

# Camper Chronicles

2019  
Summer

Brethren Woods Camp & Retreat Center

It's HERE!

Time to Get Ready for  
SUMMER CAMP!



## SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATES

Your parents can stay up to date on your adventures at camp through our social media updates! We post pictures daily on weekly Facebook albums and you might be featured on our Instagram account or Twitter feed. When you post or share about Brethren Woods be sure to use #BrethrenWoods so we can hear about your experiences!

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## ADVENTURE SANDALS WELCOME!

Campers and staff may wear "adventure sandals" around camp and for water activities. Sandals must be comfortable for camp and include a back strap, like the one pictured. Closed toed tennis shoes are still REQUIRED for hiking, low & high ropes, and other camp activities.



## SUMMER CAMP THEME: Peace Works

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9). For some, peace is a prayer and for others, a life's work. It's a blessing we share with others and a longing within each of our hearts. Scripture is filled with stories of peace and camp is the perfect place to share them. Peace isn't always easy, but it's always worth the effort, because we know that "Peace Works."

### Daily Discoveries:

Sunday - Aloha (Luke 14:15-24); Hospitality  
Monday - Ubuntu (1 Co 12:1-27); Community  
Tuesday - Shalom (Gen. 27:1-26); Responding to Conflict  
Wednesday - Agape (John 13:1-17); God's Reconciling Love  
Thursday - Heiwa (Mark 12:28-31); Great Commandment  
Friday - Si Se Puede (Luke 10:25-29); Active Peacemaking  
Closing - Aloha (John 14:25-27); Going Out

We'll explore our daily themes and Scriptures through Morning Watch, Bible Study, Vespers, and evening Devotions!

## SERVICE PROJECT OFFERING: FairField Center

Each year Brethren Woods selects a local, national, or international organization that is doing important work as our Summer Service Project. Throughout the week of camp, there will be opportunities for you to learn more about this organization and the work that they do, as well as donate money to the cause. Sometimes there are also hands-on opportunities to support their work.

This year, we will be supporting a local organization called the FairField Center (formerly Community Meditation Center) from Harrisonburg, VA. They offer a broad range of conflict resolution services and training for individuals, businesses, and organizations with one goal in mind: solutions! They do conflict mediation services, restorative justice, business services, and training programs. They also organize the Harrisonburg International Festival held each September.



*Start saving your pocket change now to bring with you to camp!!*



## Daily Camp Schedule

### 7:00am Wake-Up!

At least one day during the week, you'll have a chance for Polar Bear swim in the pool! Brr!

### 7:45am Morning Watch

All family groups gather by the lake for a short morning worship time led by the camp Dean. Camper groups have a chance to help lead songs and assist.

### 8:00am Breakfast & Singing

Meals are served in our dining hall, where campers eat with their family groups. Family groups can cook out any meal of the day! After breakfast, we sing silly camp and praise songs!

### 9:00am Area Clean-Up

Everyone helps care for camp by picking up and spot cleaning certain areas of camp in the morning.

### 9:30am-12:30pm Morning Activities

Activities could include: crafts, nature, Bible Study, or adventures like canoeing, hiking, fishing, or tubing. Off-site adventures for youth campers may last all morning or even all day!

### 12:30pm Lunch

Meals are served in our dining hall, where campers eat with their family groups. Family groups can cook out any meal of the day!



### 1:15pm Rest Time

All family groups return to their cabins or hogans for some rest and rejuvenation before afternoon activities!

### 2:15-5:30pm Afternoon Activities

Activities could include: crafts, nature, Bible study, swimming, hiking, creek exploring, ice cream making, and more!

### 5:30pm Dinner

Meals are served in our dining hall, where campers eat with their family groups. Family groups can cook out any meal of the day!

### 6:30pm Evening Activities

Evening activities include: the Water Carnival, annual Theme Night, Service Project Night, and more!

### 8:30pm Snack

### 8:45pm Vespers

Vespers occur at Cherry Hill watching the beautiful sunset and are led by our weekly Dean.

### 9:30pm Bedtime & Devotions

After Vespers, campers get ready for bed, have devotions with their cabinmates, and then lights out!



## PACKING FOR CAMP!

It's important to have the right gear for your adventures and activities at camp! A packing list is available on our website for each camp program letting you know just what you'll need to bring and have with you. You'll need *everything* on the list! *If you have a special need and are unable to provide yourself with all of your camp gear, please contact the camp office so that we can assist you!*

### Are sandals allowed?

In addition to tennis shoes, campers may bring adventure sandals which MUST have a strap around the ankle. These may be worn around camp and for water activities, but closed toed tennis shoes MUST be worn for hikes and other adventures.

FLIP FLOPS ARE NOT PERMITTED for walking around camp.

### Modesty Guidelines

Please follow the dress code guidelines listed in the Parent & Guardian Guide when you pack your clothes for the week. These guidelines will be enforced and we'll ask you to change clothes if needed to meet these guidelines.



## CAMP PHOTOS - CD or Digital

Our camp staff take LOTS of pictures of each week of camp! Here's your chance to preserve some of your candid memories of your time at camp!

Brethren Woods is offering images from your week of camp in both a digital access and thumb drive format. If you choose the photo thumb drive— they will be shipped in August. If you choose the digital

access format—you will receive an e-mail to the archive after your week of camp. The digital and physical formats will feature the same pictures—and will include MORE pictures not found on Facebook and our social media updates.

Both formats are available for \$10! Families can sign up for Camp Photos (Thumb Drive or Digital Access) when they register for camp online, during

the first night of on-site registration, and during the week at the camp store. The \$10 payment is due when you sign up for Camp Photos on-site at camp.

*Remember our regular camper fees already cover a physical picture of the whole camp and your family group!*

## CLOSING DAY REGISTRATION

It's the last day of camp and you're packing your bags, sharing hugs, trading phone numbers, and not ready to go home yet! Why not sign-up for the 2020 Winter Camp or a 2020 Summer Camp Program!? You'll be guaranteed the early registration price for camp, your first choice of camp *before* other campers, AND receive a free gift that only closing day registration campers will get!

### How to:

1. On the last day of camp, complete a short form and pay a 50% deposit for Winter Camp and/or \$50 deposit for summer camp.
2. You'll receive information about Winter Camp in the Fall and Summer Camp in January. You can select your summer camp program and weekly session and you'll be guaranteed your first choice when you postmark the form by February 28th. Your deposit is already paid!
3. After you complete registration, you'll receive your confirmation packet just like always.

While many activities are scheduled ahead of time like swimming, Bible study, nature, crafts, low or high ropes, and adventures—each cabin group has a chance to make choices about additional activities like Gaga Ball, fishing, hiking, creek exploring, overnight experiences, and more!