

CAMP BLUE DIAMOND



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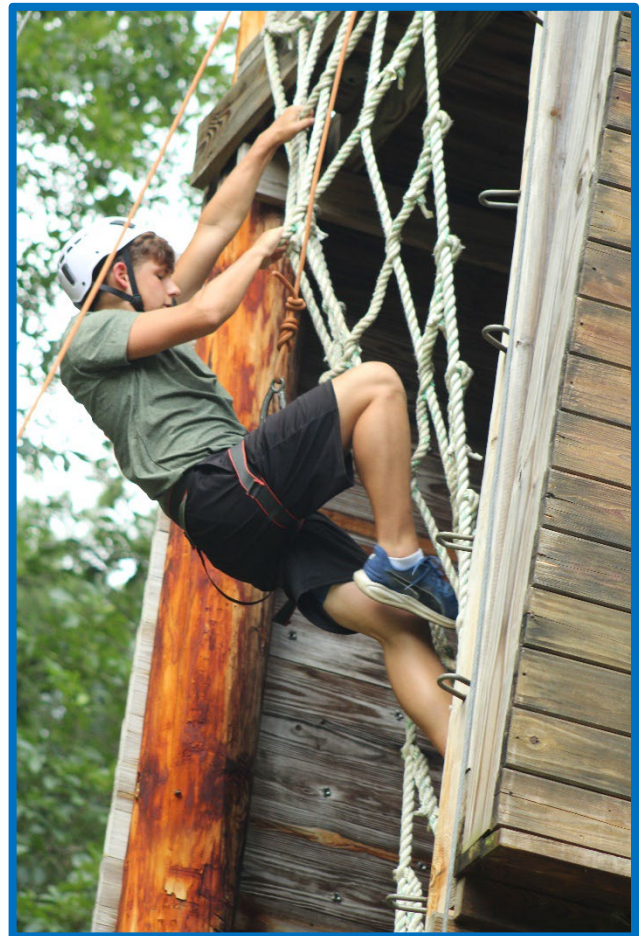
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Camp Blue Diamond 2024 Summer Camp Schedule!

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 local affiliated church. **A few camps are CLOSED (see below), but there are still plenty of camps for campers of all ages.** Please 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!

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| Kiddie Weekend | Ages 5 - 7, Adult | June 1-2 |
| CIT Training | Grades 9 - 11 | June 1-2 |
| Kiddie Camp | Ages 5 - 7, Adult | June 13-14 |
| Tenderfoot Camp | Grades 1 - 2 | June 13-14 |
| Junior 1 | Grades 3 - 5 | June 16-21 |
| Jr. High 1 | Grades 6 - 8 | June 16-21 |
| Creative Arts | Grades 5 - 8 | June 23-28 |
| Yough Adv. | Grades 7 - 9 | June 23-28 |
| Pioneer Camp | Grades 2 - 4 | Jun 30-Jul 3 |
| Caving Camp (CLOSED) | Grades 5 - 7 | Jun 30-Jul 3 |
| Youth Camp | Grades 8 - 12 | July 7-12 |
| Junior 2 | Grades 3 - 5 | July 14-19 |
| OLS | Grades 8 - 12 | July 14-19 |
| Jr. High 2 | Grades 6 - 8 | July 21-26 |
| Junior Adv. (CLOSED) | Grades 4 - 5 | July 21-26 |
| Family Camp | Everyone | Aug. 16-18 |



Upcoming Camp Blue Diamond Events

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| ❖ Senior Adult Day | May 31 | ❖ Summer Camp | June 1 – July 26 |
| ❖ Staff Orientation | June 6 – 12 | ❖ Golf Tournament | August 13 |
| ❖ Family Camp | August 16 – 18 | ❖ Heritage Fair | September 21 |

2024 Summer Camp Theme

Linked By Love

We know that love comes from God, and sometimes we experience it directly. More often, God's love is manifested in relationships of all kinds that weave in and out of our lives. We see God's love through close friends and family – those we are born into and those we chose along the way. We see God in quiet moments where we are present with each other and in acts of profound grace when we have been far apart. We hear God in life guiding and life changing words of truth from those who know and love us. We know that such love links our lives, teaching us about commitment, intimacy, grace, and faith. As we seek to create and strengthen life giving relationships, we remember that such love flows from God, links us all together, and for this, we give thanks.



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| | DAY 1 Linked in Love Colossians 3: 12-14 Put on the New Self | | DAY 2 Linked through Acceptance Luke 10: 38-42 Mary & Martha |
| | DAY 3 Linked and Present Job 2: 11-13 Job's Friends | | DAY 4 Linked by Grace Luke 15: 11-32 The Prodigal Son |
| | DAY 5 Linked in Truth Exodus 18: 5-24 Jethro Visits Moses | | DAY 6 Linked to Change Philemon 1: 8-17 Paul's Plea for Onesimus |
| | DAY 7 Linked to Love 1 John 4: 7-9; 19 God's Love and Ours | | |

2024 Camp Offering Brethren Disaster Ministries: EDF

The Brethren Disaster Ministry is a vital outreach ministry of the Church of the Brethren, providing much needed support to individuals reeling from the effects of Natural Disasters, War, Illness, and Poverty. Brethren Disaster Ministry is responsible for finding volunteers to aid in building projects and other disaster response projects across the globe. The Disaster Ministry is funded by the Emergency Disaster Fund (EDF), which in



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turn is fueled by individual, church, and fundraiser donations. Presently, EDF is preparing to help those displaced by the unrest in Haiti and will need monetary donations to ensure the many programs in Brethren Disaster Ministry can function to their fullest and reach all those in need. EDF is a prime example of how we are all Linked by Love, as your donations will be used to help our brothers and sisters from the Haitian Churches of the Brethren to rebuild and reconnect with one another.



SENIOR ADULT DAY

Friday, May 31

Camp Blue Diamond

All Ages Welcome!

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



You may know of Ian Zimmerman because of his appearance on the History Channel show *Forged In Fire*. Ian is so much more than that. Most importantly Ian would say he is a Christ follower. Ian is using the talents God blessed him with to make a wide variety of beautiful creations.

Ian will share his experiences and some of his amazing creations. These creations range from small blades and knives, to intricate fine jewelry, to a sword that is literally from space!

You won't want to miss everything Ian has to share with us!

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

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. Genesis 1:1

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

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Yes! I/we are coming to Senior Adult Day on May 31st. Please list any special needs on the back of this form.

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Congregation _____ Email (optional) _____

Brethren Open Tournament - Aug. 13th

The annual Brethren Open Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, August 13th 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. Your \$90 donation includes 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.



Camp Blue Diamond's 2024 Hoss Event - Sunday, June 9th!



Camp Blue Diamond is inviting you to participate in our annual Hoss's Day fundraising event. Below is your ticket for this year's Camp Blue Diamond Hoss's Event on June 9th. Participating Hoss's are: Duncansville, Huntingdon, Bedford, Lewistown and State College. 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 beforehand.
2. Take the ticket to Hoss's anytime on Sun., June 9th 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 6/9/2024 to aid us in raising money to benefit Camp Blue Diamond.

Print this email and present it on **6/9/2024** at Hoss's in **Bedford, Duncansville, Huntingdon, State College, Lewistown**. 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!

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Please print and present this paper when ordering.



2024 Summer Staff

Alec Madden - Alec is returning for his fifth summer, once again as our Climbing Tower Director. Alec attends the Roaring Spring First Church of the Brethren. Alec currently attends Lock Haven University as a Psychology Major.

Abby Garber - Abby is returning for her fourth summer as our new Arts and Crafts Director. Abby attends the Roaring Spring First Church of the Brethren and graduated this spring from Juniata College with a degree in Psychology.

Rachel Mickle - Rachel is returning for her third 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 third summer but in a new role as our Naturalist. Devon attends Florida Atlantic University where he is studying as a Business Economics Major.

Kyle Duvall - Kyle is returning for his third 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 third summer, serving for the first time as our Lifeguard. Sage attends the Roaring Spring First Church of the Brethren and attends Seton Hill University as a Dance Major.

Ebbie Berry - Ebbie joins us for her first summer as a counselor. Ebbie is graduating from Northern Bedford County High School and plans to study Business Management in college. Ebbie was previously a lifelong camper and a Counselor-in-Training. She attends the Koontz Church of the Brethren.

Elena Yoder - Elena is joining us from the other side of the country for her first summer as a counselor. Elena has previously attended camp as a camper and volunteer. She currently attends Point Loma Nazarene University, majoring in Kinesiology and minoring in Christian Studies.

Lauren Duvall - Lauren has been a lifelong camper, attending both summer camp and winter retreats throughout the years. She attends the Snake Spring Valley Church of the Brethren. Lauren will be attending Millersville University in the fall to study Early Childhood Education. She joins us this summer as a first-time counselor.

Landon Meadows - Landon attends Juniata College where he majors in Early and Special Education. Landon has been a lifelong camper and joins us for his first summer as a counselor. He attends the Stone Church of the Brethren.

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Heritage Fair – Saturday, Sept. 21st

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. 21st. 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 2024? Start making plans. A Camp or District rep will be calling soon to find out what you are planning. 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!

If your church does not regularly participate there are still ways you can help at Heritage Fair. We have a wide variety of roles that you can volunteer for. Volunteer shifts can last as little as 15 minutes. Please consider helping out in a new way. Contact Camp today if you can help!

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.

Facilities Update

A winter renovation to the industrial kitchen in the main lodge has been completed. This new equipment was quickly put to the test and has already helped the staff produce over 5,200 meals through the first few months of 2024.

The original ovens and griddle were replaced with a double stack convection oven, a range with a stovetop with 6 burners and a large griddle. This new equipment has drastically increased the efficiency of the kitchen.

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!

We are blessed to have filled most of our summer camp positions, but are still in need of **Male Counselors**. 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 6th to July 27th. Application information can be found at campbluediamond.org.

Volunteer Nurses (RN's, MD's & PA's) are present for each week of summer camp. Nurses are responsible for giving meds and treating injured or sick campers. Nurses live in the Ouch House are welcome to bring their families. Nurses are still needed for June 23-28, June 30-July 3 and July 14-19. If you can volunteer for a week or even a day, please contact Camp Blue Diamond at info@campbluediamond.org or (814) 667-2355.



Family Camp: Aug. 16th-18th

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 completed 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: | \$85 | \$135 | \$185 |
| Children: | \$60 | \$110 | \$160 |

2024 FAMILY CAMP REGISTRATION FORM – August 16-18

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

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| 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:

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 Camp Blue Diamond's decision and provide transportation. We give Camp Blue Diamond permission to photo or video any participant. Use of photos/video will be limited to Camp Blue Diamond'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, David & Mindy Bishop, Sue Brubaker, Mike Campbell, Rebekah Carswell, Scott Criswell, Kristin & Chris Cromwell, Tyson Daniels, Babs Detwiler, Tim Dunmire, Rick Esh, Mary Garvey, Emma Goodyear, Heidi & Jeff Howard, Joe Keith, Heather Koontz, Jeannie Lashlee, Beth, Paul & Daniel Longwell, David & Nina Meadows, Ken Ott, Thekla & Rod Park, Eric & Nehemiah Poteat, Duane Rhodes, Rosella Ross, Milt Sellers, Terri & Caleb Shaffer, Brian Stern, Julie Witkovsky, Leah (Yingling)Antolin, Rich Zeek, Abby Zeek

Raking, Brush Cleanup, Wood Cutting, Splitting & Stacking: Ken Ott 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 with a range from under \$10 to over \$1,000.

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. Thank you!

