committed Christian, enjoy working with children and be able to be a part of a team of staff members. Maintenance assistants need to be at least 16 years old. Many of the maintenance tasks center around cleaning. Applications are available at campbluediamond.org.

A few more nurses (RN's, PA's & MD's) are needed to complete the summer schedule. 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 16-17, July 5-8 (partial week) and July 20-22. 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.

Program Needs: Binoculars – They can be used, but please make sure they are in good shape.

Kitchen Needs: Paper Towels & Heavy-Duty Aluminum Foil

Walmart, Sam's Club & Amazon gift cards are always useful and never go bad!