

# CAMP BLUE DIAMOND



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## Summer Camp 2018 Schedule!

Have you signed up for summer camp yet? For a fast, easy way to register, head to [campbluediamond.org](http://campbluediamond.org) and complete the Online Registration process. Each camp's details, fees and photos are available online too. Printable registration and scholarship forms are on the website too, and at your Middle PA Brethren or American Baptist Church. Register by May 31<sup>st</sup> and avoid the late fee! 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 (Closed)	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 (Closed)	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)	Grades 4 - 5	July 22 - 27
Jr. High 2	Grades 6 - 8	July 22 - 27
Wild OLS (Closed)	Grades 6 - 8	July 22 - 27
Family Camp	All Ages	August 17 - 19



## Helpful Hints When You Register!

- ❖ Register now to avoid late fees after May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- ❖ Church Stipends - Brethren & American Baptist Churches pay ½ or more of the fee.
- ❖ Campers with siblings coming to CBD get a discount of \$5 - \$25 off.
- ❖ Register online at [campbluediamond.org](http://campbluediamond.org) - It's quick & easy!
- ❖ Want a scholarship or extended payments? You'll need to complete a Registration Form.
- ❖ Registration forms available at your church or contact CBD.
- ❖ Scholarships - Families that make less than \$60K qualify, \$70K if 2 or more campers.
- ❖ Extended payments - Send \$25 now. CBD will bill you.
- ❖ If you want a cabinmate, be sure your friend lists you too.
- ❖ Check [campbluediamond.org](http://campbluediamond.org) to see what camps are closed.
- ❖ List a 2<sup>nd</sup> choice camp, in case your 1<sup>st</sup> choice camp is closed.

## 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!
- 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!

## Camp Still Needs Counselors – Apply Now!

CBD is still searching for counselors. Applicants must be high school seniors or older. Pay is \$195 - \$235/week, depending on experience. Room & board are provided. Camp runs June 7 – July 28. Get an application at [campbluediamond.org](http://campbluediamond.org). Don't wait too long to apply! We're almost done hiring! If you love camp and enjoy kids, working at camp is the greatest. Counselors must be committed Christians, enjoy kids, and be able to live in harmony with others.

## The 2018 Summer Camp Offering

2017 was one of the most devastating hurricane seasons on record. Three major hurricanes brought devastating damage and flooding to areas in Texas, the South and Puerto Rico. Brethren Disaster Ministries has already responded and plan to support the impacted communities in the long road to recovery.

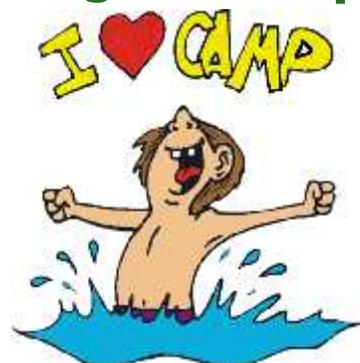


Challenged by the Biblical mandate to "carry each other's burdens," the Church of the Brethren traditionally has been involved in the relief of suffering, whether caused by war, strife or natural disaster. Brethren Disaster Ministries was started in 1941 to coordinate the work toward relief. As the flood waters recede, Brethren Disaster Ministries are coordinating response efforts in the storm affected areas. Responding to any disaster is a long-term effort that will take many years. Brethren Disaster Ministries will be in these areas affected by the hurricanes for years to come. Summer Camp's Offering Project collected at registration and closing of each week will go to support Brethren Disaster Ministries as they provide relief for those affected.

### Upcoming CBD Events:

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|---------------------------------|------------------|
| ❖ Outdoor School                | March 27 - May 4 |
| ❖ 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     |
| ❖ Canoe Float                   | October 6        |
| ❖ Junior Retreat                | October 26 - 27  |

### Trading Post Coupon



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

## Summer camp helps kids grow into healthy adolescents and adults.

Children need a variety of experiences (church, sports, activities, responsibilities, chores, challenges) to help them grow into independent, fully functioning adults, and summer camp is a great place to get a one week, crash course filled with opportunities to grow.

Campers develop new skills and abilities. It could be dealing with the frustration (or discovering the need for persistence) of starting a fire without matches. It may be digging deep inside themselves to create a poem for worship and discovering something about themselves and God. It's being courageous and trusting enough to jump off a 35-foot tower, or just being brave enough to smile and say 'Hi' to a stranger, making a new friend. It's the give and take of working with others to make decisions as a group, discovering that the good of the body is as important as the good of the individual, and that community is what makes life fantastic! Kids grow in a variety of ways at camp, becoming better people.



Camp is a safe and friendly environment for kids to learn skills, to stretch and grow abilities that will make them successful in life. Even in playing a game, singing songs, eating and joking around a table, canoeing with a friend, thinking about tough Bible questions, or whatever the activity, campers are growing, learning and developing, and they don't even realize it. Best of all, they thought it was all just 'fun'.

## Thank You!

**Annual Dinner Waiters and Volunteers:** Thanks for selling tickets, waiting tables or helping in the kitchen. CBD raised over \$13,000 for summer camp and \$5500 for the new camp van! Rick Alderton, Clay Angle, Amy Baer, Jerry Berry, Alyssa & Brian Bert, Harry Brubaker, Susan Beyerle, Brian Brumbaugh, Dylan Butler, Mike Campbell, Scott Criswell, Kristin & Chris Cromwell, Babs Detwiler, Deron & Bonnie Dilling, Tim Dunmire, Lauren Duvall, Rick Esh, Emma Goodyear, Wayne Guyer, Amanda Helfrich, Ivy & Jim Hullihen, Renee & Joe Keith, Andy Kephart, John Knepp, Heather & Tess Koontz, Lois Lynn, David Meadows, Travis Mills, Paul Moser, Matt & Meghan Myers, Ken Ott, Thekla & Rod Park, Duane Rhodes, Brian Stern, Tiffany Tomlinson, Paul Witkovsky, George & Derek Wright, Leah Yingling



**Spring Work Day:** Thanks to the 74 volunteers from Brethren & Baptist churches and ServeState kids from PSU! A lot of work was accomplished on April 7<sup>th</sup> as we raked, cut, split and stacked wood, cleaned up trails, cleaned up the beach, pavilion and summer cabin areas, and put a new roof and porch on the Bearview Cabin! Camp looks terrific!

**Wednesday Volunteers:** Removed old electric lines in campground, worked on Bearview porch and roof, removed and put new siding on back porch of Ouch House!

**Ken & Peggy Ott** – Sidewalk Chalk

**Hollidaysburg CoB** – Two Cambro Drink Containers

**Beech Run Youth** – Gift toward Capital Campaign

**Raven Run CoB Youth** – Fundraiser for Capital Campaign



**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!**

## **What is an ACA-Accredited Camp?**

Camp Blue Diamond is an American Camp Association (ACA) accredited camp. This means that we care enough about our campers to undergo a thorough peer review of our operation — from staff qualifications and training to emergency management.



The American Camp Association collaborates with experts from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Red Cross, and other youth-serving agencies to assure that current practices at camp reflect the most up-to-date, research-based standards in camp operation. Camps and ACA form a partnership that promotes growth and fun in an environment committed to safety.

Because Camp is accredited, and our full-time staff are active members of the ACA, we receive guidance and education to help our programming to provide the following for our summer staff and campers:

- ❖ Healthy, developmentally appropriate activities and learning experiences
- ❖ Discovery through experiential education
- ❖ Caring, competent role models
- ❖ Service to the community and the environment
- ❖ Opportunities for leadership and personal growth

Accreditation is voluntary - only about ¼ of summer camps are accredited. Our goal through accreditation, is to assure families that we have made the commitment to a safe, nurturing environment for children. Basic requirements for health, cleanliness and food service, as well as emergency management plans, health care, hiring procedures and adventure activities are in place and evaluated regularly. The question has been asked by parents, “*Who will care when I’m not there?*” When your children are at Camp Blue Diamond, we will care.



## **Family Camp – August 17-19**

Come experience Family Camp with swimming/canoeing, campfires/outdoor worship, Bible time, great food, gaga ball, climbing tower/giant swing, crafts, homemade ice cream, polar bear swimming, coffee house with Joe Hinish, music/singing, family time, friends and our guest leader Debbie Eisenbise!

This weekend is designed to provide opportunity and space for families of all types to reconnect while living in a Christ-centered community and surrounded by God’s creation. Family units will be lodged in the summer camp cabins, Main Lodge and the Ouch House. Most activities will be done as families, some separate programming will be available for adults, youth and children. To register use the summer camp online registration at [campbluediamond.org](http://campbluediamond.org), or a summer camp brochure from your church. There’s also a Family Camp Registration Flyer available on the web or at church. Early registration cost is \$70 for Adults, and \$49 for Children age 11 and younger. \$75 for Adults, and \$54 for kids after May 31.





## Camp and District Join Together for Youth Ministry

Camp Blue Diamond's Assistant Program Director Amanda Helfrich has been tapped for the new position as District Youth Coordinator. She will oversee the youth ministries of Camp Blue Diamond and the Middle PA District. The Camp and District believe our ministries will be more effective if we work together to reach youth. To do this the DCYM (District and Camp Youth Ministry) has been created. Its goal is to provide meaningful, spiritually fulfilling experiences throughout the year for high school age youth from all corners of the district. Amanda is excited about this opportunity to connect with youth and would love to see you at these upcoming events!

**Washington D.C. Soup Kitchen Trip**  
**Youth Camp at CBD**  
**Summer Splash at Raystown Waterslide**  
**National Youth Conference in Colorado**

**April 25 - 28**  
**July 8 - 14**  
**July 11**  
**July 21 - 26**

## Meet Shawnee Rupert!

CBD is happy to introduce you to Shawnee Rupert, camp's Food-Service-Director-in-Training. As our long-time FSD, Deb Glenny, begins to think about retirement at the end of 2019, it is clear that Shawnee has big shoes to fill. Because it is our desire for a seamless transition, Shawnee is serving along-side Deb and learning the particulars of running a camp kitchen that serves summer camp, outdoor school, Annual Dinner, Heritage Fair and many weekend groups.

Shawnee lives in Petersburg and has a wealth of cooking experience from catering to running her own restaurant. She brings to the kitchen the ability to cook with flair, a desire to serve the community and a friendly, outgoing personality. If you were at Annual Dinner, you enjoyed her BBQed ribs and roasted potatoes.

She is excited about serving at Camp because she loves to cook, enjoys working with the public, believes in the ministry of Camp, and appreciates the flexibility it offers as she cares for her family.



It is important to remember that Deb's position at camp continues. She is not ready to fully retire, and we are not ready to say goodbye. Deb will spend the coming year working with Shawnee and continuing to serve as Financial Secretary. Together we welcome Shawnee to the CBD family and the ministry of Middle PA Church of the Brethren!



## Quilt & Craft Camp: Apr. 20-22

All are welcome, from expert to beginner. There will be special workshops available on Saturday for those wanting to learn a new skill and make something beautiful. Workshops include: making a Biscuit Basket, making a Carrie Nation Quilt Block (a fantastic project for beginners!) and a mystery project involving 'pet screen'. Participants are encouraged to bring their own projects too (quilt work, cross stitch, knitting, scrap booking ...) and join the fun!

Join the camaraderie of creating beauty and laughter in the comfortable surroundings at Camp Blue Diamond. This event is a creative and spiritual retreat. Together we worship God and create beauty through the work of our hands. For more info, call camp (814) 667-2355, or print off the Quilt & Craft Camp Registration at [campbluediamond.org](http://campbluediamond.org).

## Father/Son Retreat: April 27 – 28: 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 April 20th. Send your registration to: Camp Blue Diamond, P.O. Box 240, Petersburg, PA 16669.



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### Father/Son Retreat: April 27 – 28

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: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_



### 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, P.O. Box 240, Petersburg, PA 16669.



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### Senior Adult Day on June 1<sup>st</sup>

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 2018 Hoss Event - Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>!**

Below is your ticket for this year's CBD Hoss's Event on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Funds from the Hoss Event go toward summer camp equipment. In the past funds have been used for canoes, lifejackets, boats and a canoe shed. Participating Hoss's are: Duncansville, Huntingdon, Bedford and Lewistown. The Hoss Event is simple! Here's what you do:

1. Get together your family or church gang and plan to help camp raise money by eating at Hoss's
2. Cut out and copy the Hoss's ticket below and distribute to those who are going
3. Take the ticket to Hoss's anytime on Sun., June 10<sup>th</sup>. Hand it to the host when ordering.
4. Enjoy a great meal with your family and church friends, knowing that 20-25% of your bill goes to camp!

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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 6/10/2018 to aid us in raising money to benefit Camp Blue Diamond.



**Print this ticket and present it on 6/10/2018 at Hoss's in Bedford, Duncansville, Huntingdon, Lewistown**  
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 #98082

**Please present this ticket when ordering.**



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## **Brethren Open Tournament - Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>**

Come help the District and CBD raise funds for ministry training and summer camp at the Brethren Golf Open on Tues., Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>. The tournament is held at Iron Masters in Roaring Spring. Cost is an extremely reasonable \$80 and covers a round of golf, cart, snacks, free gifts, banquet and lots of prizes - including the \$20,000 hole-in-one and door prizes. Registrations are available at [campbluediamond.org](http://campbluediamond.org) or at your church.

Thanks to golfers and sponsors, nearly \$12,000 was netted for camp and the district last year. Sponsors are needed for 2018! Businesses or families can be a \$200 Green Sponsor, with a sign showing their sponsorship on the green of their hole. \$500 Course Sponsors get a sign at their hole, plus 4 complimentary golfers and a large banner! \$1000 Tournament sponsors get all of the aforementioned goodies, plus their photo in the newspaper and our undying gratitude! Come out and enjoy a day of golf with your friends at Iron Masters and help support the ministry of camp and district.

## **Digital Cameras!**

Does your family have an old digital camera, that doesn't get much use anymore? Donate it to CBD! Your old camera will have new life as counselors and campers use it to take summer camp photos for the website, newsletter and social media! Most folks are now using their phones for photos, and their cameras are lost and forgotten. Help out camp and put that camera back to use - Donate it to camp! Thanks!



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**Father/Son Retreat April 27-28 \* Sr. Adult Day: June 1 \* CBD Hoss Event: June 10**

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## **Capital Campaign Construction is Under Way!**

CBD's Capital Campaign *'Upon This Firm Foundation'* is progressing nicely. We are still in stage 2, with churches making pledges. Currently camp is at \$578,000 in pledges toward the \$650,000 goal, and an additional \$52,500 has been pledged to the Reserve for Replacement Fund.

The first of the capital campaign projects, replacing the water and electric lines in the Family Campground, began in early March and will be finished in May. This project was done first because of the deteriorating above ground electric and water lines. Other projects will include building a new washhouse in the Family Campground, renovating the Office Building, and building a large, multi-purpose Recreation Building suitable for summer camp and outdoor school use.

Later this year the third and final fundraising phase of the campaign will be an invitation to all of CBD's supporters. This phase will be done through a mailing to all of our camp friends. If you haven't made a pledge yet, please consider being a part of the campaign when you receive your letter. Help us reach the \$650,000 goal; we are so close! All gifts will be appreciated and needed.

