

Summer 2013

Dear parents and guardians:

We are looking forward to sharing the Camp Trinity experience with your child and pleased that he/she will be with us for a 2013 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. **Please read this letter carefully, some of the guidelines have changed.** Feel free to contact us if you have questions or additional concerns.

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.

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS:

The enclosed health form is to be completed *yearly* for all campers. Please take careful note of this policy. To be eligible to attend the registered camp session and in order for the camp nurse to review all forms before campers arrive and thus insure the health and safety of each camper, we must have a health examination form signed by a parent/guardian and physician on file **ONE MONTH before camp begins!** At registration, the camp nurse will meet with each camper and parent. At this time you should inform the nurse and cabin counselor of any special medication or diet this camper might require and answer any questions the nurse might have. **We will NOT accept any**

health 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 parents 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.

SWIMMING REQUIREMENTS:

We feel that each child should have a basic proficiency in swimming, sailing and canoeing as part of the camp learning experience. We encourage everyone to participate in the classes of basic instruction for 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. Any other arrangements must have been made with the Camp Director **BEFORE** opening day.

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.

DISCOVERERS I	\$415 (tuition) - \$60 (registration fee) = \$355 (tuition due)
EXPLORERS I	\$415 (tuition) - \$60 (registration fee) = \$355 (tuition due)
SENIOR HIGH	\$380 (tuition) - \$60 (registration fee) = \$320 (tuition due)
EXPLORERS II	\$450 (tuition) - \$60 (registration fee) = \$390 (tuition due)
ADVENTURERS	\$430 (tuition) - \$60 (registration fee) = \$370 (tuition due)
DISCOVERERS II	\$415 (tuition) - \$60 (registration fee) = \$355 (tuition due)
EXPLORERS III	\$415 (tuition) - \$60 (registration fee) = \$355 (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 March 30.

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 parent or guardian will be contacted notifying them of financial assistance granted.

CABIN ASSIGNMENTS:

Cabin mates are assigned in order to have diverse groups of campers in each cabin.

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.**

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.

- 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 before leaving camp. Lunch will not be served on this day.

PHONE CALLS/VISITATION POLICY:

- 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.
- 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.

MAIL:

- Please write to your child often during camp. Mail call 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. Drop it off in the mail box at the registration table and we will deliver it on the days you indicate on the back of the envelope.
- 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 not be brought or sent to camp. Children are provided snacks three times daily.

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 portable TV's, cell phones, beepers, laptop computers, ipads, and other electronic devices be left at home. If cell phones are brought by campers, they should be turned off and packed away for the duration of the session. Portable stereos, ipods, portable game systems, and other electronic devices are discouraged and allowed only in cabins. Camp Trinity is not responsible for this equipment.
- We request that your camper bring clothing to camp in suitcases, not footlockers, as space for storing large items is limited.

We greatly appreciate the time you spend in reviewing these policies and guidelines and preparing your child for camp. We look forward to meeting you and your camper at the opening day of your camp session. We have a wonderful summer planned. See you soon.

Mary Beth Bradberry
Director, Camp Trinity