

CAMP BLUE DIAMOND



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Summer 2019 Schedule! – Register Now and Save!

Summer brochures have been mailed and are available at Brethren & American Baptist churches. Online registration, camp details, fees and photos are at campbluediamond.org. Nearly 180 campers have signed up already! Hurry – Early Bird Discount ends Feb. 28. Sibling discounts and scholarships are available. If you want a brochure mailed to you, contact CBD at (814) 667-2355 or campbluediamond@verizon.net.

Kiddie Weekend	Ages 5 - 7, Adult	June 1 - 2
CIT Training	Grades 9 - 11	June 1 - 2
Cooking Camp	Grades 5 - 6	June 7 - 9
Kiddie Camp	Ages 5 - 6, 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 Adventure	Grades 7 - 9	June 23 - 28
Jr. Adventure 1	Grades 4 - 5	June 23 - 28
Pioneer Camp	Grades 2 - 4	June 30 - July 3
Caving Camp	Grades 5 - 7	June 30 - July 3
Bike & Raft Adventure	Grades 7 - Adult	July 7 - 12
Youth Camp	Grades 8 - 12	July 7 - 12
Junior 2	Grades 3 - 5	July 14 - 19
Adv. OLS	Grades 9 - 12	July 14 - 19
Jr. Adventure 2	Grades 4 - 5	July 21 - 26
Jr. High 2	Grades 6 - 8	July 21 - 26
Wild OLS (Closed)	Grades 6 - 8	July 21 - 26
Family Camp	All Ages	August 16 - 18



Be an Early Bird! Follow These Tips!

- ❖ Register by Feb 28 & 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 \$10 - \$25 off.
 - ❖ Scholarships - Families that make less than \$60K qualify.
 - ❖ 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!



Counselors, Maintenance Staff, CIT's and Nurses Needed!

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. Staff members grow in faith, leadership and communication skills, as well as live in community with other like-minded Christians. **Maintenance Staff** need to be at least 16, and work 8-hour days, with time off in the evening to join activities. Pay for staff is \$185 - \$235/week. Room & board provided. Camp is June 6 – July 27. Go to the Summer Staff page of campbluediamond.org for an application. Don't wait too long! We're already hiring!

CIT's are 9th, 10th & 11th graders who help a counselor with a boys' or girls' unit. Being a CIT (Volunteer Counselor-In-Training) is a great way to learn how to be a counselor. First time CIT's need to attend CIT Camp on June 1 -2. 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 Adventure or Bike & Raft Camp) CIT Camp is discounted 50%!

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. For a CIT or Nurse Application contact CBD at campbluediamond@verizon.net or (814) 667-2355.



Upcoming CBD Events:

❖ Jr. Hi Retreat	Grades 6 - 8	Feb. 8 – 10
❖ Junior Retreat	Grades 3 – 5	March 1 - 2
❖ Annual Dinners		March 22 & 23
❖ Outdoor School		March 25 - May 3
❖ Spring Work Day		April 6
❖ Quilt & Craft Camp		April 26 – 28
❖ Father/Son Retreat	Grades K-8	May 4 - 5
❖ Senior Adult Day		May 31
❖ Summer Staff Orientation		June 6 – 12
❖ Hoss Day		June 9
❖ Golf Tournament		August 13
❖ Family Camp		August 16 – 18
❖ Heritage Fair		September 21



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 rd , 4 th and 5 th 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 camp for 5 th & 6 th graders. 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, 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 & Raft:	Bike 150 miles on rails to trails from Pittsburgh to Cumberland. Raft on the Lower Youghiogheny River!
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 before March 1 and Save!

Junior Camp Regular Rate	\$290.00
Early Bird Discount	- <u>20.00</u>
Junior Camp Early Bird Rate:	\$270.00
½ off Church Support	- <u>135.00</u>
Junior Early Bird w/Church	\$135.00
Sibling Discount	- <u>25.00</u>
Final Cost:	\$110.00



CBD is the lowest cost, Church of the Brethren operated, ACA accredited camp! Register by Feb. 28th and save even more! We can be the best and cost less, because of all the \$\$ support and help our churches give us!



Jr. High Retreat: Feb. 8-10

6th 7th & 8th graders are invited to Camp Blue Diamond's Jr. High Winter Retreat in February. Our guest speaker will be summer counselor David Fehr, who is a student at Lancaster Theological Seminary. David's will be looking at the Beatitudes as we examine men and women who lived their faith so well, it made them examples for us to follow. In addition to David, Brian and Amanda will be there, plus your favorite summer camp counselors. There will be lots of music, great food, games, crafts and winter fun like sledding and tubing! The retreat is \$65, begins Friday at 7 p.m., and ends Sunday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. Be sure to bring your sleeping bag, pillow, Bible, plenty of warm clothes, and your boots!



Name _____ Phone _____

Jr. Hi Retreat

Street _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Congregation _____ Grade ____ Sex: M F



Parent/Guardian: I give my child permission to participate in the Camp Blue Diamond Jr. High Retreat on Feb. 8-10. 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: _____

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

3rd 4th and 5th Graders Won't Want to Miss Camp Blue Diamond's Jr. Retreat

Come To The Water

March 1st – 2nd

Join all of your camp friends as we explore the life-giving water of God. We will explore what Jesus meant when he spoke about giving us 'water' to drink that will forever quench our thirst. God is the source of life, love and knowledge that sustains us today and into the future!

Who: 3rd 4th & 5th graders

Cost: \$35.00

Where: Camp Blue Diamond

When: March 1st & 2nd

7p.m. Friday to 7p.m. Saturday

Be sure to bring: Sleeping bag & pillow, Bible, clothes for outdoor activities and boots!



Don't miss out on this amazing retreat! We will also have all of your camp favorites, like singing, games, a campfire, the giant swing, outside games, arts and crafts and your favorite camp counselors.

Complete the form and mail it with payment to: Camp Blue Diamond, PO Box 240, Petersburg, PA 16669

Make checks payable to: Camp Blue Diamond - Questions: (814)667-2355 or campbluediamond@verizon.net --- Registration Deadline: Feb. 25th

Name _____ Grade _____ Sex: M F Phone _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Church _____

Parent/Guardian: I give my child permission to participate in the Junior Retreat at CBD on March 1 - 2. 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 & provide transportation. Also, I give permission to use pictures of my child in brochures and other publicity used by CBD.

Signed _____ Date _____ Parent's Email _____

CBD Junior Retreat: March 1 - 2

Trained certified instructors will be present at all times while campers are using the giant swing. Equipment is inspected before each use, and counselors are regularly evaluated and supervised as they serve as spotters and instructors. The giant swing is inspected yearly by Universal Ropes, a building, training and certification organization accredited by the Association for Challenge Course Technology. There are inherent risks involved with challenge activities such as the giant swing. By marking the 'Yes' box, you are agreeing to let your child ride the giant swing if he/she wishes, and you are acknowledging that you understand that the giant swing has risks. By marking the 'No' box, you are not allowing your child to ride the giant swing – another activity will be substituted.

I wish for my child to participate in the Giant Swing: Yes No

Allergies: list all known (include medications, foods, and environment) _____

List medications being brought to camp: (Be sure to bring meds. in original bottles with instructions.) _____

Is the participant covered by medical insurance? Y N Insurance Carrier _____ Policy # _____

Carrier address/phone _____

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

CBD QUILT & CRAFT CAMP 2019 - April 26-28



Sew Peace

Come join friends old and new for a weekend of creativity, laughter and inspiration as together we seek & experience God's peace.



Something new this year! A trip to Mary Lee's Fabric Shop in Belleville before the retreat!

We'll make it a day of fabric shopping together. Soup for supper at Camp.

Registration & details coming.



SENIOR ADULT DAY – Friday, May 31



Come join us for a day full of fellowship, inspiration, adventure and fun as we gather to hear the story of Peggy Ann Bradnick.

On a warm spring afternoon in 1966, Peggy Ann was dragged into the mountains near her home in Shade Gap by a disturbed kidnapper. Fifty plus years later she continues to tell the story of the weeklong horror that changed her life.

Peggy Ann will share how her faith saw her through the ordeal and continues to shape who she is, as a child of God, today.

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

Cost- \$10

Additional \$3 for a brown-bagged supper to go

I lift my eyes to the mountains — where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. Psalm 121:1

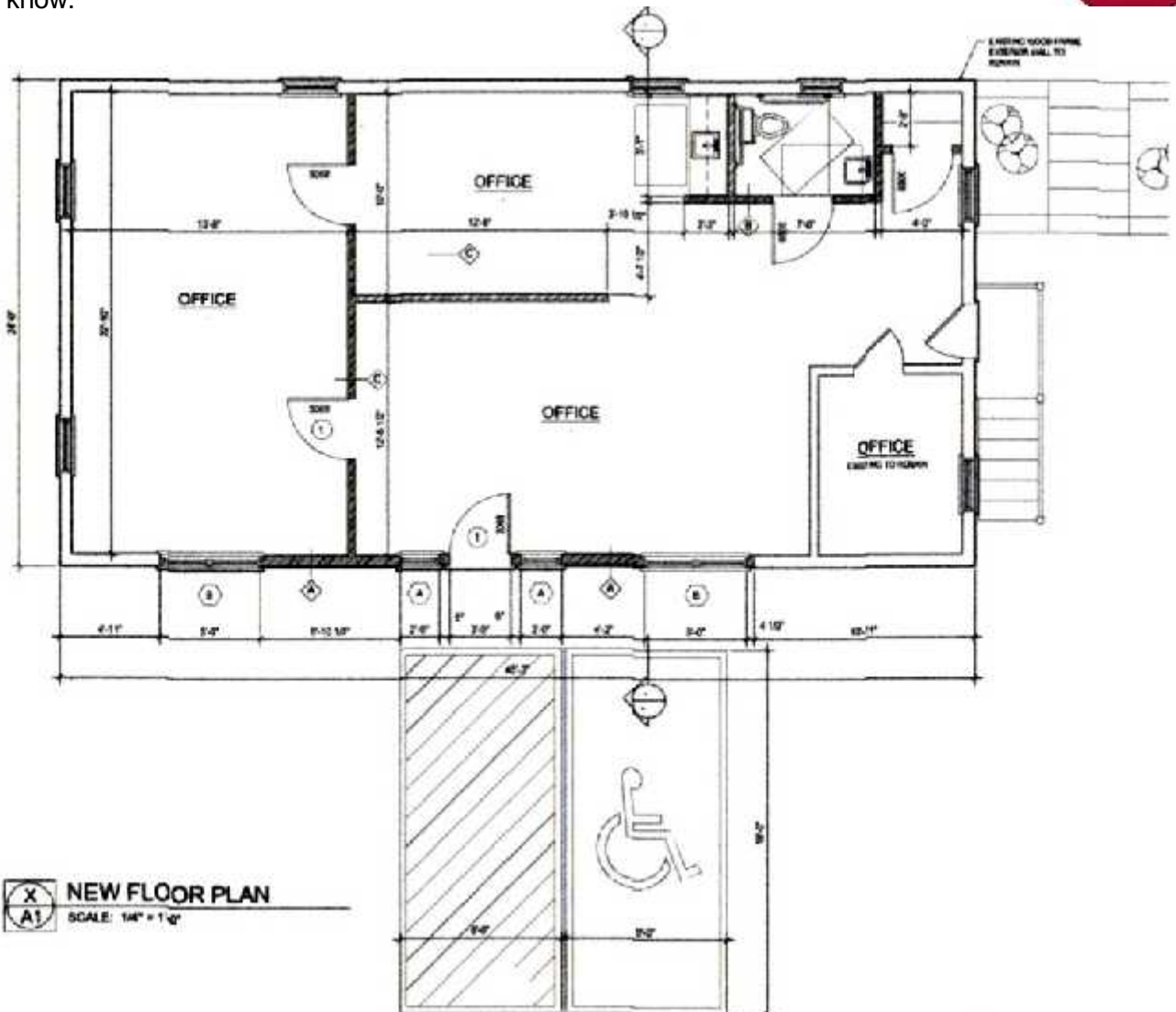
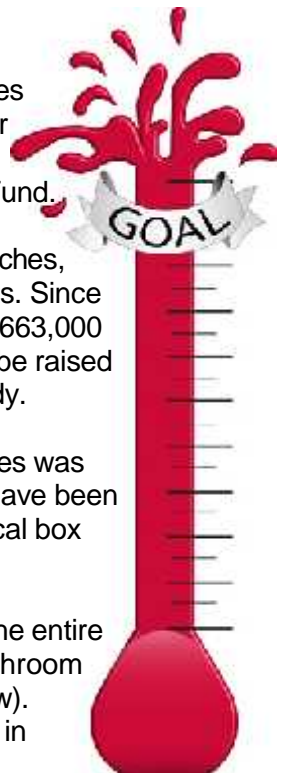
Capital Campaign Smashes Through Goal!

The Camp Blue Diamond capital campaign is progressing nicely: fundraising visits are done, pledges are coming in, and building projects happening. The goal of the campaign was to raise \$650,000 for the building projects, and to start the Reserve for Replacement Fund. Currently \$663,000 has been pledged for building projects, with an additional \$52,500 pledged to the Reserve for Replacement Fund.

40 churches, 159 families, and 2 organizations made pledges toward the campaign. Of the 40 churches, 8 did not make specific pledges, but are taking up special offerings or doing other fundraising events. Since camp does not know how much these churches will raise, their future gifts are not figured into the \$663,000 total. With late pledges, and these extra church contributions, it is hoped that around \$700,000 will be raised for building projects. Construction often cost more than expected, so extra money will come in handy.

The first of the capital campaign projects, replacing the Family Campground's water and electric lines was completed last summer. The new water and electrical lines are underground, and sites and roads have been improved with new gravel. Forty-four campsites now have a year-round water spigot and an electrical box that allows either 30 or 50 amp service. This project costs nearly \$140,000.

The second project - Renovating the camp office will begin this month. The new office will occupy the entire main floor of the former shop. The office will include a reception area, workroom, staff offices, bathroom and a kitchenette. The cost will be about \$70,000. Currently plans are being completed (see below). Volunteers will be used for this project. If you can cut a board, or hammer a nail, and are interested in helping, let us know.



Future projects include a campground shower house and a multi-purpose/recreation building. It is CBD's goal to have all the campaign buildings completed by the end of 2021!

Capital Campaign Smashes cont.

The Reserve for Replacement Fund is to support upkeep of camp facilities in the future. The fund is invested with Brethren Foundation. Interest on the principal will be distributed annually to CBD. Earnings will be used for maintenance projects, ensuring camp will be kept in good shape in the future. To date \$52,500 has been pledged for this fund. Also, gifts given to the campaign in excess of those needed, will be put in this fund.

There is still time for families and congregations to give or make a pledge toward the campaign. Gifts will be accepted through 2021. Simply complete the form below and mail it to Camp Blue Diamond. A thank you letter will be mailed to you confirming your gift or pledge. If you have a question about the campaign or building projects, call Camp Blue Diamond at (814) 667-2355 or email us at campbluediamond@verizon.net.



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Upon This Firm Foundation – Camp Blue Diamond Capital Campaign

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ Email _____

_____ Congregation _____

One-time gift of \$ _____

Pledge of \$ _____ over next three years (2019-2021)

To be given (check one) Monthly Quarterly Semi-Annually Annually
Giving envelopes will be mailed to you by Camp Blue Diamond.

I prefer to give my gift by Credit/Debit Card.

To be given (check one) One-Time Monthly Quarterly Semi-Annually Annually

Card # _____ Exp. Date: ____ / ____ Security # _____ Name _____

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Spring Work Day: April 6!

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 cabins, carpentry projects, raking, repairing and cleaning. 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 Camp Blue Diamond at campbluediamond@verizon.net or (814) 667-2355. Let us know how many people are coming and if you want to do a specific job. Jr. High and Youth groups with adult leaders are welcome. See you on April 6th!



Come and
Join Us!

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Annual Dinners: March 22 & 23! **Blue Skies Ahead!**

Enjoy a fun, relaxing evening on either Friday or Saturday, March 22nd or 23rd at one of the most beautiful and peaceful places on Earth, CBD. Funds raised at this year's dinners will go toward new climbing tower additions, and summer camp expenses!

Annual Dinner Menu:

Appetizers
Tossed Salad
Braised Beef au jus
Herb Stuffing, Parslied Potatoes
Glazed Carrots, Rolls & Butter
Fruit Tarts with Sherbet

Enjoy friends! Learn about summer camp, building projects, and what's new at CBD! Feast on a delicious roast beef dinner. Laugh with Joseph Helfrich as he tells stories and sing along as he entertains us!

Tickets are \$50 and will be available from Camp Blue Diamond, online at www.campbluediamond.org or your church's waiter beginning Feb. 6th.



Trading Post Coupon



\$2 Off - Exp. 8/18/19 - 1 Coupon/Camper/Summer