

CAMP BLUE DIAMOND



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CBD 2020 is Coming!

- ❖ Winter Youth, Jr. High and Junior Retreats are being planned, look in this newsletter to find dates, details and registration forms! Or sign-up online!
- ❖ Online Summer Camp registration begins January 1. Brochures will be mailed out by January 10th. Camp Reps. and Churches will have brochures starting January 19th!
- ❖ Register for summer camp in January or February and get the Early Bird Discount! Sign up with your brothers & sisters and save even more with the Sibling Discount!
- ❖ Check out the new, improved campbluediamond.org for summer camp and retreat dates, rates, forms, online registration and lots of 2019 photos!

CBD 2020 Summer Camp Schedule!

Now is the time to pick your camp! Your week at CBD will be filled with faith, fun, adventure and friends! Early Bird Registration takes place in Jan. & Feb. Online reg. starts Jan. 1, and brochures will be sent to past campers Jan. 10. Camp dates, fees, photos, forms and online registration available at the new, improved campbluediamond.org.

Kiddie Weekend	Ages 5 - 7, Adult	June 6 - 7
CIT Training	Grades 9 - 11	June 6 - 7
Cooking Camp	Grades 5 - 6	June 12 - 14
Kiddie Camp	Ages 5 - 7, Adult	June 18 - 19
Tenderfoot Camp	Grades 1 - 2	June 18 - 19
Junior 1	Grades 3 - 5	June 21 - 26
Jr. High 1	Grades 6 - 8	June 21 - 26
Pioneer Camp	Grades 2 - 4	June 28 - 1
Caving Camp	Grades 5 - 7	June 28 - 1
Creative Arts	Grades 5 - 8	July 5 - 10
Yough Adventure	Grades 7 - 9	July 5 - 10
Jr. Adventure 1	Grades 4 - 5	July 5 - 10
Youth Camp	Grades 8 - 12	July 12 - 17
Junior 2	Grades 3 - 5	July 19 - 24
Adv. OLS	Grades 9 - 12	July 19 - 24
Jr. Adventure 2	Grades 4 - 5	July 26 - 31
Jr. High 2	Grades 6 - 8	July 26 - 31
Wild OLS	Grades 6 - 8	July 26 - 31
Family Camp	Everyone	Aug. 21 - 23



CBD Hiring Summer Staff: Applications for summer are now available at campbluediamond.org. Interviews and hiring will begin in January, with preference given to those who apply by Feb. 15th. If you love camp and enjoy working with kids, nothing is better than working at camp and getting paid. Counselors, a tower director, maintenance, lifeguards, a naturalist and a crafts director are needed. Applicants must be at least 18 (16 for maintenance), committed Christians, enjoy kids, and be able to live in harmony with others. Staff members grow in faith as well as leadership and communication skills. For those interested in teaching, ministry, social work or just being a parent someday, it's terrific on the job training! Pay is \$200 - \$250/week, depending on the job and experience. Room & board provided. Summer camp runs June 11 – July 31.



Upcoming CBD Events:

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| ❖ Youth Retreat | Jan. 10 - 12 |
| ❖ Camp Rep. Meeting | Jan. 19 |
| ❖ Jr. High Retreat | Feb. 7 – 9 |
| ❖ Jr. Retreat | March 6 - 7 |
| ❖ Annual Dinners | March 27 & 28 |
| ❖ Spring Outdoor Sch. | March 30 – May 8 |
| ❖ Spring Work Day | April 4 |
| ❖ Quilt & Craft Camp | April 17 - 19 |
| ❖ Father/Son Retreat | May 1 - 2 |

Camp Rep Training – Jan 19th

Camp Reps are invited to attend the Training Event on Sunday, Jan. 19! This is important to the ministry of CBD, as we strive to invite children, youth & adults to be a part of the CBD program. The event starts with a 1:15 lunch, followed with training from 2 to 4 p.m. Spouses, pastors and friends are invited to join us for lunch and the training. Camp Reps will receive



summer brochures, a video and a 2020 **Summer Camp T-Shirt!** We will review retreats, summer camps, discounts, scholarships, staffing needs, the new website and the **This is Our Prayer!** theme. Friends coming along can purchase extra shirts.

Heritage Fair Thanks!

Thanks to the volunteers who made Heritage Fair on Sept. 21 a big success. Over forty churches participated with booths, activities or items for the auction. Nearly \$30,000 was raised for camp and district. This event could not happen without the hundreds of volunteers who parked cars, helped with the auction, served and cooked food, ran children's activities, worked the bank, took a turn in the dunk tank, entertained or did one of a myriad of other jobs!

The 40th Heritage Fair will be held Sept. 19th. It will feature the 2020 District Quilt which is now touring Middle PA churches. The district quilt is created and auctioned once every five years.

Thanks! Rex Knepp – Phone Installation

Annette Chadwick – Bathroom Rack
 Joe Hinish – Ice Cream Freezer
 John Knepp/Hinish Orchard – Apples
 Dean Brubaker, Homer Shriner, Mike Campbell, Bob Scott
 John Knepp, Don Snively, Bob Maclay- Office Renovation



this is our prayer





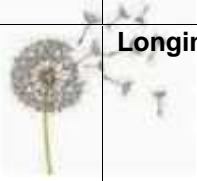


2020 Summer Camp Theme – *This is Our Prayer*

This is Our Prayer is about the longing of our hearts to connect with God. Each day campers will explore issues and concerns we all face. As Christians, we look to scripture and biblical characters to see how we might deal with these issues. One consistent tool that helps in dealing with these problems is prayer.

People pray in different ways, and it leads to a more fulfilled life and a deeper understanding of God. In times of struggle and sadness, we find ourselves seeking guidance, comfort, hope and healing through prayer.

For some, prayer is simply speaking thoughts and feelings to God. For some, it's clearing our minds and settling our hearts to make space for God. Some pray through music, art, or movement such as in dance or exercise. Many pray out loud, while other's prayers are whispers of the soul. Sometimes the task we work at, even when it doesn't seem to make a difference, is a physical prayer of hope. And the relationships we build with others, are prayers of love.

It doesn't matter if we fold our hands and bow and heads or raise them up and look to heaven. God is longing to connect with us, and listen to all the longings of our heart. While at Camp this summer, campers will explore scripture and discover the gift of prayer and how to use it throughout their lives.

Day	Scripture & Image	Daily Theme	Focus
1	Luke 6: 12-16 	Longing to be Invited	Called: God Acting in You Campers are welcomed and invited to find their own sacred space.
2	Esther 4 	Longing to be Together	God Acting through Community Campers will discover they are part of a community even when they feel isolated. They will learn that strength emerges from a community in prayer.
3	Jonah 4 	Longing to be Heard	Open Feelings in the Mess Campers will acknowledge that emotions like anger, and grief are normal, and that prayer connects us with God even during the difficult times.
4	1 Kings 3: 7-15 	Longing for Guidance	Seeking Guidance Campers will identify times in their lives when they need guidance, and learn to listen for the ways God speaks to us through prayer.
5	Luke 5:12-16 Isaiah 40: 1-5; 28-31 	Longing for Renewal	Peace in Chaos/Sabbath Campers will reflect on weariness and the importance of taking a break and sitting quietly in God presence.
6	Number 27: 1-11 	Longing for Change	Working for Change/Justice Campers will reflect on the impact of injustice in people's lives and learn how prayer and action can change our world.
7	Philippians 1:3-11 	Longing to Celebrate	Sharing our Joy Campers will celebrate the experiences and relationships built at Camp and learn the importance of giving thanks in all circumstances.

Growing Together in Faithfulness

"The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed..." Matthew 13:31 (NIV)



Kick off the year right by coming to the Youth Retreat! Join Camp Blue Diamond and the Middle PA District as we welcome David Fehr. David has been on staff at CBD and graduated from Lancaster Theological Seminary. Together we will look at the parable of the mustard seed and other scriptures, exploring how we can grow the Kingdom of God in ourselves and each other. Don't miss this awesome weekend full of your camp favorites: friends, games, singing, worship, group building activities, sledding/tubing and much more!

Who: All Youth in grades 9-12

When: Jan. 10-12, 2020

7 p.m. Friday - 1 p.m. Sunday.

Where: Camp Blue Diamond

Cost: \$80

Early Bird Discount:
Pay only \$70 if you register by
January 1st!

What to bring: sleeping bag and pillow, Bible, flashlight and warm clothing for playing outside (we will be sledding if there's snow!)

Complete the form & mail with payment, to: **Camp Blue Diamond, P.O. Box 240, Petersburg, PA 16669**

Make checks payable to **Camp Blue Diamond**. 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 Jan. 10-12**. 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 CBD brochures & publicity.

Date: _____

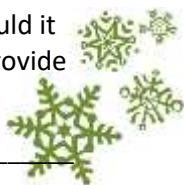
Signed by Parent/Legal Guardian

Medications: Bring in Original Bottle w/ Instructions: _____

Allergies or dietary restrictions: _____ Is Child covered by Medical/Hospital Insurance?: Y/ N

Insurance Carrier: _____ Policy #: _____ Insurance Phone #: _____

Check OR Card Number: ____/____/____/____ Exp. Date: ____/____ Security #: ____ Name: _____



Jr. High Retreat

Serve One Another



Galatians 5:13 tells us that we were called to live in freedom. However, we are not to use our freedom to satisfy our own desires. Instead we are to use our freedom to serve others in love. The Church of the Brethren has had a long history of serving others. Join us for this amazing weekend as we look at God's call to us to serve others and the many different forms that can take. We will also have all of our camp favorites such as singing, games, crafts, amazing counselors and more!

Cost \$65

(\$60 if you register by Feb. 1st)

Who: All 6th, 7th and 8th Graders

When: February 7th - 9th

Registration Begins 7 pm Fri.

Retreat Ends 1:30 pm Sun.

Where: Camp Blue Diamond

Bring: Sleeping Bag, Pillow, Flashlight, Bible, Warm Clothing for Playing Outside



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Jr. Hi Retreat

Street: _____ Phone: _____ Congregation: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Email: _____

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Date: _____

Signed by Parent/Legal Guardian

Medications: Bring in Original Bottle w/ Instructions: _____

Allergies/dietary restrictions: _____ Child covered by Medical Insurance? Y / N

Insurance Carrier: _____ Policy #: _____ Insurance Phone #: _____

Check OR Card Number ____ / ____ / ____ / ____ Exp. Date: ____ / ____ Security # ____ Name _____





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CBD Capital Campaign & Building Update:

CBD's capital campaign is progressing nicely, with fundraising done, pledges coming in, and building projects underway. The \$650,000 goal of the campaign was smashed with \$678,000 pledged for building projects, and an additional \$52,500 pledged to the Reserve for Replacement Fund. 40 churches, 160 families, and 2 organizations made pledges.

The 2nd project - Renovating the camp office began this spring. The furniture arrived and the staff is now moved into the remodeled building. A few finishing touches need to be done, like installing the ceiling lights and putting a stone front on the front. Thanks to the volunteers and staff who helped!



Andrew Wenger and camp staffers Brian, Amanda and Dean just completed a two-month building project. The ten summer camp cabins which were constructed between 1999 and 2005 all got a facelift. About 120 hours was spent power washing the cabins and then staining them. It took over 40 gallons of stain. They look great! Check them out when you drop off campers for retreats, or next summer! We noticed that the oldest six cabins need new roofs, but that will be a job for next year.

Andrew also spent time improving the cabins' fire circles, clearing trails, trimming along the main road, and other camp maintenance needs. Andrew was on temporary loan to CBD after graduating from

Lancaster Theological Seminary. He has accepted a call to the Springfield Church of the Brethren in Akron, OH, and will be starting after Thanksgiving. We wish him, wife Lauren and daughter Grace blessings as they begin the next chapter in their lives.