

CAMP TRINITY

Camp Trinity is the co-ed residential summer camp of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina that operates out of Trinity Center. Camp Trinity offers a variety of traditional camping activities (swimming, sailing, kayaking, paddle boarding, sports, evening programs, campfires) in an intentionally Christ-centered community. The camping program usually serves over 600 children of the diocese and beyond during its ten weeks of operation each year. This past summer due to a smaller capacity and COVID-19 restrictions, we served just over 450 campers. Campers attend camp each week, and they are supervised by a staff of twenty committed college-age individuals, most former campers themselves. We are happy to report a successful summer with no reported cases of COVID-19! We are so proud of the work and support from the diocese, staff, campers, and families that helped keep our camp open and safe.

One of the primary goals of Camp Trinity is “to provide a Christian camping experience that is diverse, inclusive, nurturing, loving, and affirming, while challenging each person to be responsible to and for another.” In 2021, a dedicated Camp Trinity staff certainly achieved that goal with more than 450 campers. The summer staff was supported by six nurses this summer, including a COVID-19 nurse who stayed onsite the entire summer while camp was in session if a need were to arise and to test staff members weekly. The fact that Camp Trinity ran so smoothly is a testament to the efforts and ministries of all these people. We thank you so much!

Camp Trinity does have financial assistance available for children who might otherwise be unable to attend. Each year Trinity Center and churches of the Diocese of East Carolina join hands to help children attend camp. In 2021, Trinity Center disbursed just under \$20,000 out of its Fund for Programs and Scholarships to help bring children to Camp Trinity. This fund allows us to continue to operate on a need-blind basis, so that all children who obtain a place at camp are able to attend 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. I give my deepest thanks for the generosity and ask for continued support.

Camp Trinity is open to all children, with equal preference given to members of parishes in the Diocese of East Carolina and returning campers until January 1 of each year. Applications are mailed in November each year. For more information about this program, please contact us at 888-874-6287 or at trinityctrassistantndirector@gmail.com. You may also download all applications and forms off our website: www.trinityctr.com/campt. Registration is going on now, and we look forward to welcoming more and more campers back for Summer 2022!

I feel so blessed to continue to be a part of Camp Trinity, and I'm thankful for the opportunity to serve the children of our diocese, Camp Trinity, and Trinity Center.

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