



BEAR CREEK CAMP • SUMMER 2024



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SUMMER CAMP

During our Sunday through Friday overnight program, campers will experience hiking, swimming, worship, crafts, singing, boating, high ropes, games, and more. Campers will spend time all throughout nature with old and new friends led by trained staff.

REGISTER FOR YOUR GROUP BY AGE

The camp community consists of campers from 1st-12th grade where we are centered mostly on small group activities with experiences in large group settings as well.

TRY CAMP completed grades 1-2
(Sunday-Wednesday)

JUNIORS completed grades 2-4

MIDDLEs completed grades 5-6

JUNIOR HIGH completed grades 7-8

SENIORS completed grades 9-12

ARRIVE AT CAMP AND RECEIVE YOUR LODGING ASSIGNMENT

Try Camp and **Juniors** stay in cabins near our dining hall with modern bath facilities directly within the cabins.

Middles, **Junior High** and **Seniors** sleep in cabins centered around updated program buildings that provide group meeting space and modern bath facilities.

MEET YOUR QUEST GROUP

Each cabin is paired with one other to create a Quest Group to experience the week together led by their college-aged counselors. In this small group model, campers will plan their week of activities, embark on an overnight, eat together, and build community.

GET READY FOR GREAT ACTIVITIES

All campers will experience **adventurous** activities like hiking and high ropes, **teambuilding** activities like games and low rope elements, and **thoughtful** activities like bible study and small group discussions. Throughout the week, the entire camp joins together for morning worships, beginning- and end-of-week bonfires, and other program activities including all-camp games and the dance. Activities change from week to week as no camper week is exactly alike.



2024 SESSIONS

Session 1: June 16 - 21*

Session 2: June 23 - 28*

Session 3: June 30 - July 5+

**50TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION**

Friday, July 5th

Session 4: July 7 - 12*#

Session 5: July 14 - 19#

Session 6: July 21 - 26#

Session 7: July 28 - August 2#

Session 8: August 4 - 9

* Try Camp is available Sunday - Wednesday

+ Family Camp, Artist's Retreat

Rafting trip option available

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PRICING

What does camp cost?

Recognizing that families have differing abilities to pay, we utilize a voluntary tiered pricing structure. Rather than raise prices on all families, tiered pricing essentially asks families with greater financial means to consider selecting a rate that more closely reflects the actual costs of providing camp. Tier selection does not influence the quality of the camp experience and helps us continue to provide excellent programs, staffing, and facilities to everyone that attends BCC.

TIER A - Subsidized: In order to keep camp as affordable as possible, this tier is a rate that is supported by our greater camp community through donations to camperships and other fundraising efforts.

TIER B - Direct Cost: This tier more closely reflects the direct costs of the specific expenses incurred during a camper's week including food, housing, summer staff, and program materials.

TIER C - True Cost: For families who are financially able to pay Tier C pricing, this pricing reflects necessary costs of operating camp throughout the year including maintaining facilities in good condition, insurance, utilities, and year-round staffing. By choosing this tier, you contribute to the long-term sustainability and growth of Bear Creek Camp.

	CLASSIC CAMP (SUN. - FRI.)	TRY CAMP (SUN. - WED.)
TIER A - Subsidized	\$530	\$355
TIER B - Direct Cost	\$620	\$445
TIER C - True Cost	\$710	\$525

Are there discounts?

- **Early Bird Incentive:** Those who finalize their registration by March 31, 2024 will receive a free limited-edition camp t-shirt that will be distributed upon arrival at Summer Camp
- **Sibling Discount:** First camper is full price, each additional camper from the same household will receive a \$50 discount
- **Bring-a-Friend Discount:** For each new friend that signs up, you will get a \$50 credit on your summer camp registration

* Credits will be applied to your account once both parties are fully registered for camp. You may not earn more credit than your cost of camp.

Do you offer financial assistance?

All are welcome at camp regardless of ability to pay.

In addition to the subsidies of the tiered pricing model, campership funds are available through Bear Creek Camp thanks to the generosity of donors.

The full campership form is available at bearcreekcamp.org

NEW THIS YEAR:

- **Rafting Trips!** (available sessions 4,5,6, and 7)

For ages Junior High and Senior, this is an optional day trip of whitewater rafting in the Poconos on Thursday of each session noted above. **COST: \$75.**

- **New Pavilion at Lake!**
- **Expanded High Ropes Course!**



Learn more and register online at: bearcreekcamp.org



FAMILY CAMP



During this fun-filled week, families will be able to experience the many amazing things that Bear Creek Camp has to offer. Our definition of family is a group of people of any ages that you want to stay together in a cabin.

Each day offers the choice to participate in camp activities led by BCC staff like worship, swimming, high ropes, hiking, crafts, games, devotional time, and more. Families are also welcome to adventure on their own, fellowship in community, and rest and relax surrounded by the beauty of nature. All this plus three meals a day prepared by our food service team and private accommodations make this a perfect family getaway.

Family camp will conclude on Friday. This year all are invited to continue the fun during the 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Pricing is per-person. Ages 3 and under are free.

Retreat Center Cabins*

Full Week: (Sunday Afternoon – Friday Lunch)

Ages 7+ (\$345/ person)

Ages 3-6 (\$180/person)

*4 person minimum for retreat center cabins, includes private bathroom

Program Site Cabins

Full Week: (Sunday Afternoon – Friday Lunch)

Ages 7+ (\$320/person)

Ages 3-6 (\$170/person)

Half Week: (Sunday Afternoon – Wednesday Lunch)

Ages 7+ (\$215/person)

Ages 3-6 (\$115/person)

ARTIST'S RETREAT

Surround yourself with the beauty of nature to support and inspire your art. This program is designed to provide the artist with an opportunity to work in a variety of natural environments including lakes, streams, meadows, and woodlands. Daily workshops led by our resident artist will explore different media throughout the retreat. The Artist's Retreat coincides with Family Camp which will allow the artist to cross over to any activities.

Pricing

Full Week:

(Sunday Afternoon – Friday Lunch)
\$320/person

Day Rate: (Monday – Thursday, includes lunch and dinner):
\$60/person



50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Friday, July 5th, 2024
10am – 3pm

Join the BCC community in a celebration of 50 years of summer camp ministry at Bear Creek. This day of celebration will include worship, cookout lunch, camp activities, and opportunity to connect with generations of the BCC community.

More information will be shared
bearcreekcamp.org and via email
and social media.



BEAR CREEK CAMP

Explore, celebrate & grow in God's creation!



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

A ministry of the Northeastern PA and
Southeastern PA Synods of the Evangelical
Lutheran Church in America

Bear Creek Camp and Conference Center in Bear Creek Township, 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.

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