

# CAMP BLUE DIAMOND



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## Summer Camp 2021 – Pre-Registration starts Nov. 9!

Here is the first look at CBD's 2021 Summer Camp Schedule. Early Online Pre-Registration begins Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> and ends to Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Any child Pre-Registering in November and December will receive a free 2021 CBD Summer Camp t-shirt! Families that transferred Summer Camp '20 payments to Summer Camp '21 will receive letters in October, reminding them of the dollar amount they can deduct from their '21 fees.

Summer Brochures will be mailed to past campers and Brethren and American Baptist churches in January. If you register online or with a brochure between Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, you will get the Early Bird Discount. Online registration, camp details, fees and photos are all at [campbluediamond.org](http://campbluediamond.org).

Kiddie Weekend	Ages 5 - 7, Adult	June 5 - 6
CIT Training	Grades 9 - 11	June 5 - 6
Cooking Camp	Grades 5 - 6	June 8 - 10
Junior 1	Grades 3 - 5	June 13 - 18
Jr. High 1	Grades 6 - 8	June 13 - 18
Creative Arts	Grades 5 - 8	June 20 - 25
Yough Adventure	Grades 7 - 9	June 20 - 25
Pioneer Camp	Grades 2 - 4	June 27 - 30
Caving Camp	Grades 5 - 7	June 27 - 30
Kiddie Camp	Ages 5 - 7, Adult	July 1 - 2
Tenderfoot Camp	Grades 1 - 2	July 1 - 2
Youth Camp	Grades 8 - 12	July 11 - 16
Junior 2	Grades 3 - 5	July 18 - 23
Advanced OLS	Grades 8 - 12	July 18 - 23
Jr. High 2	Grades 6 - 8	July 25 - 30
Junior Adventure	Grades 4 - 5	July 25 - 30
Family Camp	Everyone	Aug. 20 - 22



## When Registering Don't Forget!

- ❖ Pre-Register online in November and December and get a free t-shirt!
- ❖ Register by February 28<sup>th</sup> & get the Early Bird Discounts: \$5 - \$20!
- ❖ Regular Summer Camp Fees from March 1<sup>st</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup>. Late fees start June 1.
- ❖ Church Stipends - Brethren & American Baptist Churches pay ½ or more of the camp fee.
- ❖ Sibling Discount - Campers with siblings coming to CBD get an extra discount of \$10 - \$25 off.
- ❖ Summer Camp Brochures will be mailed to all past campers starting Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Scholarships are available for families that make less than \$60K.
- ❖ If you want a Scholarship or wish to make Extended Payments (\$25 down), you will need to complete the Summer Camp Brochure and cannot do online registration.
- ❖ Cabinmate friend requests must be on both your, and your friends, registration form.

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## Creation Speaks - The Theme for Summer Camp 2021!



We are excited to turn our focus toward Summer Camp 2021, as we will look to the Creator and the gift of creation!

In the beginning, God created – and God continues to create. As we marvel at the world around us, we ask the question, “What do God and Creation have to teach us about how to live today?”

Next summer’s theme, *Creation Speaks*, invites us to look at God’s Creation, including each other, and listen for God’s voice. By looking anew at the Creation story, campers and staff will imagine what each part teaches us about God and our place in the world. Light, water, earth, seasons, animals, humans, and even a day of rest invites us to listen to God who is speaking to each of us.

As part of God’s creation, we depend on each other and all of life that surrounds us. May we respond to our call as caretakers of Creation and stand in awe and wonder of our God, the Creator of all.

If the people of God stop and listen to Creation, what might we hear? Shhhh, listen. Creation Speaks!

## Summer Camp 2020 – Camp Connects

Yes! We had summer camp this past summer - - but it looked *vastly different* from all other summers. Here’s our story:

In mid-March when everything was beginning to shut down and we realized that the Spring Outdoor School season wasn’t going to take place, we were still hopeful for Summer Camp, at least if not a full-summer, perhaps an abbreviated season. We took part in many conversations with the American Camp Association, the CoB Outdoor Ministries Association, surveyed several parents, and listened intently to the CDC, state, and national news. It became clear in May that it was not wise to bring large groups of campers and staff together for summer camp. Housing, food service and most camp activities require campers to be together in close quarters, so we came up with another plan.

To stay connected with campers and parents, we offered an online opportunity to campers called **Camp Connects**. Though only 40 campers registered to take part in this unique camp program, we had a blast putting it together and received many positive reviews. Three seasoned staff members, Amber Rettburg, Kendrick Imler and Gabe Imler, along with Program Director Brian Bert, met for three weeks to plan and record three weeks of Bible studies, music, crafts, nature activities and other programming. The campers that registered for Camp Connects received a *Camp-in-a-Box* that included a t-shirt, supplies need for craft and nature projects, a family devotional, Bible study handouts, and a few gift items. They logged into the portal during their age-assigned week and enjoyed seeing familiar faces doing camp programming at Camp. It wasn’t as much fun as being at Camp, but we were grateful for an opportunity to connect with several campers and their families.



In order to spread the joy, we shared the portal address and password with everyone in the district. We hope many others took advantage of this opportunity to *be at camp virtually*. If you would like to see some of the drone footage, or sing camp songs with Gabe, visit camp’s website ([campbluediamond.org](http://campbluediamond.org)). The drone footage is under the Facilities tab, and camp songs are found under the Camps Tab.



## Which Camp's For You?

- Kiddie Camps:** 5, 6 & 7 year-olds bring Mom or Dad (Grandparent) for an overnight of Camp Fun!
- Tenderfoot:** Your 1st overnight camp. Swimming, crafts, games, new friends, s'mores and Bible time!
- Pioneer:** A half week camp for the younger juniors. Swim, Crafts, Nature, Bible time, Water Carnival!
- Junior 1 & 2:** A whole week for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Cook-outs, canoes, swimming, Giant Swing, hike day, Bible time!
- Jr Adventure:** A new adventure each day: climb the tower, enjoy the Giant Swing, hike Tussey, go caving!
- Cooking Camp** 3 Day camps for Jr. Highers. Learn basic cooking skills and recipes you can take home with you.
- Jr. Hi 1 & 2:** New challenges for older kids, like the Tower, Zip-Line, night games, surfbikes, paddleboards!
- Caving Camp:** Four days of caving adventures, plus there's the Tower and Zip-Line, Bible, crafts, nature!
- Creative Arts:** Drama, dance, singing, band, creative worship, if you like music and art this is your camp!
- OLS Camp:** Cooking over coals, start a fire without matches, living off the land, learning how to survive in the Wild!
- Yough Adv.:** CBD's most challenging adventure! Backpack 10 miles, bike 30, whitewater raft, tower, swing, Bible!
- CIT Camp:** Learn how to counsel and lead, develop Bible study and conflict resolution skills!
- Youth Camp:** Youth geared sessions/music and worship. Make friends for life! Powerful and life changing!
- Family Camp:** Experience CBD as a family. Sessions, talent show, crafts, activities for all ages! A vacation for everyone!

## Summer Staff Needed!

If you love camp and enjoy kids, working at camp is the greatest. As staffers you will grow in faith, make friends and learn how to be a leader and have tons of fun.

**Counselors** must be at least 18, committed Christians, enjoy kids, and be able to live in harmony with others. **Maintenance Staff** need to be at least 16, and work 8-hour days, with time off in the evenings to join activities.

Program staff pay is \$200 - \$250/week. Room & board provided. Camp is from June 7 – July 31. Application Forms will be available at [campbluediamond.org](http://campbluediamond.org) starting on November 9<sup>th</sup>.



## Virtual Heritage Fair 2020 Info:

Since Heritage Fair cannot occur at CBD this September, the Heritage Fair Committee are inviting and encouraging every church to prayerfully consider what they can do to support a virtual Heritage Fair. Churches could participate through a creative in-house fundraising event, a special offering or a contribution.

Churches having special events, meals, sales or fundraisers, can advertise these events on a dedicated 'Heritage Fair Classified' webpage on [campbluediamond.org](http://campbluediamond.org), and Camp Blue Diamond's Facebook page. Just contact CBD at (814) 667-2355 or [campbluediamond@verizon.net](mailto:campbluediamond@verizon.net) with your church's information.

The District and Camp are challenging congregations to support this 'virtual' Heritage Fair. The event typically raises between \$25,000 and \$30,000 which is needed for church assistance, workcamp scholarships, ministry training, and camp expenses. We encourage churches to have fun, sell your product to your neighbors, have a meal or special event, hold an auction, et cetera. Be creative!

If \$25,000 is raised by churches for the virtual Heritage Fair by Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, camp and district leadership will be drenched with tractor bucket full of ice water. The Ice Water Challenge will be videoed and shown on Facebook & CBD's web site.

## Heritage Fair Classified Ads:

The Beech Run Church of the Brethren is having their Ham & Bean Soup at the church on Saturday, Sept. 26. It will be ready at 11 a.m. for pick up. Cost is \$6 a quart. Deadline to order is Sept. 23. To order call Thekla or Rod Park at (814) 448-3439 or email them at [theklapark20@gmail.com](mailto:theklapark20@gmail.com). The church address is 14918 Hares Valley Rd., Mapleton Depot, PA 17052.

The Claysburg Church of the Brethren will have their Scarecrow Making Booth at the church on Saturday, Sept. 26, 10 am to noon. The address is 577 Bedford St., Claysburg, PA 16625. Come out and make a scarecrow for your Halloween porch display!



Please send Space Cadet Wayne Guyer to Mars! He needs your support to make the fantastic voyage! Wayne will give all donations from his journey to Heritage Fair. To prove he actually traveled in his spaceship to Mars, there will be documentation in the next camp newsletter. While on the surface of Mars, Wayne plans to visit with Martians and invite them to his favorite spot on Earth, Camp Blue Diamond. If you would like to support Wayne and camp, with a donation, send your gift to Wayne Guyer, PO Box 75, Woodbury, PA 16695. All checks should be made out to 'Middle PA District' and marked 'Heritage Fair'. For a successful launch Wayne needs \$250 by Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. You can contact Spaceman Wayne at (814) 766-2528. We're glad Wayne has a pond behind his home, to facilitate his re-entry and splashdown. All Systems Are Go! Full Speed Ahead!

Scott Criswell is selling some of his beautiful scroll saw artwork and donating the proceeds to Heritage Fair. If you would like to see his work and the pieces for sale visit his Facebook page: **Scott's Scroll Shop**. Thanks Scott!

Have a Heritage Fair ad. Contact CBD at [campbluediamond@verizon.net](mailto:campbluediamond@verizon.net) (814)667-2355. Get your info on CBD's website and Facebook.

## Upcoming 2021 CBD Events:

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|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------|
| ◆ Jr. Hi Retreat     | Grades 6 - 8  | Feb. 19 - 21  | ◆ Senior Adult Day  | June 4       |
| ◆ Junior Retreat     | Grades 3 - 5  | March 5 - 6   | ◆ Hoss Day          | June 13      |
| ◆ Youth Retreat      | Grades 9 - 12 | March 19 - 21 | ◆ Golf Tournament   | Aug. 10      |
| ◆ Quilt & Craft Camp |               | April 23 - 25 | ◆ Family Camp       | Aug. 20 - 22 |
| ◆ Annual Dinners     |               | May 1 & 2     | ◆ Heritage Fair '21 | Sept. 18     |
| ◆ Father/Son Ret.    | Grades K-8    | May 7 - 8     |                     |              |

# Thank you!

Jeannie Strunk      Otoscope & Batteries      Nick Bochter      Oil Absorbant Pads  
Tom Yingling      Tractor Repair      Ken Ott      Gravel Spreading, Hot Pads  
Cordell Ebersole      Loaned Bucket Truck      Joseph Helfich      50 CD's for 'Thank You' Gifts  
Andy/Terry Murray      50 CD's for Thank You Gifts      Jon Whitsel      Cutting Down Trees  
Garner Lumber      Moving and Hauling out Trees  
Dave Flumerfelt, Janet Sell, Joe Keith - Golf Tournament Volunteers  
Bob Scott, Bob Rhodes, John Heichel, Ken Ott - Wood Cutting  
Homer Hoover, John Knepp, Don Snavelly, Bob Scott, Bob Rhodes - Replaced Doors, Roofs for Electrical Boxes, Stage Repair

## Brethren Open – Big Success!

Thanks for a very successful 26th annual Brethren Open Golf Tournament on August 11th at Iron Masters in Roaring Spring. Over \$12,000 was raised for Camp Blue Diamond and Middle PA District Ministries and over 100 golfers participated. A special Thanks to all the Sponsors who made the event a success!

### Tournament Sponsors:

Huntsman Foundation \$2000  
Dr. Ramon Burket \$1000

### Course Sponsor: \$500

Bolger Brothers  
C.G. Angle Inc.  
Cordell Ebersole Construction  
Cove Flooring  
Cove Lumber  
Gatter & Diehl Engineers  
Juniata College  
Mingles Construction  
Smith Transport  
Golf Committee Members

### Prize & Food Sponsors:

Crystal Springs Water      Spring Cove Container  
Frederick Meal Market      Greg & Kim Stoudhour  
Heller's Propane      Teeter Agency

### Tee Sponsors: \$250

Blair Mill Outlet  
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Bolger Funeral Home  
Brethren Mutual Aid  
Brumbaugh Transmission  
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Lock Mnt. Strawberries  
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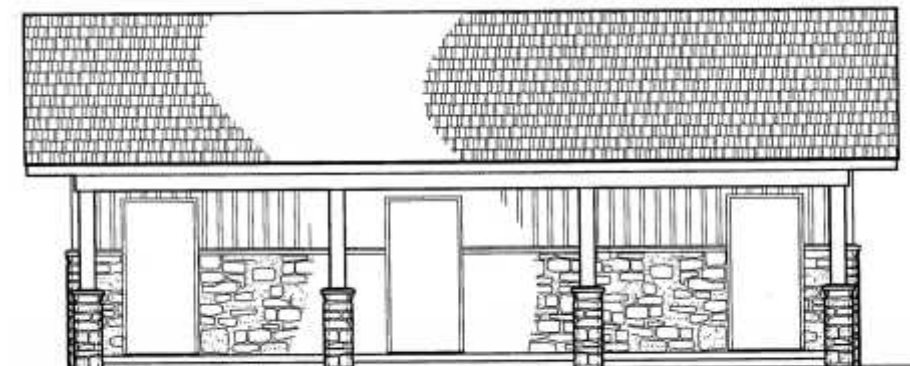


## Building Projects and Road Update:

The third project of CBD's 'Upon This Firm Foundation' Capital Campaign, a new washhouse for the Family Campground, has begun construction. To date the site has been cleared of trees and the foundation leveled. In October the foundation will be poured and walls will go up. Camp hopes to have the building completed before the 2021 RV Campground season in May.

Work has begun on repaving Diamond Valley Road. Culverts are being replaced and ditch erosion is being cleaned up. Once this work is done, the old pavement will be pulverized and laid back down. Finally, a new layer of pavement will resurface the road. All work should be finished before Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. If traveling to CBD, check CBD's website [www.campbluediamond.org](http://www.campbluediamond.org) to learn if any sections of the road are closed, and the best route for travel.

RV Campground Washhouse





**Camp Blue Diamond Inc.**  
**Church of the Brethren**  
**1113 Mount Vernon Ave.**  
**Huntingdon, PA 16652**

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**Permit No. 141**

**Summer Camp Pre-Registration Starts Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> ♦ Road Resurfacing Project Underway**

Address Service Requested



**Autumn Project List:**

In early summer, CBD put out a list of Summer Projects, and several camp friends sponsored projects. Thanks to those gifts, staff were keep busy during the summer staining, power-washing buildings, splitting wood, replacing old doors, repairing the stage, cleaning and improving summer cabin areas, building electrical box covers, and general maintenance. We are currently working on a few sponsored projects like the new Interpretive Trail and building an Outside Handwashing Station. Other projects have not been funded, and we have added a few new projects to the list. To do these projects, camp needs your support. Because of the pandemic, money is extremely tight at CBD. By giving to one of the projects, or the general fund, your gift will keep staff employed and make CBD better and safer for the future. Any help you or your church can give is a blessing. Complete this form and mail to: Camp Blue Diamond, P.O. Box 240, Petersburg, PA 16669

**Camp Blue Diamond 2020 Autumn Project Fundraiser:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Choose One:  \$50 Gift  \$100 Gift  \$200 Gift  \$500 Gift  \$1000 Gift Other \_\_\_\_\_

Choose One:  Check Enclosed  Paying by card - Complete information below

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

Please use my gift toward:

- Please use my gift wherever needed
- Decking for Lodge Sink Area (\$1000)
- New permanent Nine-Square-in-Air (\$600)
- Anti-skid strips for wooden ramps/steps (\$200)
- New parking lot and access roads for Rising Sun (\$2000)
- Larger parking lot and underground electrical for Lakeside (\$750)
- Water seal the Climbing Tower (\$150)
- Replace Beach Wall (\$350)
- Topsoil for planting grass around the Lodge (\$300)
- Gravel for road and trail repair (\$500)