

Digital Photography Programs at Trinity Center:

Mindy Furrer, Program Director

Trinity Center will run four Road Scholar programs focusing on Digital Photography in the coming months. These programs offer workshops to folks who have just started using digital photography to capture the beauty and special events of their lives to those who have advanced to creating works of art with their digital camera. Topics of these programs include going off auto mode, using good composition and lighting techniques, and editing. We will use the jewel of Trinity Center's grounds as well as field trips to Beaufort, Fort Macon, and other area attractions to practice what was learned in workshops. The final night we will culminate in an art show of each participant's best shot. To register for any of these dates contact Road Scholar Boston at roadscholar.org or 800-454-5768.

Digital Photography Dates:

Photographing a Coastal Christmas
December 8-13, 2013

Using Digital Photography to Capture North Carolina's Dynamic Coast
January 12-17, 2014
January 26-31, 2014
February 9-14, 2014



Trinity Center's Vision Statement:

"Trinity Center welcomes all people to the spiritual home of Episcopalians of East Carolina, where we share God's gifts of community and hospitality in a natural coastal environment."

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Camp Trinity: Happy Reports!

Mary Beth Bradberry, Camp Trinity Director

I can't help but sit back in awe after experiencing another wonderful summer at Camp Trinity. I could fill up this entire newsletter gabbing and sharing the pride that I continue to feel while serving in this ministry. I have the privilege of witnessing campers succeed in a variety of ways: on the field at sports, in the swimming pool, on the sound, in the cabins, and even during morning program. More importantly, the children of this diocese connected with each other while at camp. During meals, in cabins, on the beach, they were talking and relating and forming Christian community. I believe that this is one of the diocese's greatest and most precious gifts, both to the children and to itself, and I see the results in many summer staff members who were once campers themselves (myself included).

Once again this summer, our Fund for Programs and Scholarships allowed us to continue to operate Camp Trinity on a need-blind basis, so that all children who obtain a place in camp are able to attend camp, and so that Christian community is available to all our children. This fund is replenished yearly by individuals and churches of the Diocese of East Carolina, and it makes possible what I consider our central ministry. This past year, we disbursed slightly over \$40,000 out of the scholarship fund.

Camp Trinity has a lot to be proud of this summer! On July 20, 2013, Camp Trinity was visited by the American Camping Association (ACA) for its Standards Visit (scheduled once every three years). Developed exclusively for the camp industry, this nationally recognized program focuses on program quality and health and safety issues and requires us to review every facet of our operation. We are thrilled to report that Camp Trinity scored outstanding marks in all areas! I continue to be overwhelmed by the blessings of Camp Trinity, and I am thankful for the opportunity to serve the diocese by being a part of this wonderful place. To all who helped camp along its way this past summer, you have my deepest gratitude. To the summer staff of 2013 goes a special thank you; I will never forget your dedication, love, and hard work.

By the way... did you know that Camp Trinity opened a Camp Store this summer? It's true! On every closing day this summer, our Camp Store was open with many fun Camp Trinity souvenirs for purchase. All proceeds from the Camp Store went directly back into the Scholarship Fund. It was a win/win for everyone! You may still purchase Camp Trinity Store items in the Point of Arrival if you are interested in supporting the Camp T Scholarship Fund and of course, getting your own Camp Trinity gear!



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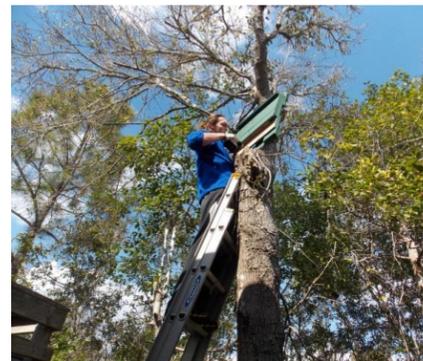
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A Home for the Bats: Bat Boxes Around Property

-Kalyn Sullivan, Sound to Sea Instructor

This past spring Trinity Center had a few additions to its property. Two bat box houses were built and placed around property by instructors from Sound to Sea, Trinity Center's environmental education program. Recently bat populations around North America have been in decline due to disease and human impact. These nocturnal mammals are vital to our ecosystems, not only because they pollinate many of our plants, but also they help control our insect populations. A single bat is able to eat as many as 2,000-6,000 insects (think mosquitos!) per night.

The most common disease affecting bats to date is the White Nose Syndrome (WNS). WNS is a fatal fungus that grows on the nose and wings. The other most prominent threat to bats is the loss of habitat due to human development. In order to reverse habitat loss, and to help aid bat populations, Trinity Center staff built bat box houses to provide a safe and available roosting site for these critters. As summer turns to fall, we are hoping some of these animals will find our boxes and use them as a place to cozy into as cooler weather moves in. If you have noticed bats around your local area, you may want to think about building a house box yourself! They are not too difficult to put together, and you would be helping a declining population in need.



Trinity Shining Stars!

The Trinity Center Shining Stars are nominated by department heads and chosen by Trinity Center's Executive Director, Penn Perry. Each person is honored with a certificate and a monetary gift and presented at Trinity Center's quarterly board meetings.

The Trinity Center Board is proud to announce that Chris VanAmburgh, Sound to Sea, and Allison Rengers, Housekeeping, were the Shining Star recipients in May. Stephanie Rudolph, Administration, and Nancy Reynolds, Point of Arrival, were the recipients in September.

Congratulations and thanks to all these employees for the hard work they do to make Trinity a successful place!



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Thank you for your gift!

The Way Forward:

-Penn Perry, Executive Director

Hi there Friend of Trinity Center. I hope your summer treated you well and that you had plenty of time to be outside enjoying the beautiful weather. Here on property, we were busy taking care of plenty of groups, individuals, and campers. Both our summer camps were running close to capacity. Sound-to-Sea Summer Day Camp actually added a session because of increased demand, and Camp Trinity survived another American Camping Association (ACA) accreditation visit. This scheduled visit happens once every three years, and we pride ourselves on passing with flying colors. Mary Beth Bradberry and her staff prepared hard and performed their best camp day for our visitors, and all indications are that we passed with highest marks.



The Trinity and Beyond capital campaign is still ongoing, and we would still be glad for you to pledge if you are interested (www.trinityandbeyond.org). The campaign has passed the critical \$1,000,000 mark in pledges, so all monies pledged now will go into the Trinity and Beyond Endowment Fund earmarked specifically for the operational upkeep of Trinity Center. At this point, we are happy to celebrate the replacement of all the original roofs on property. The decks of both East and West clusters have been replaced. Heat pumps and air handlers have been replaced all over property. We are finally ready to move through the rooms.

We intend to have all the rooms of East Cluster renovated before the end of the year, which means that we will have twelve renovated rooms and a renovated living room. Room renovations will resemble those in Rooms 11 and 12. We will move forward with the renovation of West Cluster in 2014 as soon as funds are available and our schedule allows.

Oh and by the way, I'd be remiss if I didn't mention my boys. Win and Holt are now almost twenty months old. They are walking, sometimes running, and often falling. They are eating at their own little table and getting better and better with utensils. They are using more and more actual words. They are becoming little people right before Heather and me, and it's incredible to be a part of it.

What an exciting time this is for Trinity Center. While we can never be new again, I do want us to be clean, friendly, and well-maintained. It feels as if we are finally putting a significant dent in the long-deferred critical maintenance. My hope is that you will come and visit us and notice the changes around property. For a while, it felt as if most of the improvements were less visible. Room renovations, however, are very noticeable. Come see us when you can.

Camp Trinity Reunion:

ATTENTION 8th – 12th GRADERS: Save the date! Don't forget about our FIRST EVER Camp Trinity Reunion this winter! The dates for the reunion are January 3-5, 2014 and spaces will be limited. We know you've missed Camp Trinity as much as we have this fall and hope to see you this January!

Applications and more information for the Camp Trinity Reunion will be available by mail or online mid-November. Please contact Mary Beth Bradberry, Camp Trinity Director, with any questions: marybeth@trinityctr.com or (252) 247-5600 ext. 23. Also, be sure to "Like" Camp Trinity on Facebook for updates and more information. Hope to see you there!

www.trinityctr.com/camptr
<https://www.facebook.com/CampTrinity>

New Faces: Welcome Mickie Whitley!

Mickie joined Trinity Center on Aug. 27th as the Assistant Group Coordinator, replacing Kristie Elliott who moved out of the area due to her husband's job relocation. We wish Kristie and her family the best of luck; she will be missed.



Mickie comes to us by way of Brooklyn. Though a native of North Carolina she moved around a bit, spending some time in Virginia and finally ending up in... After the destruction of Hurricane Sandy, Mickie decided to return to North Carolina. As she put it - if she has to deal with hurricanes, she'd rather live in a state that knows how to. Mickie has lots of experience as a group coordinator; she's organized everything from legal depositions to singles mixers. She fits right into Trinity Center with her love of cats, birds, and gardening. Next time you're here stop by and say hello to Mickie; she'd love to meet you!