

CAMP BLUE DIAMOND



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Summer Camp 2017 Schedule!

Have you signed up for summer camp yet? Don't miss the best two weeks of your summer. Already about 260 youth and kids have signed up and there is room for you too. Summer camp brochures are available from Middle PA District Brethren Churches and Center Association Baptist Churches or online at campbluediamond.org, or simply register online campbluediamond.org. The website is also a great place to learn about each camp, see photos, dates and fees. Your time at CBD will be filled with opportunities to grow in faith, have fun, make friends, experience adventure, and enjoy creation!

Kiddie Weekend	Ages 5 - 7, Adult	June 3 - 4
CIT Training	Grades 9 - 11	June 3 - 4
Kiddie Camp	Ages 5 - 6, Adult	June 15 - 16
Tenderfoot Camp	Grades 1 - 2	June 15 - 16
Junior 1	Grades 3 - 5	June 18 - 23
Jr. High 1	Grades 6 - 8	June 18 - 23
Sr. High Canoe	Grades 8 - 12	June 18 - 23
Creative Arts	Grades 5 - 8	June 25 - 30
Yough Adventure	Grades 7 - 9	June 25 - 30
Jr. Adventure (Closed)	Grades 4 - 5	June 25 - 30
Pioneer Camp	Grades 2 - 4	July 5 - 7
Caving Camp (Closed)	Grades 5 - 7	July 5 - 7
Bike & Raft Adventure	Grades 7 - Adult	July 9 - 14
Youth Camp	Grades 8 - 12	July 9 - 15
Junior 2	Grades 3 - 5	July 16 - 21
Adv. OLS (Closed for boys)	Grades 9 - 12	July 16 - 21
Jr. High 2	Grades 6 - 8	July 23 - 28
Wild OLS (Closed)	Grades 6 - 8	July 23 - 28
Family Camp	All Ages	August 18 - 20



Helpful Hints When You Register!

- ❖ Register now to avoid late fees after June 1st.
- ❖ 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 \$50K qualify, \$60K if more than 2 campers coming.
- ❖ Extended payments - Send \$25 now. CBD will bill you. You have until your camp to pay.
- ❖ Register now - Many specialty camps fill quickly!
- ❖ Register online at campbluediamond.org - It's quick & easy! Sorry - If you want a Scholarship or Extended Payments you will need fill out a regular CBD Summer Camp Registration Form.
- ❖ If you want to be in the same cabin with a friend, make sure your friend lists your name too.
- ❖ You can sign up for any camp as long as it is still open. If unsure, check campbluediamond.org.
- ❖ It's always good to list a 2nd choice camp, just in case your 1st choice camp is filled.

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:** Three 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 challenging Jr. Hi adventure! Backpack 10 miles, bike 30 miles, whitewater raft, tower, swing, Bible!
- Bike/Raft Adv.:** Bike 150 miles on rails to trails from Pittsburgh to Cumberland. Whitewater raft on the Yough.
- 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!
- Sr Hi Canoe:** Canoe and camp for a week on the beautiful Allegheny River with leader Brian Bert!
- Family Camp:** Experience CBD as a family. Sessions, talent show, crafts, activities for all ages! A vacation for everyone!



Camp Still Needs Summer Staff – Apply Now!

CBD is still searching for maintenance and kitchen staff. Applicants must be at least 16. Kitchen and maintenance staff typically work 8 hour days from Monday to Friday, with time off in the evening to join camp activities. Pay is \$185 - \$235/week, depending on experience. Room & board are provided. Camp runs June 11 – July 29. Get an application at campbluediamond.org. Don't wait too long to apply! We've almost done hiring!



CIT's and Volunteer Nurses Needed!

CIT stands for 'Counselor in Training'. **CIT's** are 9th-11th graders who help a fulltime counselor with a unit or boys or girls. First time CIT's need to attend CIT Camp on June 3 & 4. After completing CIT Camp, CIT's come back to help with a Junior, Pioneer or Tenderfoot camp.

Nurses (RN's, MD's and PA's) are needed for summer camp. Nurses are responsible for giving meds, treating injuries & overseeing 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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| ❖ Annual Dinners | March 24 & 25 |
| ❖ Outdoor School | March 27 - May 26 |
| ❖ Wood N' Work Day | April 22 |
| ❖ Quilt & Craft Camp | April 28 - 30 |
| ❖ Father/Son Retreat Grades K-8 | May 5 - 6 |
| ❖ Bird Watching | May 27 |
| ❖ Senior Adult Day | June 2 |
| ❖ Summer Camp | June 3 – July 28 |
| ❖ Summer Staff Orientation | June 8 – 14 |
| ❖ Hoss Day | June 11 |
| ❖ Golf Tournament | August 8 |
| ❖ Family Camp | August 18 – 20 |
| ❖ Heritage Fair | September 23 |

Trading Post Coupon



\$2 Off - Exp. 8/20/17

1 Coupon/Camper/Summer

Why Church Camp?

We are all about camp because we know it is a transformational, faith-forming, Christ-centered, relational, and fun-filled experience for campers of all ages. How do I know that? Not only have I had the privilege to be a part of Camp Blue Diamond in a leadership role, but I had a life-changing experience as a camper.

During Youth Camp at Inspiration Hills (the Church of the Brethren camp in Northern Ohio District) I had a close-to-the-heart-of-God experience. During a worship service, I sensed a deep yearning to do something for God – to work for God in some way. I didn't know how to articulate that experience at the time, but years later I understood that it was a "call to ministry." This yearning to be in ministry led to a time of discernment and conversations with others in my faith community, and eventually a call to Camp Blue Diamond.

My experience as a camper reminds me that Outdoor Ministry is a powerful tool used by God to change and direct the lives of children and youth. Some campers come to camp and hear about the love of Jesus for the first time, others gain a deeper understanding of God and discover their place as a member of the Body of Christ, and others may receive their call to ministry. In the Church of the Brethren we are all called to be ministers of the love of Christ and to share this love with others. We are also called to live our faith in community with one another. Camp is a great place for this to be lived out!

It is a privilege to be a part of the ministry at Camp Blue Diamond and to work side-by-side with all of you as together we share the Good News. We encourage you to invite the young people of your congregation and community to join us for a Camp Blue Diamond experience this summer. Visit CBD at campbluediamond.org, or see your Camp Rep for more information. Blessings all,
 – Jerri Heiser Wenger



CBD Summer Camp Wish List:

The following items are needed for Summer Camp!
 Monetary gifts are needed toward a few items too!
 Can your church, Sunday School, VBS help? Donations are appreciated and greatly help the ministry of CBD!
 (Don't need S'mores items, we are overstocked.)

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| Peanut Butter | Grape Jelly | Basketballs |
| Kick Balls | Footballs | |
| Plastic Utensils | Paper Cups (7 or 9 oz.) | |
| Paper Plates | Paper Towels | Napkins |
| \$\$ for Children's Books | \$\$ for New Peace Pole | |

Thank You!

Bob Rhodes, Bob Scott
and Dean Brubaker
Curryville CoB Men
John Knepp, Homer Shriner

Travis & Don Mills
Rick & Jeanie Geist

Cut, Split & Stack Wood
Hemlock Renovations
Split, Stack Wood
Hemlock Renovations
Repair Beach Bathroom
Paint Basement of Lodge
Generator



CBD Annual Dinners: March 24 & 25:

Come out to camp and be part of CBD's biggest fundraiser of the spring. At this year's Dinners you'll enjoy a delicious baked chicken dinner, great entertainment and the fellowship of camp friends. Each year a total of about 250 to 300 guests attend on either Friday or Saturday night, raising about \$15,000 - \$20,000 for a camp.

This year's entertainment will be husband and wife Brian Kruschwitz and LuAnne Harley. Brian and Luanne have traveled extensively around the world, experiencing many different peoples and cultures. Their program provides connections for those of all ages to a variety of world cultures through stories, music and dance. Brian is a multi-instrumentalist, and LuAnne accompanies him in story, song and dance.

Brian and LuAnne have served as featured Honeywell Artists in Residence, as well as performers at the Brethren Song & Story Fest and Annual Conference. Tickets are \$50. For a Registration Flyer visit campbluediamond.org or contact CBD at (814) 667-2355 or campbluediamond@verizon.net. Proceeds from this year's dinners will go toward new Lodge furniture and basketball backboards.



Quilt & Craft Camp: Apr. 28–30

All are welcome! Bring your craft project, and join the camaraderie of creating beauty and laughter in the comfortable surroundings at Camp Blue Diamond. This annual event is a spiritual and creative retreat. Together we worship God and create beauty through the work of our hands.

Participants are encouraged to bring their quilt work, cross stitch, knitting, scrap booking, etc... and join the fun! There will be workshops available on Saturday for those wanting to learn a new skill and make something beautiful. Workshops for this year are: Triangle Frenzy Table-Topper, a Biscuit Basket, and a paper craft with Tiffany. For more info, call camp (814) 667-2355, or print off the Quilt & Craft Camp Registration at campbluediamond.org.

Birding at CBD – May 27



Join us at Camp Blue Diamond as we spend the morning sighting and learning about many different local birds. Gabe Imler, one of Camp's best counselors and bird enthusiast, will be our host for the day.

-) Meet at Camp Blue Diamond at 7:00 am
-) Spend time looking at the birds around CBD
-) Travel to a local Bald Eagle's nest (unless the eagle has traveled to camp)
-) Trip to Shaver's Creek for more Birding
-) Day concludes with picnic lunch at Camp Blue Diamond
-) \$10 cost includes lunch and transportation on site

For questions or to RSVP please contact the Camp Blue Diamond office at (814) 667-2355 or campbluediamond@verizon.net. Transportation will be provided once you arrive at Camp Blue Diamond. Please RSVP by May 21.

Father/Son Retreat: May 5 – 6 Caring for God's Creation

God gave us a beautiful planet with fresh water, animals and plants to enjoy and use. He instructed us to take care of these gifts and protect them too. At the Father/Son Retreat we'll learn ten easy, but important things each of us can do to Care for God's Creation. And we'll do some of them too!

The Father/Son Retreat is a terrific time for dads (grandpas) and sons to spend time together. The retreat begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday and closes at 3 p.m. Saturday. In addition to learning what we can do to Care for God's Creation, we'll play games, hike to Lost Cave, have a chance to fish and canoe, cook over a fire, do a craft, and ride the Giant Swing. Bring along your sleeping bag and pillow, and if you want to go into the cave, a flashlight and a pair of boots (it can get wet and muddy).



Cost is: \$35 for adults, \$25 for boys grades K-8. Register by May 1st. Send your registration to: Camp Blue Diamond, P.O. Box 240, Petersburg, PA 16669. For info contact CBD at (814) 667-2355 or campbluediamond@verizon.net

Father/Son Retreat: May 5 - 6

Adult(s) _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Boy _____ Age _____

Boy _____ Age _____

Email _____

MARK ONE:

Check enclosed Will pay at the retreat

Debit/Credit Card Exp. Date: ____/____

Card # _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Name on Card: _____



Brethren Open Tournament - Aug. 8th

Enjoy golfing with your friends, come help the District and CBD raise funds for district ministry training and summer camp at the Brethren Golf Open on Tues., Aug. 8th. The tournament is held at Iron Masters in Roaring Spring. Cost is a very reasonable \$75 and covers a round of golf, cart, snacks, free gifts, prizes (including the \$20,000 hole-in-one), a banquet and door prizes. Registrations will be available at your church or at campbluediamond.org.

In 2016 the tournament netted over \$11,000 for camp and the district. In addition to golfers, Sponsors are needed too. Businesses or families can sponsor a Hole for \$200. A \$300 sponsorship gets 2 free golfers; \$400 or \$500 gets a free foursome! Major tournament sponsors of \$1000 get a foursome, a large banner and their photo in the Morrisons Cove Herald.



Sr. Adult Day: June 2nd

Come be inspired with David Radcliffe, Director of New Community Project. David's passion for God's people and creation inspires him to find ways to change the world by changing the way we relate to the planet and its people. Through photos and stories you'll visit Burma, The Republic of Congo, the Ecuadorian Amazon, the Denali in Alaska, a Navajo Reservation in New Mexico, and more!

This event is geared toward Senior Adults, but all are welcome! Cost is \$10 and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. In addition to David'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 home for supper) to: Camp Blue Diamond, PO Box 240, Petersburg, PA 16669.



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Senior Adult Day on June 2nd



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)

CBD's 2017 Hoss's Event - Sunday, June 11th!

Below is your ticket for this year's CBD Hoss's Event on June 11th Here's what you do:

1. Get together your gang and plan to help camp raise money by eating at Hoss's
2. Cut out and copy the Hoss's ticket (like the one below) and distribute to those who are going
3. Take the ticket to Hoss's anytime on Sun., June 11th. Hand it to the host when ordering.
3. Enjoy a great meal with your family and church friends, and 20-25% of your bill goes to camp! Thanks!

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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 Sunday, 6/11/2017 to aid us in raising money to benefit Camp Blue Diamond.



Print this ticket and present it on 6/11/2017 at Hoss's in Huntingdon, Duncansville, Bedford, Lewistown, State College. 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!



Group #54937

Please present this ticket when ordering.

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CBD Capital Campaign Update!

Camp Blue Diamond is in the midst of fundraising for the 'Upon This Firm Foundation' capital campaign. There is a goal of \$650,000 for the three major projects. As of March 2017, CBD has reached \$390,000 in pledges for the Three Projects (\$330,000) and the Reserve for Replacement Fund (\$50,000).

The major projects are:

Multi-purpose/Recreation Building: The Multi-Purpose Building will have a large single room suitable for rainy day recreation for summer camp, outdoor school and retreat groups. Other features will include a kitchen, men's, women's and family bathrooms, and a fireplace big enough for large group campfires. It will be located between the Main Lodge and the Nature Center. Other large group activities like the Heritage Fair Auction, District Conference, and dinners could be held in the facility.



Office Renovation: The former Shop Building will be renovated to include central heat, a reception area, a large workroom, offices for the Executive and Program Directors, and a bathroom. Cost will be approximately \$70,000.

Family Campground Improvements: A new central washhouse with restrooms, showers and laundry facilities will replace the two existing smaller ones. New electrical and water lines will replace the existing ones. Cost for all the family campground projects will be approximately \$180,000.

Reserve for Replacement Fund: A fund for maintenance and building needs will be established so the Camp Blue Diamond facility will remain in good repair. Interest generated from the fund's principal will be used for repairs, renovations and improvements that will benefit

present and future campers. Specific gifts designated by givers will go toward this fund. If the \$650,000 goal for the three projects is met, extra gifts beyond the \$650,000 will go into this fund. The fund will be invested with Brethren Foundation.

Fundraising for the Campaign began in late 2016 and will continue through 2017. Currently campaign visitors are in the 1st phase of fundraising: Lead Gift Visits. This phase will end later this spring. In late spring and summer campaign visitors will begin Church Visits, explaining the campaign and asking for pledges. After this 2nd phase is completed the 3rd and final phase will include an appeal to all of Camp Blue Diamond's friends to join the campaign.

Gifts of all sizes are needed for the success of the campaign. Gifts of a share (\$2,000) or more from any individual, family or church will be acknowledged on a Donors Plaque, which will be located in the new Multi-Purpose Building. Gifts can remain anonymous. The Donors Plaque will reflect different levels of giving. It is the Camp Board's way of acknowledging and thanking those who gave major contributions. Any size gift may be in memory or in honor of someone.

Donors can choose to give over a five year (sixty month) or shorter period. By spreading giving over several years most donors are able to give more than originally thought possible. A gift of a \$2,000 share comes to \$400 a year when spread over five years, or about \$33 a month - about \$1 a day. These small amounts add up to a larger substantial gift that will have a real impact.

CBD does not have a history of naming facilities after large contributors; rather, facilities at CBD have simple or historical names that reflect our heritage. However, if a contributor underwrites the entire or a majority cost of a facility, and desires the facility be named in honor of someone, the Capital Campaign Committee and Camp Board will seriously consider the offer.

If you have not been approached for a Capital Campaign gift yet, don't worry. By the end of 2017 and Phase 3, most friends of Camp Blue Diamond will have been contacted. If you are somehow missed, and want to give, just let us know, and we'll be glad to take care of our oversight. If you have any questions concerning the Capital Campaign, please contact the camp office at (814) 667-2355 or campbluediamond@verizon.net.

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Annual Dinner March: 24 & 25 * Quilt & Craft: April 28 - 30 * Sr. Adult Day: June 2

Address Service Requested



Spring Wood N' Work Day: April 22

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.

Please let us know you are coming by contacting camp at (814) 667-2355 or campbluediamond@verizon.net. Let us know how many people are coming and if you want to help with a specific task. Middle School and Youth groups with adult leadership, 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 22!



Heritage Fair – Mark this Date – September 23

For its first 36 years Heritage Fair was the last Saturday in September. This year that will change !!! Presently Heritage Fair shares its Saturday with several area festivals: Delgrosso Harvestfest, Cassville Octoberfest and Ebensburg's Potato Festival, which are all on the fourth or last weekend in September.

This year Heritage Fair is changing to September 23rd. This change is part of the transition to an earlier Heritage Fair, which will eventually be the third weekend of September. In 2018 Heritage Fair will be on September 22nd. After that the fair will always be the third Saturday of September. In 2019 it will be on September 21st. This will create less competition with other area festivals, put more time between Heritage Fair and District Conference, and ensure Heritage Fair is over before CBD's fall outdoor school season begins.

So mark your Calendars – September 23rd, 2017 for the 37th Annual Middle PA District Heritage Fair.