

CBC Family Camping – Spring 2018

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Shenandoah River State Park

Date: Thursday-Saturday, May 3-5, 2018

Location: Shenandoah River State Park (http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/and.shtml).

Directions: From Northern Virginia, take I-66 West to exit 13 (Linden). Turn left at the bottom of the ramp. Go to end of road (one country block) where you'll take a right onto Rt. 55 West. Drive through the town of Front Royal (5.5 miles) to the end of the road, turn left onto 340 South (you will soon pass the entrance to Skyline Drive and Skyline Caverns on your left). Drive eight miles; the park's entrance is on the right. Drive to the end of the road and turn right. Drive to the parking lot, use camp wagons to cart your stuff to the end of the gravel path (to the Cottonwood Group Site).

Cost: Please pay for your camping trip – CBC has paid for the site and needs to be reimbursed by those who attend.

- Register & pay via the CBC website – click the “Family Camping” slider on the website homepage or go to the calendar and click the “Family Camping” calendar event for the link.
- Thursday Arrival: **\$30.00 / family**. This pays for the camp site on Thursday night & Friday night.
- Friday Arrival: **\$15.00 / family**. This pays for the camp site on Friday night.
- All meals are self-prepare and self-cook.
- Campfire Wood: buy a bundle or two of wood and bring to the “Cottonwood” group camp site. An alternative – use the camp saw and cut firewood from downed trees around the site.

Campsites: Where do I to set up my tent?

- Thursday and/or Friday Night – the “Cottonwood” Group Site is our only church site.

Meals: We have no short-order cook to cater to your appetite swings. Here's what to expect.

- CBC **might** will provide some cooking equipment (see below).
- You will provide your food & drinks for all meals.

Arrival Time: Anytime after 1:00 p.m. on Thursday (or anytime on Friday for “Friday Only” families).

Church Equipment Provided: The church owns some camping gear that we have accumulated over the years.

- Large propane camp stove
- Percolator Coffee Pot
- Some Pots, Pans, Cooking Utensils
- Potable Water Container
- Water Cooler (maybe with lemonade or ice tea mix)
- Camp saw to cut downed trees for firewood

This equipment will be available if someone/some families pick it up at the church and transport it to the campground. If nobody takes the church's camp equipment, everyone will use their own equipment which they bring.

What to Bring: For the “non-experienced” campers, here are some suggestions.

- Your own tent, sleeping bag, blankets, tarp for your tent, and an extra set of dry clothes. We sometimes attract rain!
- A cooler with ice
- Bug spray
- A camera for pictures
- A chair to sit in
- Whatever you want to drink (sodas, fruit juice) and eat for the weekend
- Lantern and flashlights
- Games or sports equipment (fishing pole and a can of worms – we are right on the Shenandoah River. You will need a VA state fishing license if you are over 16, the ranger will check!).