

CAMP BLUE DIAMOND



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Summer 2018 Schedule! – Registration is Open!

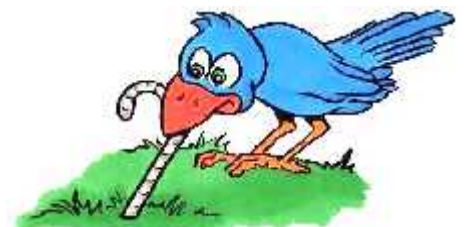
Summer brochures have been mailed and are available at Middle PA Brethren and American Baptist churches. For a fast, easy way to register head to campbluediamond.org and complete the Online Registration form. Those registering online need to pay by card. Each camp's details, fees and photos are available online, as well as printable summer camp registration and scholarship forms. Nearly 150 campers have signed up already! Register by Feb. 28th and get the Early Bird Discount. Contact CBD if you want a summer camp brochure mailed to you. Fun, Faith, Friends, Adventures, and God's Creation awaits you at CBD!

Kiddie Weekend	Ages 5 - 7, Adult	June 2 - 3
CIT Training	Grades 9 - 11	June 2 - 3
Kiddie Camp	Ages 5 - 6, Adult	June 14 - 15
Tenderfoot Camp	Grades 1 - 2	June 14 - 15
Junior 1	Grades 3 - 5	June 17 - 22
Jr. High 1	Grades 6 - 8	June 17 - 22
Creative Arts	Grades 5 - 8	June 24 - 29
Yough Adventure	Grades 7 - 9	June 24 - 29
Jr. Adv. 1 (Closed to Girls)	Grades 4 - 5	June 24 - 29
Pioneer Camp	Grades 2 - 4	July 1 - 4
Caving Camp	Grades 5 - 7	July 1 - 4
Bike Adventure	Grades 7 - Adult	July 8 - 13
Youth Camp	Grades 8 - 12	July 8 - 14
Junior 2	Grades 3 - 5	July 15 - 20
Adv. OLS (Closed to Boys)	Grades 9 - 12	July 15 - 20
Jr. Adv. 2 (Closed to Boys)	Grades 4 - 5	July 22 - 27
Jr. High 2	Grades 6 - 8	July 22 - 27
Wild OLS	Grades 6 - 8	July 22 - 27
Family Camp	All Ages	August 17 - 19



Be an Early Bird! Register Now and Follow These Tips!

- ❖ Register before March 1st and get the Early Bird Discount (\$5 - \$20)!
- ❖ Regular Summer Camp Fees apply March 1st – May 31st.
- ❖ Church Stipends - Brethren & American Baptist Churches pay ½ or more of the camp fee.
- ❖ Multiple Sibling Discount - Campers with siblings coming to CBD get a discount of \$5 - \$25 off.
- ❖ Scholarships - Families that make less than \$60K qualify, \$70K if more than 2 campers coming.
- ❖ Extended payments - Send \$25 now. CBD will bill you. You have until your camp to pay.
- ❖ Register now - Specialty Camps are beginning to fill!
- ❖ Register online at campbluediamond.org - It's quick & easy!
 Sorry - If you want a Scholarship or Extended Payments you need to fill out a paper Summer Camp Registration Form - It can be found at campbluediamond.org too!



Camp Needs Summer Staff – Apply Now!

If you love camp and enjoy kids, working at camp is the greatest. Counselors must be at least 18, committed Christians, enjoy kids, and be able to live in harmony with others. Being a part of camp staff is a great experience. Staff members grow in faith, leadership and communication skills, as well as live in community with other like-minded Christians. For those interested in teaching, ministry or social work (or being a parent), it's terrific on-the-job training! Maintenance & Kitchen staff need to be at least 16, and work 8-hour days, with time off in the evening to join activities. Pay is \$185 - \$235/week, based on position and experience. Room & board provided. Camp runs June 7 – July 28. Get an application at campbluediamond.org. Don't wait too long to apply! We start hiring now!

CIT's (Counselors In Training) and Volunteer Nurses Needed!

CIT's are 9th, 10th & 11th graders who help a counselor with a boys' or girls' unit. Being a CIT is a great way to experience counseling. First time CIT's need to attend CIT Camp on June 2 & 3. After completing CIT Camp, you can help with a Junior, Pioneer or Tenderfoot camp. If you attend a youth camp (Youth Camp, Adv. OLS, Yough or Bike Camp) CIT Camp is discounted 50%!

Nurses (RN's, MD's and PA's) are needed for summer camp. Nurses are responsible for giving meds, and treating injured or sick campers. Nurses are housed in the Ouch House and may bring their spouse and young children. For a CIT or Nurse Application contact CBD at (814) 667-2355 or campbluediamond@verizon.net.

Upcoming CBD Events:

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| ❖ Jr. Hi Retreat | Grades 6 - 8 | Feb. 23 - 25 |
| ❖ Annual Dinners | | March 23 & 24 |
| ❖ Outdoor School | | March 27 - May 4 |
| ❖ Spring Work Day | | April 7 |
| ❖ Quilt & Craft Camp | | April 20 - 22 |
| ❖ Father/Son Retreat | Grades K-8 | April 27 - 28 |
| ❖ Senior Adult Day | | June 1 |
| ❖ Summer Camp | | June 2 – July 27 |
| ❖ Summer Staff Orientation | | June 7 – 13 |
| ❖ Hoss Day | | June 10 |
| ❖ Golf Tournament | | August 14 |
| ❖ Family Camp | | August 17 – 19 |
| ❖ Heritage Fair | | September 22 |



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 3rd, 4th and 5th 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!
- Jr. Hi 1 & 2:** New challenges for older kids, like the Tower, Zip-Line, night games, climbing Tussey, 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 Camps:** 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!
- Bike Adventure:** Bike 170 miles on rails to trails from Cumberland to the Great Falls of the Potomac!
- 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!

Register by Feb. 28 and save extra:

Jr. High Camp:	\$301.00
Early Bird Discount	- <u>20.00</u>
Jr. High Early Bird Rate:	\$281.00
½ off Church Support	- <u>140.50</u>
Jr. Hi Early Bird w/Church	\$140.50
Sibling Discount	- <u>25.00</u>
Final Cost:	\$115.50

CBD is the lowest cost, Church of the Brethren operated, ACA accredited camp in the galaxy! CBD is only able to make this boast because of the wide financial support given by friends & churches.

Thank you!



Beyond Belief! The Universe of God

invites campers to discover God's endless love!

Daily themes and scriptures are:

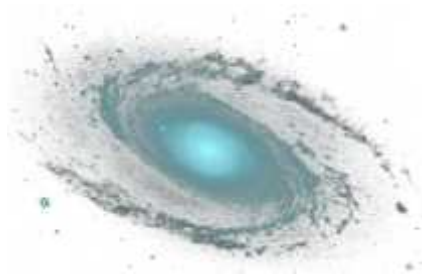
-) What If We Belong to God? Psalm 139
-) What If God is bigger? Luke 1:35-55
-) What If Hope is Real? Mark 2:1-5
-) What If There Is More than Enough? John 6:1-14
-) What If We Speak Up? Mark 7:24-30
-) What If We Change the World? Matthew 5:13-16
-) What If We Go Beyond? Luke 10:1-9



Exploring these questions through scripture, campers learn they are known and loved by a God that is bigger than they can imagine. They will also realize that hope and faith are necessary forces and God will provide them with the tools they need to live life to the fullest.

As campers reflect on their lives, they will be encouraged to use their gifts as God's voice in the world. Matthew 5:16 teaches as children of God we are ***to let our light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify our God in heaven.*** Through these words, campers are encouraged to embrace the truth that God wants to use each of us to make the world a better place.

The precious promise campers will take home is that they do not go alone. There is nowhere they can go that God doesn't go with them, and through this truth they are challenged to proclaim God's vision for the future and invite others to participate.



The 2018 Summer Camp Offering will go to Hurricane Relief, through Brethren Disaster Relief. The 2017 hurricane season brought devastating damage and flooding to areas in the U.S. and in the Caribbean. Brethren Disaster Ministries and Children's Disaster services were quick to respond to the impacted communities, but work and funds are still needed!



Campers, staff and parents are invited to give a monetary donation during the registration process. Last year campers sent over \$700 for *If a Tree Falls* to replant rainforest, and in 2016, \$900 was given to the *Breezewood Trucker Traveler Ministry*. Churches are invited to send a donation with a camper from their congregation or mail it directly to camp. All proceeds will be given to Brethren Disaster Relief.

Thank You!

Alan Kratzer / Walker Foundation – Donation of an AED
John Knepp / Hinish Orchard – Five Bushels of Apples
Karl West – Main Lodge Generator
Ken Ott – 2 Portable Tables, Split Wood
Bob Rhodes, Dean Brubaker – Cut up Trees, Heritage Fair Set-up
Don Snively, Homer Shriner, John Knepp, Bob Scott
– Wall around Generator
John Heichel – Raked and Led PSU work crew
PSU ServeState – Raked and Split Wood
Homer Shriner, John Knepp, Wes Shriner, Don Snively,
Dean Brubaker, Rod Hoover, Gog Scott, Bob Rhodes
– Put siding on Bearview Cabin
Lois Lynn, Wayne Guyer – Helped with OMA Retreat
Heritage Fair Parkers, Booth Operators and Volunteers



CBD Summer Camp Wish List: At this time, Camp is not requesting any items be collected for summer camp. We are stocked full of PB & Jelly, as well as paper towels, plates, plastic utensils and s'more supplies. If your church's SS classes, Children or Vacation Bible School were planning to buy items for the Wish List, we suggest taking up an offering for Summer Camp Needs, or for a New Camp Van. The present van has nearly 100,000 miles on it and is 16 years old. While young in human years, that's old in dog or van years.

Jr. High Retreat

February 23rd – 25th at Camp Blue Diamond

Come join us as we welcome our special speaker **Kate Gandy**. Kate co-pastors the Spring Run Church of the Brethren with her husband Craig. She loves to read, knit and “magically” ties shoelaces (something you can learn to do to!). Kate will be leading sessions around the theme:

Knowledge & Wwisdom

That’s not a typo! How do we know what we know? The early teen years are a time of learning to see the world with our own eyes. We’ll explore King Solomon’s choices & what we can apply to our lives

Cost \$65

≧**Special Discount**≦

Register by Feb. 14 & Pay \$60

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

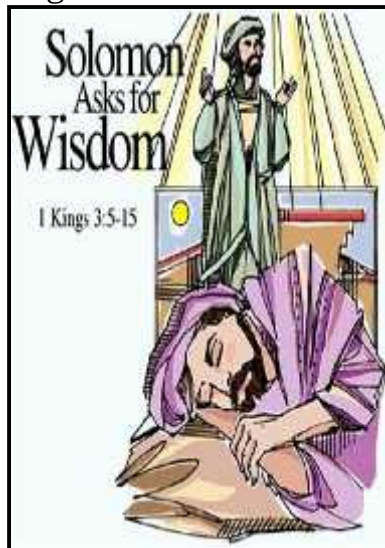
When: February 23rd – 25th

Registration Begins 7 pm Fri.

Retreat Ends 1:30 pm Sun.

Where: Camp Blue Diamond

Bring: Sleeping Bag/Pillow, Bible, Flashlight and Outside Clothing



Get ready for this awesome weekend at CBD! We’ll have some of your favorite counselors and camp favorites like: games, crafts, singing, a campfire and we hope sled riding! Complete the form below and mail with your payment to:
Camp Blue Diamond
P.O. Box 240
Petersburg, PA 16669

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Name _____ Phone _____

Street _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Congregation _____ Grade _____ Sex: M F

Jr. High Retreat

Parent/Guardian: I give my child permission to participate in the Jr. Hi Retreat at CBD on Feb. 23-25. 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. Also, I give permission to use pictures of my child in brochures and other publicity used by Camp Blue Diamond.

Signed _____ Date _____ Parent’s E-mail _____

Allergies:(*medications, foods, environmental...*) _____

Medications: (bring in original bottles w/instructions) _____

Insurance carrier or plan name: _____ Group #: _____

Carrier address/phone: _____

CBD Annual Dinners



Swing into Spring

Learn What's New with Camp Blue Diamond's
Summer Camp and Building Projects
& Enjoy Friends, a Great Dinner
and a Fantastic Swing Band!
March 23rd & 24th



Annual Dinner Menu:

Appetizers

*Boneless Country Ribs
Oven Browned Potatoes
Cole Slaw, Green Beans
Escaloped Apples
Rolls & Butter
Ice Cream Brownie Delight*

**Tickets available from
camp, your church's waiter or
campbluediamond.org starting Feb.
10th. Proceeds go to benefit the
ministry of CBD! Tickets \$50**

CBD QUILT & CRAFT CAMP 2018: Apr. 20 - 22



*Come, laugh, create, pray
and laugh some more!*

*Plan to attend this
creative, fun-filled
weekend! Brochures &
registrations will be
available soon at your
church or*

www.campbluediamond.org.



WORK DAY



CBD Work Day - April 7

This is an opportunity to work side-by-side to help camp get ready for summer camp!

Some of the projects for the day include:

wood cutting, splitting and stacking, staining, carpentry, raking, repairing, cleaning, and the list goes on...

Pancakes and sausage served from 7:30 to 8:00.

Jobs will be assigned at 8:00. A hearty lunch will be served at noon.

If you have a splitter, chainsaw or truck for hauling wood, please bring them along.



Let us know you are coming by contacting the camp at campbluediamond@verizon.net or (814) 667-2355. Let us know how many people are coming and if you want to help with a specific task. Jr. Hi and Youth groups with adult leaders are welcome. Wood cutting needs are limited, but there are a lot of other jobs! Thank you! We look forward to seeing you on April 7!

Senior Adult Day - Friday, June 1

Come meet Chief Meteorologist for WTAJ, **Joe Murgo**! This is a great opportunity to learn about weather, hear Joe's journey to becoming a TV meteorologist, spend the day in fellowship with friends new and old, & enjoy the beauty of camp. This event is geared toward Senior Adults, but all are welcome! Cost is \$10 and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. In addition to Joe's session, there will be worship, music, and optional crafts, camp tours and the climbing tower.



To register, complete the form below and send, along with \$10 (\$13 if you want a pack lunch to take for supper) to: Camp Blue Diamond, PO Box 240, Petersburg, PA 16669.

Senior Adult Day on June 1st

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Congregation _____ Email (optional) _____

Special Needs _____

- Enclosed is \$10/person
- Enclosed is \$13/person (Includes a pack lunch to take home for supper)

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

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage Paid
Huntingdon, PA 16652
Permit No. 141

Address Service Requested



Upon This Firm Foundation Capital Campaign Update – Exciting News!!!

Camp Blue Diamond is currently in the 2nd phase of its capital campaign fundraising – Church Visits. During the last half of 2017, and in early 2018 visitors will be presenting the capital campaign to church boards, councils or whole congregations, explaining the campaign and asking for pledges.

A goal of \$650,000 was set for the Building Projects: a new multi-purpose center, campground renovations (new washhouse, replacing the electric and water lines) and renovating the office. As of February 2018, CBD has reached \$570,000 in Building Project pledges and \$52,500 toward the Reserve for Replacement Fund – for a total of \$622,500.

If funds raised beyond the \$650,000 Building Projects goal are not needed for the projects, the excess funds will be added to the pledges given specifically to the Reserve for Replacement Fund. The R for R Fund will be managed by Brethren Foundation. Interest off this fund will be used for future facility upkeep, maintenance and projects. Members of the Camp Board and the Capital Campaign Committee are pleased by the progress being made toward the Building Projects goal, and hope the churches responding to the campaign will put us near the \$650,000 victory goal.

In the spring of 2018 the third and final fundraising phase of the campaign will be a invitation to all of CBD's supporters and friends. This phase will be done through the camp newsletter and a mailing.

% of Goal

100%
90%
80%
70%
60%
50%
40%
30%
20%
10%
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The first construction project of the Capital Campaign will begin later this month with the replacement of the electrical and water lines in the campground. It was decided to do this job first, because of the deteriorating above group electrical and water lines. The project should be completed by May 1st, so the 2018 opening of the Family Campground will not be delayed!