

Summer Camps: Summer Sound to Sea and Camp Trinity

Summer Sound to Sea Day Camp began registration on February 1, 2013. Beginning June 17 and ending August 9, Summer Sound to Sea will offer five days worth of exploring, learning, swimming, singing and fun for children who are rising 1-6th graders. In addition to this, June 12-14 and August 12-14 we will have special camps for rising Kindergarteners. These campers will join us from 9AM-12PM each day and will explore a different habitat on our barrier island. Rising 7-9th graders can also join us July 8-12 for an encore presentation of the Sound to Sea All Star Camp. They will enjoy all of the things they remember about Summer Sound to Sea only at a higher level. We hope to see you this summer!



Camp Trinity is a summer program sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina and proud to be accredited by the American Camping Association.

Camp Trinity offers young people (grades 3-12) an opportunity to experience camping in an enjoyable and beautiful setting along Bogue Sound and the Atlantic Ocean. Campers share in a Christian program that helps them grow spiritually and emotionally and provides them opportunities to develop new interests, skills, and friendships.

Camp Trinity is looking forward to another fabulous summer full of children! We are excited to say that we are currently full in the majority of our camp sessions, many of them with healthy wait-lists! This year, we have continued our increase in requests for scholarship help. If you are interested in sending your child or sponsoring a child to send to Camp Trinity please let us know!

Camp Trinity's summer will officially kick off Saturday, June 1 with our Discoverers I session. Be sure to go online and check out our website: www.trinityctr.camp/campt or on our Facebook page for pictures and fun throughout the summer!



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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Rethinking the Restoration of a Landmark:

Nicole Abrams, Sound to Sea Instructor

When compared to our neighboring States to the north, hurricane Sandy passed through our island like a breeze. That weekend of October 19, 2012, Sandy brought little more than heavy winds, rain, and extra high tides; the storm was not serious enough to warrant even an evacuation of the island. Damage to the Trinity Center property was minimal and manageable, consisting of mostly broken branches and a flood of fallen leaves to be cleared. However, one area of property was not met with such good fortune. Our beloved Sanders Point surrendered much of its shoreline to the surging storm's high tides.

The tiny peninsula has long been in need of some tender, loving care. Its shoreline and marsh edges have been in a constant struggle with encroaching erosion. In the aftermath of the storm, it became clear that something had to be done soon if we wished to preserve the area. Staff from several of Trinity Center's departments, including maintenance and the Sound to Sea Environmental Education program, discussed ideas on how to protect the remaining shoreline surrounding Sander's Point. Lexia Weaver at the Coastal Federation helped us plan a method to restore the area as naturally and unobtrusively as possible.

The immediate project will consist of two parts: the marsh edges surrounding Sanders Point will be replanted with native salt marsh cord grass (*Spartina alterniflora*) and an oyster reef will be built around the shore. Together, these barriers will shield the peninsula from further erosion by lessening the strength of waves, depositing sediment, and strengthening the damaged shoreline. Water will continue to push sediment into the marsh at high tide, but less of this sediment will be able escape through the oyster reef and new grasses as the tide moves out, which will allow the broken edges of Sanders Point to slowly rebuild.

This project is all possible because of the Trinity and Beyond Capital Campaign and the generous donations that have been made towards it. In addition Lexia Weaver has added the restoration of Sanders Point to a grant that the Coastal Federation had submitted to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. This grant could result in funding for the planting of marsh grasses for the next three years, making the restoration sustainable so that Sanders Point may be enjoyed for generations to come. Trinity Center is currently in the process of acquiring the Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) permit which is necessary before the project can begin. Once all the proper paperwork has been filed, the oysters will be delivered with construction and planting set to begin soon after. Although a perspective date is still to be announced, the hope is to start the work in mid to late April. Trinity Center's Sound to Sea Environmental Education Program will soon be on the lookout for volunteers in the surrounding area to take part in the project.



Rooms 11 & 12: Renovations!

Thanks to generous contributions to the Trinity and Beyond Capital Campaign, rooms 11 and 12 are the first rooms to be renovated at Trinity Center. The bathroom now has a new tile floor, new shower, and a new wash basin. They even reconfigured the floor plan to make room for a larger shower! The bedroom has new carpet, new fixtures, new furniture, and a new ceiling fan. The cost of each room was just under \$16,000 and the total time to complete was about three weeks to finish both rooms. Two rooms down, 42 rooms left to go! Please consider a donation in honor or memory of a loved one or your parish and have a room renovated in their name.



Trinity's 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 at Trinity Center's quarterly board meetings. The Trinity Center Board is proud to announce that Rob Tyson, Food Services, and Dave Smith, Maintenance, were the Shining Star recipients in February. Congratulations and thank you so much for the hard work you do to make Trinity a successful place!

Thanks and farewell to 2012 retiring Board Members Anna Fay Campbell, The Rev. Everett Thomas, and Jennifer Warner.

Welcome and thank you for serving to new Board members The Rev. Caleb Lee, Adam Livengood, Betsy Randall, and Jo Parrott.



Farewell Bishop Daniel!

The Trinity staff said a sad goodbye to Bishop Daniel and his wife Anne, wishing them well with a cake made by the kitchen staff. Bishop Daniel and Anne have been stalwart supporters of Trinity Center, and they will be missed.



Hello Bishop Lee!

Trinity Center welcomes The Rt. Rev. Peter Lee, the new Provisional Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina. We look forward to showing Bishop Lee around Trinity Center!



The Way Forward:

-Penn Perry, Executive Director

Hi friend of Trinity Center. Here's a story for you. Most of you probably know the history of Sanders Point, our Outdoor Chapel. The small promontory that serves as the site for Sanders Point was cleared by Camp Trinity Senior High campers in 1989 and 1990. We've added to it gradually over the years, and just as gradually, it has become the most-requested spot on property. It is a uniquely beautiful spot, nestled into a small bit of maritime forest, with a spectacular view of Bogue Sound. It is also sacred ground to many. Every Camp Trinity session has a closing Eucharist at Sanders Point. I myself was married at Sanders Point, and my boys were baptized there. It is my favorite place.



You might already know from our Facebook page that our beloved Sanders Point is losing ground (literally) to Bogue Sound. Human and natural activities have eroded the marsh that serves as a natural barrier in front of Sanders Point. As the marsh has eroded, the higher tides have pulled away the soil from underneath the trees around Sanders Point. At a faster and faster rate, we have been losing the land that makes up Sanders Point.

Enter our Sound-to-Sea Staff. Our environmental educators decided that they wanted to investigate soft stabilization options and present me a proposal for protecting Sanders Point. They did their due diligence and came back with a full proposal for the construction of a marsh sill out of oyster shells. This marsh sill will serve to reduce wave action on the shore by forcing waves to break over the sill. Successful establishment of the marsh sill will also allow for replanting in the area between the sill and the shoreline. Together, the marsh sill and the replanting will protect Sanders Point.

I love so many things about this project. I love that our Sound-to-Sea residential staffers have found a way to make their mark on property. I love that they will be able to use this ongoing project as a teaching opportunity for countless schoolchildren over the next several years. Most of all, I love the literal way in which they are practicing good stewardship over God's creation. Sound-to-Sea staffers are already hard at work on the project. Next time you're here at Trinity Center, you should check up on their progress.

Oh and my boys are doing fine by the way. Win and Holt are thirteen months old and walking with more confidence every day. They've begun to dance a fair amount when we play records, which is unsurprisingly hilarious. Heather and I are looking forward to spring and summer with the boys. We plan on being outside plenty.

Come visit when you can.

Did You Know???

Did you know that Trinity Center now has wireless internet all over property in meeting spaces and all living rooms? Trinity Center even has wireless internet in the Pelican House and the Beach House! Each meeting space and living room has its own "hotspot" that provides wireless internet to the various spaces.

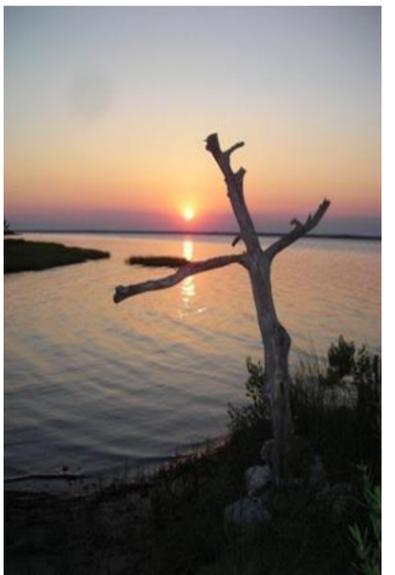
Did you know that East, West, and South Cluster Living Rooms all have cable?

Did you know that Trinity Center, Sound to Sea, and Camp Trinity all have their own separate Facebook pages? Be sure to like each of them and share with your friends!

Did you know that Trinity Center has its own blog? You can visit it by going to: trinitycenter.wordpress.com.

Did you know that our labyrinth and challenge course are available to groups if requested?

Please ask us if you have any questions or would like to inquire about any of our fun facts!



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