

# CAMP BLUE DIAMOND



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## Heritage Fair: Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Heritage Fair is a time for the congregations in Middle PA District to come together to raise funds for the ministries of CBD and the Middle PA District. Connecting with old friends, enjoying good food, and having fun are a big part of the Fair, but even more important is the support of vital ministries that occurs.

We as Brethren have been taught to be frugal with money. However, the focus of the fair and the auction is to provide funds for camp and important district ministries. When we look at the children and youth impacted, the adults enabled to follow their call to ministry, the churches receiving grants to purchase equipment or make repairs, we should be inspired to open our wallets, and bid 'High' and 'Often' at the auction! Our congregations have been faithful in supporting Heritage Fair by providing food and auction items. Let's follow their lead, and be generous with our spending too.

Overnight lodging is available in the Lodge, summer camp cabins and the RV campground. To reserve a room, cabin or site, contact CBD at (814) 667-2355 or [campbluediamond@verizon.net](mailto:campbluediamond@verizon.net). New this year is a cookout for overnight guests and those setting up. We will have hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill. See you at Heritage Fair!

### Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> – Set-Up

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.                      Hamburgers/Hot Dogs on the Grill

### Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> – The Fair

6:30 - 8:30 a.m.                      Breakfast in the Lodge  
7 a.m.                                      Diamond Dash – 5K Run/Walk  
8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.                      Food/Craft Booths, Heritage Center  
    Children's Activities, Entertainment  
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.                      Quilt/Basket/Etc... Auction

### Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> – Wrap-Up

9:30 a.m.                                  Free Continental Breakfast  
10:00 a.m.                                Sunday Worship in the Lodge



## Upcoming CBD Events:

- ❖ SOLO Wilderness First Aid                      September 9 - 10
- ❖ Heritage Fair    September 23
- ❖ Diamond Dash 5K                                      September 23
- ❖ Fall Outdoor School                                  Sept. 25 – Nov. 10
- ❖ Little Juniata Canoe Float                              October 7
- ❖ Junior Retreat (3,4, & 5<sup>th</sup> graders)                      October 20 – 21
- ❖ SOLO Wilderness First Aid                              November 4 - 5

## Junior Fall Retreat – October 20 & 21

3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to this fall's Junior Retreat at Camp Blue Diamond on Oct. 20 & 21. The retreat starts and ends at 7 p.m. and is jam packed with games, singing, gaga, a campfire, the Giant Swing, crafts, Bible Discovery and your camp friends and counselors. Cost is \$35. In early September flyers will be sent to churches and to third, fourth and fifth graders who attended CBD summer camp. Flyers will also be available at [campbluediamond.org](http://campbluediamond.org). Mark the date now and plan to attend this overnighter with your friends.

## 2017 Summer Camp Project: *If a Tree Falls*

*"Plant a new Truffula. Treat it with care.  
Give it clean water. And feed it fresh air."* – The Lorax

Our friends at New Community Project couldn't agree more with Dr. Seuss! That is why they are replanting trees in South Sudan and Myanmar, and protecting the Amazon rainforest. As we know forests provide habitat, regulate rainfall, clean the air, store carbon, and provide natural medicines and homes for native communities. They also bless us with places of wildness and wonder.

The summer camp offering project this past summer was *If a Tree Falls*. Campers and staff raised \$702.90 to plant trees – that 7000 trees! Way to go!

## Reflections on Summer Camp 2017



CBD was once again blessed with a wonderful group of young adults to serve as counselors and support staff. The counselors and staff exemplified our number one goal: that we be a role model for Jesus Christ. Their actions throughout the summer were always kind and loving.

Let me share a story about one of our campers. A young lady arrived at camp last year afraid of everything. She had her hood up and wouldn't leave her mother's side. During the week she came out of her shell. While she didn't do every activity, she did open up and had a great time. This summer, as soon as she got out of the car she ran around giving everyone hugs. With the encouragement of her counselor and fellow campers, she fully participated in all the activities, including climbing the tower and sleeping under the stars. At the end of the week she said to the kitchen crew, "I come to Camp Blue Diamond because the people here really love me." The young lady was right, the people at camp really do love her, and we love the other campers, too.

When you spend time at Camp Blue Diamond during the summer, you quickly realize it's a place where fun is happening. Just as quickly you realize it is a place where God is present. Whether it's in a Bible Study, words of encouragement on the climbing tower, or just appreciating God's vast creation while looking at the night sky, anyone who comes to Camp Blue Diamond knows this is a place where God is. **– Brian Bert**



## Thanks for Attending the Hoss Sunday!

Thanks to everyone who participated in the CBD Hoss Sunday Event at the Bedford, Duncansville, Huntingdon and Lewistown Hoss's on June 11th. Camp raised \$1763.



Duncansville: \$931  
Bedford: \$226  
Huntingdon: \$393  
Lewistown: \$213

Proceeds from this year's event went to replace the waterfront's canoe shed, and buy four round Corcl boats. The old canoe shed needed to be replaced after being hit by a fallen pine tree in the spring, and the new, small, round boats were a big hit during summer camp. Thanks to all who went to Hoss's.



## Brethren Open Tournament - Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>

Camp Blue Diamond and the Middle PA District Center thank the 34 sponsors and 104 golfers that made the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Brethren Open at Iron Masters a huge success. The event netted over \$11,000, with half going toward summer camp expenses and half toward District ministry training. After the tournament a banquet was provided by Frederick's Meat Market at the Albright Church of the Brethren Fellowship Hall. A very heartfelt thank you to all the sponsors, volunteers, the Albright church and especially the \$1000 Tournament Sponsors: the Huntsman Family Foundation, Juniata College and Dr. Ramon Burket.

### **Tournament Sponsor (\$1000):**

Dr. Ramon Burket  
Juniata College  
The Huntsman Family Foundation

### **\$20,000 Hole-In-One Sponsor:**

JHM Associates – Capital Fundraising

### **Hole Sponsors (\$400 - \$200):**

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### **Prize & Food Sponsors:**

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Roaring Spring Water  
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Greg & Kim Stoudnour



## Friday Night Grill at Heritage Fair

New this year is a cookout on Friday (Sept. 22) for overnight lodging and campground guests and well as those setting up. We will have hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill from 5:30 until at least 6:30 p.m. There won't be a set price, just give a gift to cover the cost of the food. If you need housing give us a call, a few campsites are still open and there is room in the basement of the Lodge and the summer cabins.

## Summer Camp 2018 Schedule & Registration:

This summer CBD started Pre-Registration for summer camp. At the beginning and end of each camp session, families had the opportunity to sign-up for a 2018 camp. Those that registered got the Early Bird (January & February) rate, and will receive a free t-shirt. Seventy-seven children and youth took advantage of Pre-Registration, and camp will be sure to try it again next summer.

Summer Camp Registration will resume on January 1<sup>st</sup>. At that time online registration will be available at [campbluediamond.org](http://campbluediamond.org). Registration Brochures will be mailed to past campers the first week of January, and churches will receive Brochures after the Camp Rep. Meeting in mid-January. Those that register in January and February can get the lower 'Early Bird Discount' rate. Details about each camp, dates, fees and photos can be found on [campbluediamond.org](http://campbluediamond.org).

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





**Join the Heritage Fair Diamond Dash 5k walk/run!  
Sat., Sept. 23 at 7 a.m. at Camp Blue Diamond.  
Meet in front of the Camp Directors' House.**

**Registration is open until the event. Register by  
Sept. 7 and get a "Diamond Dash" t-shirt! Fee: \$30**

**This event is sponsored by Albright church. Contact Tammy Frye-Carter at (814) 931-9367 or fryetammy@hotmail.com for more details.**



**Diamond Dash—Camp Blue Diamond—Sept. 23rd – 7 a.m.**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Shirt Size:** YS  YM  YL  S  M  L  XL  XXL

**Mail this Registration for with your fee to:  
Tammy Frye-Carter: 327 E. Main St., Roaring Spring, PA 16673**





**Camp Blue Diamond**  
**Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> :10 a.m.-4 p.m.**  
**The Little Juniata River:**  
**Spruce Creek to Petersburg**  
**Cost: \$15 per person**  
**Registration Deadline: Oct.1**

This one-day Canoe Float is a fantastic opportunity to enjoy the serenity of the river, the beauty of autumn colors, and the fellowship of brothers and sisters while paddling down the Juniata River.

Meet the camp staff at Camp Blue Diamond at 10 a.m. on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> and we'll load the canoe trailer with all the gear needed (including lunch) and head toward Spruce Creek where we'll begin our peaceful adventure.

Camp will provide: canoes, lifejackets, a lifeguard, lunch, & transportation to and from the river.



**Yes! I want to join you for the Canoe Float on October 7!**



Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's ages 9-17 must have parental permission (see below). Participants 9 to 14 years of age must be accompanied by a parent/grandparent. Children under 9 need to wait for another year. Cost is \$15. Mail this registration form and payment by October 1<sup>st</sup> to: Camp Blue Diamond, P.O. Box 240, Petersburg, PA 16669

**Parent/Guardian:** I give my child permission to participate in the **CBD Canoe Float on October 7**. 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 CBD.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

# Wilderness First Aid Courses – Sept. 9-10 & November 4-5

Penn State University is offering at Camp Blue Diamond two SOLO Wilderness First Aid courses this fall. The two-day, 18 hour class is designed for outdoor enthusiast and trip leaders. Anyone can attend. No previous experience is required. The course will be held either Sept. 9-10 or Nov. 4-5. Cost for either course is \$300 which includes: supplies, meals and overnight lodging. Returning summer CBD staff members can receive a 50% discount toward the class and pay \$150.

Accredited summer camps must have a staff person certified in Wilderness First Aid (WFA) on trip or travel camps that are more than 30 minutes from emergency rescue systems (EMS) or hospitals.

This emergency response training includes patient assessment, musculoskeletal and soft tissue injuries, splinting, CPR and a variety of other topics. The emphasis of WFA is to provide emergency response, primary and long-term care, in all weather conditions with or without standard 1<sup>st</sup> aid equipment.

Lecture and discussion, practical exercise and outdoor scenarios help students gain confidence, and encourage the development of critical decision making skills. To register, print off the Wilderness First Aid Flyer found online at [campbluediamond.org](http://campbluediamond.org) and mail or email to: Camp Blue Diamond, P.O. Box 240, Petersburg, PA 16669. Deadline for the September class is August 31<sup>st</sup>. Deadline for the November class is Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>. SOLO is the premier provider of Wilderness First Aid internationally. To find out more about SOLO Wilderness First Aid visit [soloschools.com/wilderness-first-aid-wfa](http://soloschools.com/wilderness-first-aid-wfa).



## Thanks (Sorry if we missed anyone)

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| Baker Family                 | Balls, Paper Products, PB               |
| Marcia & Ted Benson          | PB & Jelly                              |
| Ken & Sue Brubaker           | Paper Products                          |
| Eicher Family                | Paper Towels, Foam Noodles              |
| Betsy & Mark Garach          | Foil                                    |
| John & Anna Gibboney         | Basketball, Football                    |
| Wayne & Lyn Guyer, Lois Lynn | Ritchey's Ice Cream                     |
| Dan & Sharon Hammel          | Balls                                   |
| Hoover Family                | PB & Jelly, Paper Products              |
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| Carolyn & Bruce Lidston      | Hostas                                  |
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| Anne Whited                  | Office Supplies, Games, Craft Supplies  |
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| Jake Yingling                | Paper Products, PB & J, Balls & Noodles |

### Wednesday Volunteers:

Homer Shriner, John Knepp, Bob Scott, New Roofs on Old Cabins  
Bob Rhodes, Don Snively, Dean Brubaker

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| Altoona First Church of the Brethren               | PB & Jelly                           |
| Altoona 28 <sup>th</sup> St Church of the Brethren | Paper Products, PB & Jelly           |
| American Baptist Women's Conference                | Paper Products, PB & Jelly           |
| Carson Valley Church of the Brethren               | Balls, Napkins, Utensils, Jelly, Van |
| Curryville Church of the Brethren                  | PB & Jelly                           |
| District Disaster Relief                           | Vans for Youth Camp                  |
| Lewistown Church of the Brethren                   | Paper Products, Balls, PB & Jelly    |
| Spring Mount Church of the Brethren                | Paper Products                       |
| Williamsburg Church of the Brethren                | PB, Utensils, Paper Products         |



### Summer Camp Volunteers:

Nurses: Desiree Engler, Tiffany Tomlinson, Jill Stull, Marcia Graham, Carolyn Lidston, Marcia Benson, Jeannie Strunk, Gabrielle Peight, Eva Clark, Maureen Mitchell  
CITs: Ryan Butler, Kendrick Imler, Emma Parker Miller, Marissa Eversole, Maggie Lashlee, Maddie Over, Lucy Hess, Shane Kilbride, Mary Sylvester, Jacey Myers, Katie Frye Carter  
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**Heritage Fair Sept. 23      Canoe Float Oct. 7 ☺      Jr Retreat Oct. 20-21**

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## **Upon This Firm Foundation Capital Campaign**

Camp Blue Diamond is currently in the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of its capital campaign fundraising – Church Visits. During the remainder of 2017, visitors will be presenting the capital campaign to church boards, councils or whole congregations, explaining the campaign and asking for pledges. After this 2<sup>nd</sup> phase is completed the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final phase will include an appeal to all of Camp Blue Diamond's friends to join the campaign. If you have any question about the Campaign, or would like to make a donation, please contact the camp office at (814) 667-2355 or [campbluediamond@verizon.net](mailto:campbluediamond@verizon.net).

A goal of \$650,000 was set for the major projects: the new multi-purpose center, the campground renovations (new washhouse, replacing the electric and water lines) and renovating the office. As of August 2017, CBD has reached \$400,000 in pledges for the projects and \$50,000 pledged toward the Reserve for Replacement Fund. Funds raised over the \$650,000 goal will go into a Reserve for Replacement Fund, 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 made toward the goal, and hope the churches responding to the campaign will put us near the \$650,000 goal.