

Summer 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We look forward to Camp Trinity's 2024 summer season! With guidance from the American Camp Association (ACA), the CDC, NC Youth Camp Association, and the local health authorities, we are looking forward to sharing the Camp Trinity experience with your child and pleased that he/she will be with us for a 2024 camping session. This summer promises to be exciting for both our campers and our staff. The following guidelines are offered to you in preparation for your camper's attendance at Camp Trinity. Our goal is to provide an amazing camp experience for your camper surrounded by the ministry of Christian Community. **Please read this letter carefully; any additional adaptations to our plans and protocols will be communicated with parents in a timely manner as we move closer to summer.** It is very important that Camp Trinity has an updated email address for all parents and guardians. We will use this form of communication frequently to ensure that parents are aware of any details and safety protocols. Feel free to contact us if you have questions or additional concerns.

TUITION:

Full tuition payment is due by **May 1st** for **ALL** campers. A list of sessions and prices is included below. Typically parents may subtract the \$60 registration fee from the total tuition to arrive at tuition due. Credit card payments may be made by phone. **No payments will be accepted on opening day of camp.** Questions concerning tuition should be addressed to the Camp Registrar or Director at (252) 247-5600. If your session is cancelled or modified, refunds or partial refunds will be offered.

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SENIOR HIGH \$650 (tuition) - \$60 (registration fee) = \$590 (tuition due)

EXPLORERS II \$650 (tuition) - \$60 (registration fee) = \$590 (tuition due)

ADVENTURERS \$665 (tuition) - \$60 (registration fee) = \$605 (tuition due)

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SCHOLARSHIPS:

All requests for financial assistance **must be in writing** and require the signature of a priest, minister, or agency representative. Scholarship forms are available online and by request. Requests must be received in the camp office by April 30. Please note that the deposit of \$60 must be submitted for the scholarship amount to be considered. Scholarship applications are reviewed in late spring when the total amount of available funds is known. When a tuition assistance grant is made, the recipient's parents or guardian will be contacted notifying them of financial assistance granted. Please encourage other sources to help with funds as well (church, family, etc.).

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Please take careful note of the details and additions to this policy.

Yearly Health Examination Form: We must have your camper's yearly health examination form signed by a parent/guardian and a physician **NO LATER THAN 30 DAYS** before your session begins. Your physical date must be within a year of the time that you attend camp.

During registration on opening day, the camp nurse will meet with each camper and parent. At this time you should inform the nurse of any special medication or diet this camper might require and answer any questions the nurse might have. **We will NOT accept any yearly health examination forms on opening day of camp.** If we do not have your health form prior to camp, your spot will be released to someone else. **All health forms must include parent's signature, physician's signature, and insurance information.**

Medications:

- All prescription medications must be in the original pharmacy container with the following information on the label:
 1. camper's name
 2. name of medication
 3. dosage information

- Over the counter medications (Tylenol, Ibuprofen, first aid supplies) are provided and dispensed by the camp nurse as necessary. Please do not send over the counter medication to camp unless your camper is currently taking them.
- Prompt attention is given to any accident or emergency. Parents are notified immediately if a serious problem arises. If you do not plan to bring this camper to camp personally, please be certain that the adult in charge is aware of important details and that the health form has been received at camp and has valid parent and physician signatures.

HEALTH CENTER: Camp Trinity's Health Center is staffed by a registered nurse 24 hours a day throughout each session of camp. All of Camp Trinity staff is required to be First Aid and CPR certified. We are located 9.8 miles from Carteret Health Care. Parents will be notified by a director or the nurse if a camper needs to visit the doctor, a prescription is required, or the camper is required to spend the night in the health center.

SPECIAL DIETARY CONCERNS: While we can accommodate many dietary concerns and allergies, it is important to contact our office to discuss these matters ahead of time to develop an appropriate plan when necessary for your child.

SWIMMING ACTIVITIES:

We feel that each child should have a basic proficiency in swimming, sailing and paddling as part of the camp learning experience. They will get to experience and learn more about each of these areas while at camp.

On our beach day, campers will have the opportunity to swim in the ocean if beach hazard flags are flying at yellow risk. Campers will not enter into the ocean without our lifeguard protocols set in place.

We encourage everyone to participate in these areas. Exceptions to participation in these areas must be discussed with the camp director or camp nurse at registration.

CAMP REGULATIONS:

There will be no use of alcohol or illegal use of drugs.

There will be no firearms, knives, fireworks, or pets permitted.

No visitors are permitted on the camp property during a camp session without permission of the Camp Director.

When applicable, personal vehicles shall be parked in the West Parking Lot or the Beach Parking Lot during the session and are not to be used.

No personal sports equipment will be used during the camp session.

We expect all campers to stay for the entire session. It is important for your child to experience the entire camp week; therefore, we generally do not allow arrivals past opening day or departures before closing day or during the week. Any other exceptions must have been made with the Camp Director **BEFORE** opening day.

DISCIPLINE POLICY:

At the start of each session our community norms are shared in an age appropriate way for the campers to have a clear direction of the community's expectations. Campers must then follow the norms for the duration of the session.

The staff is always leading by example. Positive interaction between staff members and staff to camper interaction encourages positive behavior amongst the campers.

Our discipline system is set up hierarchically. The counselor will first attempt to deal with the discipline him/herself. Appropriate measures would include:

1. Verbal Warning
2. Time Out/Activity Privilege Withheld
3. Assistant Director notified and addresses problem with camper
4. Camp Director notified and has a meeting with the camper in the office
5. Parent/Guardian will be contacted to pick up their camper immediately

Camp Trinity NEVER engages any form of corporal punishment.

CABIN ASSIGNMENTS:

When requesting assignment with a friend, please send in your written request before May 1st. The request may be made on the application form. No more than **three** campers may request housing together in order to allow for new friendships to develop and to accommodate scheduling constraints. A parent of each camper involved in the request must make a written request. **We will take all requests into consideration; however, no requests are guaranteed. ***No changes in housing assignments will be made on registration day.**

PARENT/GUARDIAN RESPONSIBILITIES:

Openly discuss with the camper any questions or feelings of uneasiness your child may have before coming to camp. This is especially important if this is the camper's first time away from home. We ask for your encouragement and support in letting your camper know that it is important to stay at camp for the entire session. Homesickness does occur sometimes. The best "medicine" is to stay at camp and grow in the "away from home" experience. We assure you that our staff will be supportive of your child! Please support us in encouraging the child to remain at camp.

If you anticipate needing to withdraw a camper from a session early, please select another camp session or relinquish the space to someone who can attend for the entire session. Please refer to the back of our brochure for registration information and cancellation fees.

Please share with the Camp Director any special circumstance, emotional or physical, which might affect your child's experience at camp.

WHAT TO BRING/PACKING:

- A checklist of items to bring to camp is enclosed.
- Campers may want to pack a lightweight blanket. The cabins are air-conditioned and tend to get cool at night.

- We ask that cell phones, iPads, tablets, money, laptop computers, and other electronic devices be left at home. Portable stereos, iPods, and other electronic devices are discouraged and allowed only in cabins. Camp Trinity is not responsible for this equipment. Cell phones are not allowed at camp.
- We request that your camper bring clothing to camp in suitcases or duffle bags, not footlockers, as space for storing large items is limited. *Please make sure that ALL ITEMS are labeled to ensure that campers are only using their belongings.

OPENING AND CLOSING DAYS OF CAMP:

Arrival:

- Please arrive for registration on the opening day of the camp session between **3 and 5 pm**. Early arrivals are not allowed as staff availability is limited.
- Register your child in the outdoor Centrum, meet his/her counselor, and check in with the camp nurse and accompany your child to their assigned cabin.
- We encourage family members not to linger after registration in order to allow the campers to begin meeting new friends and becoming a part of camp.

Departure:

- Campers should be picked up **between 10 and 11 a.m.** on the closing day of camp. **Supervision is not available after the camp closing as staff leave soon after campers depart.** Please do not request early arrivals or late departures.
- **Please make sure you sign your camper out at the check-out table.** Also, don't forget to check out our Camp Trinity Store before you leave as well!
- In case of delay in arrival, departure, or last minute emergency, contact the Camp Director at (252) 247-5600 ext. 23. Please sign out all campers with the cabin counselor and nurse before leaving camp. Lunch will not be served on this day.

MAIL:

- Mail is anticipated by **every** camper. **To insure that your camper receives mail while at camp, you may want to bring mail to camp on registration day.** There will be a mail drop off location during your check-in, and we will deliver it on the days you indicate on the back of the envelope.

- If you choose to mail letters, we recommend that you do so the week before your camper arrives.
- The address for Camp Trinity is: Camper's name
Camp Trinity
PO Drawer 380
Salter Path, NC 28575
(252) 247-5600 (for emergencies only)
- Be sure to send a sufficient supply of self-addressed, stamped envelopes or postcards. We will encourage campers to send notes home.
- Due to storage problems with perishable food items in a cabin, we ask that care packages with food items not be brought or sent to camp. Children are provided snacks three times daily.

PHONE CALLS/VISITATION POLICY (CELL PHONES ARE NOT PERMITTED WHILE AT CAMP):

- Campers are not allowed visitors during camp. If an emergency arises, please call before you come to camp. If you plan to be away from home any day during camp, please leave your expected address and phone number with the Camp Nurse at registration.
- Personal phone calls are strongly discouraged due to the brief length of each camp session, limited phone facilities, and the disruption in the adjustment to camp. If emergency calls are necessary, the director will be glad to assist you in communicating with your child. The Camp Director will notify you in the event of any emergency or other concern. **Please note that cell phones are not allowed at Camp Trinity.** On opening day, cell phones are collected by counselors and given back at the end of the week. One of the goals of camp is for each camper to succeed with independence within a community setting; not having phones helps the camper to grow and share with peers and counselors.
- Calls to the Camp Director regarding transportation or other situations which arise during or after the opening of the camp session are welcomed and should be made

to 252-247-5600. Our answering machine will take calls if we are away from the phone. Please leave a message and we will get back in touch with you promptly.

Camp Trinity Store: If you would like to purchase Camp Trinity souvenirs/apparel, the Camp Trinity Store will be available ONLINE and on closing session days this summer. You may assist your camper in purchasing items from the Camp Store ahead of time, or order things for your campers during their session. Items ordered while campers are in session will be delivered to their cabins at a designated time. All profits from the Camp Trinity Store go directly into our Scholarship Fund. Camp Store Website: <https://camp-trinity-store.square.site/>

Thank you for the time you spend in reviewing these policies and preparing your child for camp. All guidelines and protocols are subject to change based on the most current and relevant information provided. We look forward to meeting you and your camper at the opening day of your camp session!

Mary Beth Bradberry
Director, Camp Trinity