

CAMP BLUE DIAMOND



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CBD 2023 Summer Camp Schedule!

Have you signed up for summer camp yet? For a fast, easy way to register, head to campbluediamond.org and complete the Online Registration process. Each camp's details, fees and photos are available online too. Printable registration and scholarship forms are on the website too, and at your Middle PA Brethren or American Baptist Church. **A few camps are CLOSED (see below), but there is still room for campers of all ages.** Contact Camp Blue Diamond if you want a summer camp brochure mailed to you. Fun, Faith, Friends, Adventures and God's Creation awaits you at Camp Blue Diamond!

Kiddie Weekend	Ages 5 - 7, Adult	June 3-4
CIT Training	Grades 9 - 11	June 3-4
Kiddie Camp	Ages 5 - 7, Adult	June 15-16
Tenderfoot Camp	Grades 1 - 2	June 15-16
Junior 1	Grades 3 - 5	June 18-23
Jr. High 1	Grades 6 - 8	June 18-23
Creative Arts	Grades 5 - 8	June 25-30
Yough Adv.	Grades 7 - 9	June 25-30
Pioneer Camp	Grades 2 - 4	July 5-7
Caving Camp (CLOSED)	Grades 5 - 7	July 5-7
Youth Camp	Grades 8 - 12	July 19-14
Junior 2	Grades 3 - 5	July 16-21
OLS	Grades 8 - 12	July 16-21
Jr. High 2	Grades 6 - 8	July 23-28
Junior Adv. (CLOSED)	Grades 4 - 5	July 23-28
Family Camp	Everyone	Aug. 18-20



Upcoming CBD Events

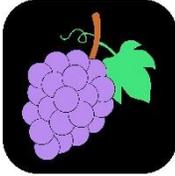
❖ Senior Adult Day	June 2	❖ Summer Camp	June 3 – July 29
❖ Staff Orientation	June 8 – 14	❖ Golf Tournament	August 8
❖ Family Camp	August 18 – 20	❖ Heritage Fair	September 16

2023 Summer Camp Theme

FruitFULL Faith: A Spirit Filled Life!

Have you ever seen God at work and wondered why the moment was so clear? Have you wondered what you could do to try and connect with those moments and feelings? Paul's letter to the Church in Galatia will come alive this summer as we explore the fruit of the Spirit. Seeing this fruit all around assures us we have encountered God. We will see how these same fruit flow freely from us when we walk in the Spirit. Scripture is honest about how complicated life can be. The fruit of the Spirit show us we are on the right track as we observe, receive, and embody these virtues.



 <p>DAY 1 Gathering Fruit Galatians 5: 16-26 The Fruits of the Spirit</p>	 <p>DAY 2 Love & Joy Luke 15: 3-7 Lost Sheep</p>
 <p>DAY 3 Peace Matthew 8: 23-27 Calming Storm</p>	 <p>DAY 4 Patience & Kindness 1 Kings 17: 8-16 Elijah and the Widow</p>
 <p>DAY 5 Goodness & Faithfulness Mark 12: 38-44 Widow's Coin</p>	 <p>DAY 6 Gentleness & Self-Control 1 Samuel 24 David and Saul</p>
 <p>DAY 7 Sharing Fruit Galatians 5: 16-26 The Fruits of the Spirit</p>	

2023 Summer Camp Offering: Feeding America

Feeding America is a nationwide network of food banks, pantries, and community organizations seeking to end hunger in America. Did you know, 119 billion pounds of food is wasted each year in America? This food waste occurs at all stages of production, from manufacturing and transportation, to the food we simply don't eat in our own homes. Feeding America works to obtain food that would otherwise be thrown away due to poor sales, slight manufacturing defects, etc. and distributes it to their food banks and pantries across the country. Donating a single dollar helps provide 10 meals to folks who would otherwise go without. Please join us as we share the Fruit of the Spirit this summer by helping others get a nutritious meal!





SENIOR ADULT DAY



Friday, June 2nd Camp Blue Diamond

You are invited to join us for a day of fellowship, inspiration, adventure & fun as we gather to see and hear about the amazing adventures of Denny Shoemaker.



Denny has traveled the world over photographing the beauty that is God's amazing creation. He promotes traveling with an experienced photo guide to maximize any trip & you'll see why.

Denny will share photos and stories from recent trips to Wyoming, Alaska, Arizona and California where he was able to capture grizzly bears, bald eagles, Native Americans and more.

You will be sure to see the beauty of the earth in Denny's amazing pictures and stories!



Lord, you have made many things. With your wisdom you made them all. The earth is full of your riches. Psalm 104:24

- 9:00 Registration/Coffee/Tea/Gathering
- 9:30 Get acquainted/Worship/Hymn Sing
- 10:00 Time with Denny
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:45 Breakout session options:
more time with Denny, a craft,
camp tour, tower climbing, hike, relax
- 3:00 Closing Worship
- 3:30 Our day together concludes

Cost for day is \$20

Includes a morning snack, programming & lunch

To register, complete the form below and send, along with \$20 per person to:

Camp Blue Diamond, PO Box 240, Petersburg, PA 16669 Make check payable to: Camp Blue Diamond



Yes! I/we are coming to Senior Adult Day on June 2nd. Please list any special needs on the back of this form.

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Congregation _____ Email (optional) _____

Brethren Open Tournament - Aug. 8th

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 \$90 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.

The golf committee is looking for more sponsors and donations for this shared event. We offer prizes for golfers and are always looking for donations from organizations & businesses with swag or gift cards. If you or someone you know would like to be a sponsor, make a donation or provide a prize for this event, please let the camp or district office know.



New Camp Blue Diamond Email Address

We are excited to announce that Camp Blue Diamond will be using a new email platform. Because of this change, our email address will be updated. If you would like to email Camp Blue Diamond in the future, please contact us at:

info@campbluediamond.org

We will continue to monitor the old email address during this change. Employees at camp will also have individualized email address, but the info@campbluediamond.org address will be the general camp email. Please be sure to update camp in your contact list.

Why is ACA-Accreditation so Important to Camp Blue Diamond?

Every five years Camp Blue Diamond welcomes two visitors from the American Camp Association (this year is one of those years). These camp professionals, who are active in their own camps, visit to ensure Camp Blue Diamond is holding ourselves to the highest standards in the summer camp industry.



ACA Accreditation means that Camp Blue Diamond cares enough to undergo a thorough peer review of its operation — from staff qualifications and training to emergency management. American Camp Association collaborates with experts from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Red Cross, and other youth-serving agencies to assure that current practices at your child's camp reflect the most up-to-date, research-based standards in camp operation. Camps and ACA form a partnership that promotes growth and fun in an environment committed to safety.

Because Camp is accredited, and our full-time staff are active members of the ACA, we receive guidance and education to help our programming and to provide the following for our summer staff and campers:

- ❖ Healthy, developmentally appropriate activities and learning experiences
- ❖ Discovery through experiential education
- ❖ Caring, competent role models
- ❖ Service to the community and the environment
- ❖ Opportunities for leadership and personal growth

2022 Summer Staff

Eliana Eicher - Eliana is returning for her third summer, this time in the role of Naturalist. Eliana attends the Roaring Spring First Church of the Brethren and attends Saint Francis University.

Alec Madden - Alec is returning for his fourth summer, this time as our new Climbing Tower Director. Alec attends the Roaring Spring First Church of the Brethren. Alec also works as a Soccer Coach for Central School District.

Tess Koontz - Tess joins us for her second summer as the Lifeguard. Tess attends the Bedford Church of the Brethren and is graduating this year from Bedford High School.

Abby Zeek - Abby is returning to join us as the Arts and Crafts Director. This is Abby's sixth summer on staff. She attends the Bedford Church of the Brethren and is a graduate of Elizabethtown College. She is also a 2nd Grade teacher at Saint Matthew Catholic School.

Kyle Duvall - Kyle is returning for his second summer as a Counselor. Kyle attends the Snake Spring Valley Church of the Brethren and is studying at Millersville University as a Mathematics Major.

Sage Evans - Sage is returning for her second summer as a Counselor. Sage attends the Roaring Spring First Church of the Brethren and attends Seton Hill University as a Dance Major.

Abby Garber - Abby is returning for her third summer as a Counselor. Abby attends the Roaring Spring First Church of the Brethren and attends Juniata College as a Psychology Major.

Laura House - Laura is returning for her second summer as a Counselor. Laura attends the University Baptist and Brethren Church in State College and is enrolled at Penn State for Nursing.

Abby Mickle - Abby is returning for her third summer as a Counselor. Abby attends the Faith United Methodist Church in Woodbury, PA and attends Seton Hill University.

Rachel Mickle - Rachel is returning for her second summer as a Counselor. Rachel attends the Faith United Methodist Church in Woodbury, PA. In the offseason, Rachel has worked as an Instructional Aide at Northern Bedford Elementary and is attending Western Governor's University majoring in Elementary Education.

Devon O'Neal - Devon is returning for his second summer as a Counselor. Devon attends Florida Atlantic University where he is studying as a Business Major.

Tiana Eicher – Tiana is joining the summer staff for the first time. She will be serving in the kitchen this summer. Tiana attends the Roaring Spring First Church of the Brethren and will be graduating from Central.

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Heritage Fair – Saturday, Sept. 16th



Mark your calendar now for the Middle PA District Heritage Fair at Camp Blue Diamond this fall! Our annual festival of Food, Fun, Friends and Family will be on Sept. 16th. There will be tons of food, loads of children's activities, an auction, the Dunk the Dunker Tank, crafts, demonstrations and more! It's a family reunion for all your camp and church friends as we eat, visit with friends, and have fun.

Has your church decided how to participate for 2023? Start making plans. A Camp or District rep 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 camp at info@campbluediamond.org or call (814) 667-2355.

Capital Campaign Update

Work is almost finished on the new campground bath house, the third project of the recent *Upon This Firm Foundation* capital campaign. This brand-new facility will feature bathrooms with showers for men and women along with a handicap/family bathroom for those with physical needs or younger children.

A part of this construction includes a new well that will service the family campground. This will remove the campground from being a part of the lodge well/water system. We look forward to this new bath house being open very soon!

Planning has started on the final project of the capital campaign, a multipurpose building in the area near the heart of camp. We are currently working through some sewage requirements with the state. After that we anticipate developing final plans for what the building will look like and the exact location. This new building will be a great addition for summer camp & outdoor school as well as possibly enhancing Heritage Fair and other large group activities.



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 \$250 - \$300/week. Room & board is provided. Camp runs from June 8th to July 30th. Application information can be found 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 18 – 23, July 5-7 and July 16-21. If you can come out for the whole camp, or just two or three days please contact CBD at info@campbluediamond.org or (814) 667-2355.



Family Camp: Aug. 18th-20th

Bring your entire family and join us for Family Camp! You will all enjoy swimming (polar bear too!), canoeing, campfires, Bible time for adults and children, great food, ice cream, crafts, coffee house with Joe Hinish, 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. Register online at campbluediamond.org, use a summer camp brochure, or the Family Camp Form below. Cost is:

	Standard Fee	Supporter's Fee	Sustainer's Fee
Adults:	\$80	\$130	\$180
Children:	\$55	\$105	\$155

2023 FAMILY CAMP REGISTRATION FORM – August 18-20

Parent(s) _____ Phone: (____) _____

Children _____ Ages _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ Please email confirmation: Y N

Church _____ Special Needs/Diets/Allergies: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Method of Payment

Camp Fee	\$ _____	_____ Check to ' Camp Blue Diamond ' Enclosed
Deduct Church Share if Applicable	\$ _____	_____ Extended Payments, Minimum \$25 Enclosed
Family's Portion	\$ _____	_____ Credit/Debit Card: Exp. Date: ____/____
	Card # _____ - _____ - _____	CVV _____

Important! Must be signed:

Name on Card (Print) _____

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: _____

A Special Thank You to All Volunteers & Donors!

Annual Dinner Servers, Volunteers and Workers: Clay Angle, Troy Barnhart, Ron Bashore, Mindy Bishop, Sue Brubaker, Brian Brumbaugh, Mike Campbell, Rebekah Carswell, Scott Criswell, Kristin & Chris Cromwell, Tyson Daniels, Babs Detwiler, Tim Dunmire, Lauren Duvall, Rick Esh, Mary Garvey, Emma Goodyear, Heidi & Jeff Howard, Joe & Renee Keith, Heather & Tess Koontz, Beth & Paul Longwell, David & Nina Meadows, Travis Mills, Matt & Meghan Myers, Ken Ott, Thekla & Rod Park, Eric Poteat, Tisha Ray, Duane Rhodes, Rosella Ross, Milt Sellers, Addie Shaffer, Brian Stern, Julie Witkovsky, Leah (Yingling)Antolin, Rich Zeek, Abby Zeek

Raking, Brush Cleanup, Wood Cutting, Splitting & Stacking: Jeff Browell, Wes Clapper, Steve Cottle, Ken Ott, Shawn Shirk, Randy Singo, Luke Welsh, Ryan Welsh and Penn State University's ServeState Organization

Thank you to everyone that attended Annual Dinner, made a monetary donation, bought something off our Amazon Wishlist, encouraged someone to attend summer camp or prayed for Camp Blue Diamond. There are so many ways to support Camp. We are truly blessed to have so many wonderful supporters!



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Wish List

Camp currently has a need for a few items in the kitchen to make the summer camp experience as amazing as possible for everyone involved. We would love to get donations of:

- ❖ Peanut Butter & Jelly
- ❖ Smores Supplies
- ❖ Paper Towels
- ❖ Ziplock Bags (all sizes)
- ❖ Non-Stick Heavy Duty Aluminum Foil

Our Amazon Wish List had been updated with all the latest camp needs. There are items for every facet of camp including maintenance, kitchen, office and of course programming. There is also something for every budget. There are items for under \$10 to over \$500.

By scanning the QR code you will be directed to our Amazon Wish List. You can also visit the following web address to view the list, <https://a.co/2AO626u>. This list is full of items Camp needs to help make our ministry a success. Be sure to check back often as the list will constantly be changing as our needs change. You can always find a link to the list on the donate page of Camp's website.

