

God



Self



Creation



BEAR CREEK



Community



For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. Romans 8:14

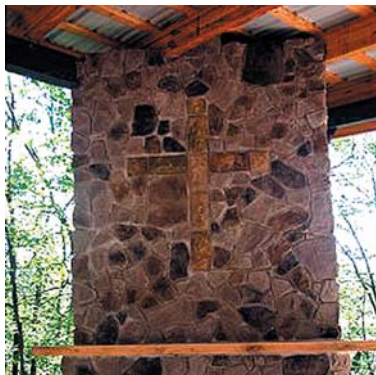


SUMMER2012



Bear Creek Camp
AND CONFERENCE CENTER

Learn more or register online at www.bearcreekcamp.org



A chance to encounter it all!



Bear Creek Camp's residential program, for children who have completed grades 1-12, is a traditional camp program centered on **spiritual growth, outdoor living** and **small group development**. Each age group experiences a mix of small-group and all-camp activities throughout their week to meet their group's spiritual, social and developmental needs.

What do we do at camp? Most camp sessions begin on Sunday afternoon and end Saturday morning. Campers spend their time living and playing together: swimming, boating, hiking, worshipping, playing games, discussing their faith, camping, making arts and crafts, learning about the environment, singing and much more.

Where do we live at camp? Campers live in a cabin or tent with 6-8 other people according to their gender and year in school. Each cabin or tent is paired with another to make a **Quest Group**. Quest Groups are generally co-ed, and form the campers' main family group for their time at camp. Each Quest Group will live in close proximity to other campers, based on grade completed.

Your camper has the opportunity to sign up for more than one session! (Campers may stay the weekend between sessions 2-3, 4-5 and 6-7 for an additional charge of \$65.)

OUR STAFF:

Bear Creek Camp's **traditional camping model** centers on small groups, with whom your child will experience the camp's program. This group is generally co-ed, led by staff members who undergo a formal application process and two or more weeks of extensive training to ensure that your camper has a great experience. These staff members must have at least one year of post high school experience. Additional volunteers of all ages support the camp program. These include visiting chaplains, nurses and others who share their gifts in a variety of ways.

CAMP FEES

Actual Cost of Running Camp

Try Camp

\$370.50

Classic Camp

\$577.20

2012 PRICE

\$294.00

\$457.00

First Time Camper *Scholarship Pricing*

N/A

\$416.00

Second Sibling *Scholarship Pricing*

\$259.00

\$402.00

Third Sibling *Scholarship Pricing*

\$224.00

\$346.00

Camperships: Camp scholarships are also available. The campership form is available on our website at www.bearcreekcamp.org or by contacting the office at 570-472-3741.

\$50 Coupon: Each affiliated congregation receives one \$50 scholarship coupon. Please see your church leader to see if this coupon is available for your use.

Congregational-based Scholarships: Some congregations have funds available to help defray the cost of camp. Contact your church leadership for more information.

See registration forms for additional discounts!

LOCATION:

Bear Creek Camp and Conference Center in Bear Creek, Pa. – the outdoor ministry site of the Northeastern and Southeastern Pennsylvania Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – is conveniently located just off the PA Turnpike and Interstate 81 near Wilkes-Barre. Situated on nearly 3,000 acres of forest, streams and fields, campers spend their days filled with activities designed to help them grow in their understanding of God, self, creation and community.



Did you know?

You pay **30% LESS** than the actual cost of camp, thanks to Bear Creek Camp donors. Camp is truly an affordable way to make lifelong memories!



Not just overnight...
 Bear Creek Camp also offers NATURE DAY CAMPS
 for children age 4 through 8th grade.
 Visit www.bearcreekcamp.org for dates and details!



CLASSIC CAMP:

Throughout their week (or less, for Try Camp), campers – as part of their Quest Group – will have time to **learn more about the Bible, hike, cook out, swim, play games, make crafts, enjoy environmental education, worship** and more. Staff will provide a well-rounded camp experience that will help campers further develop a sense of independence, enthusiasm for outdoor adventures, excitement for making new friends and understanding of biblical stories.

TRY CAMP

grades 1-2

COMPLETED GRADES 1 - 2

This 3-day program is designed specifically for young children who want to try camp for the first time. Try Camp introduces campers to sleepover camp, allowing for all the fun of camp in a condensed format. Campers sleep in comfortable cabins with modern bath facilities. Up to five other campers and a caring counselor help to make the cabin feel like home. You can choose: **Block A** – Sunday, 3 p.m. to Wednesday, 9 a.m. OR **Block B** – Wednesday, 3 p.m. to Saturday, 9 a.m.

Disciples:

Experience a two-week leadership training program. “Disciples” will learn what being a servant leader means, grow in their faith, gain skills for working with youth and more. Contact us for session dates and details.

[Completed Grades 11-12, \$675]

JUNIORS

grades 2-4

COMPLETED GRADES 2 - 4

This full-week program is designed specifically for younger children who want to spend an entire week at camp. This program gives campers opportunities to discover their sense of adventure while being part of their Quest Group.

Campers sleep in comfortable cabins with modern bath facilities. Up to seven other campers and a caring counselor help to make the cabin feel like home.

MIDLERS

grades 5-6

COMPLETED GRADES 5-6

This full-week program is designed to help campers develop their sense of adventure and decision-making skills. Campers sleep in platform tents centered around a program building that provides group meeting space and bath facilities. Up to seven other campers and a caring counselor help to make their tent feel like home (minus electricity). Campers participate in Quest Group activities that encourage them to work together, as well as having opportunities to interact with others from Middlers and Junior High Quest Groups, choosing activities that interest them.

JUNIOR HIGH

grades 7-8

COMPLETED GRADES 7-8

This full-week program is designed to help campers further develop teamwork skills while being immersed in adventurous activities. Campers sleep in platform tents centered around a program building that provides group meeting space and bath facilities. They also experience one overnight exploration of camp. Up to seven other campers and a caring counselor help to make their tent feel like home (minus electricity). Campers will gain self-confidence, see old and new friends, and have opportunities to interact with others from Junior High and Middlers Quest Groups, choosing activities that interest them.

SENIORS

grades 9-11

COMPLETED GRADES 9-11

This full-week program is designed to help campers develop their sense of adventure and outdoor living skills. For part of the week, campers sleep in platform tents centered around a program building that provides group meeting space and bath facilities. For another part of the week, they venture out on a two- or three-night exploration of Bear Creek Camp. Up to nine other campers and a caring counselor help to make the camp experience feel like home. Campers will plan and enjoy a short backpacking trip and develop lasting relationships and enthusiasm for outdoor adventures.

BEAR CREEK CAMP ALSO OFFERS THE FOLLOWING ADVENTURE TRIPS FOR OLDER CAMPERS:

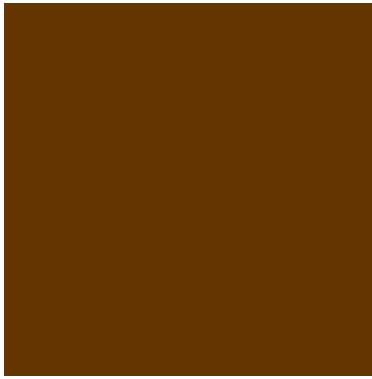
➔ **FLOAT TRIP** Session 8 campers will experience the fun of Classic Camp, sleeping out for either one or two nights, while also venturing out from Bear Creek Camp for a thrilling day of rafting. A professional rafting company, which ensures camper fun and safety, guides this trip through breathtaking scenery of the Lehigh River. [Completed Grades 7-11, \$495]

➔ **RIVER RUNNERS** An adventurous journey down the scenic Delaware River is the center of this paddle-powered week. Learn how to handle a canoe and improve your outdoor living skills as you set up camp along remote riverside campsites. Hang out with friends, worship, play and experience the fullness of living together in Christian community, surrounded by the beauty of God’s creation. [Completed Grades 7-8, \$501]

➔ **APPALACHIAN ADVENTURE** Trek down the world-famous Appalachian trail on this foot-powered adventure. Learn how to pack, dress and improve your outdoor living skills, as you set up camp at remote backcountry campsites. Experience the wonder of God’s creation and Christian community as you play, worship and enjoy the company of new-found and long-time friends along the trail. [Junior High (Grades 7-8) Trip – Four Days Backpacking \$501 / Senior High (Grades 9-11) Trip – Nine Days Backpacking \$949]

➔ **ADIRONDACK EXPEDITION** High adventure at its best! Paddle into the heart of God’s creation on this challenging two-week trek. At Bear Creek Camp, you will plan and prepare for this adventure before setting out on a nine-day paddle and portage. Within the Adirondack wilderness area, you will spend your days paddling, singing, growing in your faith, and having a spectacular time with friends, both old and new. [Completed Grades 10-12, \$1012 Raquette River Trip – Sessions 5-6 St. Regis Wilderness Trip – Sessions 6-7]

PLEASE NOTE ADVENTURE TRIP GROUP SIZE MAY BE LIMITED AND CANNOT BE RUN WITH FEWER THAN SIX CAMPERS.




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swim
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sing
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faith
friends
learn about the Bible
adventure
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