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# Parent Information Resource 2026

*What you need to know for your camper registration and camp*

Dear Parents,

We are beyond excited to welcome you and your camper to another amazing summer at Camp Albemarle! Each year, we stand in awe of the incredible things God does through this ministry, and we are confident that this summer will be no different. We are praying for life-changing moments, new friendships, and opportunities for your camper to grow in their faith while enjoying the beauty of God's creation.

This information packet is here to support you every step of the way. We know you may have questions, and our goal is to provide you with the details you need to feel confident and prepared as we get closer to summer.

As we prepare, our staff are diligently working to ensure this summer will be one your camper will remember for the rest of their life. We are committed to making this experience fun, impactful, and safe, and we can't wait to see what God has in store for each camper who joins us.

We are grateful and humbled for the opportunity to pour into your camper and can't wait to see them at Camp Albemarle!

In Christ,

Camp Albemarle Staff

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# Camp Albemarle Goals and Objectives

## **Vision:**

Cultivating leaders of tomorrow to navigate life's challenges with spiritual wisdom, compassionate hearts, and a profound commitment to enriching the world around them.

## **Goals:**

With these goals in the "I RISE" framework, Camp Albemarle can provide a holistic and transformative experience that nurtures all aspects of campers' development, from personal growth and skill acquisition to spiritual deepening and community engagement.

## **“C RISE” Goals:**

### **C – Community**

To cultivate a sense of belonging and community, encouraging participants to build lasting friendships and develop a supportive network of peers and mentors.

### **R – Resilience**

To foster personal growth by promoting self-confidence, leadership skills, and resilience through various camp challenges and experiences.

### **I – Independence**

To provide opportunities for participants to learn and develop new skills in areas such as sailing, archery, climbing, and other outdoor activities.

### **S – Self – reliance**

To ensure the physical, emotional, and spiritual safety and well-being of all participants, creating a nurturing and secure environment.

### **E – Enduring Faith**

To deepen participants' faith and relationship with God through immersive, Christ-centered activities and teachings.

## **Objectives:**

**Campers:** We aim for every camper to engage in team-building activities to foster community and inclusivity. In those team building sessions campers learn to adapt and overcome challenges. Our desire is for campers to achieve a level of proficiency in skills like archery, sailing, or climbing through progressive learning in school grade groups. We provide comprehensive safety training for our staff and review the rules to ensure all campers understand and follow safety protocols, evaluated through regular drills and feedback. We facilitate daily devotional times aiming for campers to articulate personal faith insights by the camp's end, measured using group discussions.

**Parents: Parents:** Our aim is to ensure that parents feel confident and satisfied with the growth and experiences their children gain at Camp Albemarle. We foster an atmosphere of trust and partnership by keeping parents informed and involved through regular updates via email, newsletters, and social media, detailing campers' participation in activities and personal growth. Prioritize the safety and emotional well-being of all campers. Parents can rest

assured that comprehensive safety protocols are in place. We will offer structured programs that help campers develop new skills and personal resilience. Through daily devotionals and spiritual discussions, we support the deepening of each camper's faith, providing parents with summaries and insights into their spiritual journey at camp during our closing ceremony. By fostering an inclusive environment and facilitating team-building activities, we help campers build lasting friendships and social skills, contributing to a strong sense of community.

### **How we meet these goals and objectives:**

Meeting the objectives and goals at Camp Albemarle involves a comprehensive, strategic approach that encompasses planning, implementation, and evaluation phases. Here's how we can ensure these objectives are effectively met:

### **Planning and Preparation**

1. **Staff Training:** Equip staff with the necessary skills and knowledge to deliver activities that align with the camp's goals. This includes training in leadership, safety, inclusion, and spiritual guidance.
2. **Curriculum Development:** Design a detailed curriculum that incorporates activities specifically aimed at achieving the objectives for inclusion, resilience, independence, self-reliance, and enduring faith. Each activity should have clear goals and metrics for success.

### **Implementation**

1. **Activity Execution:** Conduct the planned activities according to the curriculum, with staff leading and supervising to ensure that each activity is carried out safely and effectively.
2. **Parent Engagement:** Keep parents informed and involved throughout the year with regular updates and opportunities to engage with programs and activities. This includes sending newsletters, social media, emails for updates, and event hosted by camp.
3. **Safety Protocols:** Implement robust safety protocols and conduct regular safety drills to ensure the physical and emotional safety of all campers. Staff should be prepared to manage any incidents and provide support as needed.

### **Evaluation**

1. **End-of-Session Evaluations:** At the end of each session, conduct comprehensive reviews with staff and online evaluation from campers to evaluate the success of the program and identify areas for improvement.
2. **Adjustments and Improvements:** Use the feedback and assessment data to make real-time adjustments to activities and approaches. This ensures that the camp is responsive to camper needs and any emerging challenges.

# Registration

**Camp Albemarle only accepts online registrations.** Registrations are accepted and camp sessions are filled in order registrations are received. If your choice of camp is full, please see information on our waiting list below.

**Deposit:** A minimum of 20% of cost of camp non-refundable and non-transferable deposit by electronic check, Visa, Mastercard, or Discover is required online to reserve a camp session.

**Payment Plans:** Payment plans are available during registration. Based on when you register you may be able to select installment payments for up to 8 months and all balances must be made by June 1st.

**Final Payment:** If the full balance of camp is not paid by June 1st, the payment will be drafted from the original form of payment through Camp Brain. If you are awaiting a scholarship, make sure the payment is received by Camp Albemarle prior to June 1st.

**Service Fee:** If your final payment fails for any reason, or if your payment is not received by June 1st, a \$50 per session, per child service fee will be charged to your account on June 2nd.

## **Cabin Mate Policy:**

Please list the full name of **ONE CABINMATE** your child would like to be paired with. The cabinmate must be registered for the same camp and camp week. This request must be mutual, meaning both campers must request each other. To keep things fair and simple, **we cannot accommodate requests for groups or multiple cabinmates.** To avoid any confusion or disappointment at check-in, please make sure to confirm the cabinmate choice is mutual. If you have any questions or need clarification, feel free to give us a call. No changes to cabinmate assignments can be made at check-in.

## **Waiting List Policy:**

If your preferred camp is full, you can add your child to the waiting list through our registration system. Should a spot become available, we will contact you by phone. You will have **24 hours** to respond. If we do not hear from you within that time, your camper will be removed from the waitlist. \*If you no longer wish to keep your child on the waitlist, it is your responsibility to notify us.\*

## **Cancelation and Refunds:**

### **Cancelation Policy**

1. For cancellations up to 21 days before camp, a refund will be given of the balance paid, minus \$50 per session per child.
2. There will be no refund for cancellation within 21 days of the camp event.
3. Once the camp session begins, there are no refunds. (*Campers who are sent home during camp due to illness, inappropriate behavior, or homesickness are not eligible for a refund.*)
4. The camp director reserves the right to dismiss any camper whose conduct becomes in any way detrimental to the best interests of other campers. No refunds will be given in these cases.

### **Options for Cancelations**

1. Contact us: Email at [office@campalbemarle.org](mailto:office@campalbemarle.org) or phone at 252-726-4848 x1001
2. Switch weeks/camps: If you would like to cancel a registration to switch into a different camp or week, please contact our office at 252-726-4848 x1001

### **Financial Assistance:**

Please contact our Office Administrator at [office@campalbemarle.org](mailto:office@campalbemarle.org) so we can send you the appropriate forms.

### **Waivers for Adventure Camps:**

You will be contacted via email by our staff prior to arriving to camp if your camper is signed up for Adventure Trek or LITs with attached waiver forms.

### **Camp Albemarle Store:**

The camp store is a fun part of every camper's experience! Overnight campers usually visit the store 4 times, although some adventure campers come less often because they are off site so much. Day Adventures visit 5 times and Mini campers visit once. Store times are scheduled activities. Your camper will visit the store with his/her family group.

The Camp Albemarle store has items ranging from 1 to 60 dollars. Items sold in the store include t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, blankets, water bottles, mugs, toys, bags, flashlights, stickers, postcards, snacks, candy, drinks, etc. We restrict each camper to 1 drink, 1 candy & 1 snack during each scheduled visit.

Camp Albemarle requests that overnight campers prepay into their store accounts. You can prepay when you register, log back into your registration account to prepay, or prepay on check in day. If you need to add money to your camper's account, please log into your registration account. The average camper store account is \$30, although there is a wide variation among campers. If your camper has money left in his/her account at the end of their camp session, we can refund it to you by informing our camp store manager at check-out (if paid in cash we can refund that day, if paid by card it will take a couple weeks to refund back to card) or you can leave the money in the account, and we'll transfer the money to our campership fund.

Store purchases can be made during check-in and/or check-out. Payment can be made using cash, check or credit/debit card. We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express.

### **Emergency/Sickness:**

Camp Albemarle's Infirmary is staffed 24 hours a day to handle medical situations. Parents will be contacted if there are concerns about their camper's health or if a condition does not improve as expected. In the event of an emergency or accident, parents or guardians will be notified immediately. Only the Administrative Staff, Nurse on Duty, or Day Adventure Director (for day campers) will make these calls in emergencies.

If your child is taken to a medical facility, your family's health insurance will be billed. You will also be informed of and responsible for any additional medical expenses, such as special medications or supplies recommended by the physician. If a camper's illness requires them to remain sick for more than 24 hours, parents or guardians will be asked to pick them up from camp.

## **Check-In/Arrival**

### **Check-In Procedures:**

#### **Overnight and Adventure Camps**

Location: Camp Albemarle on the Sound, 156 Albemarle Dr, Newport, NC, 28570 Check-In

Time: Begins at 3:00 PM on Sunday

1. Arrival: When you arrive at Camp Albemarle, staff members will be waiting by the road to greet you. They will provide you with welcome information and assign you a number. This number determines your place in the check-in line.
2. Parking: At the direction of the staff, you will drive into the field beside the pool and park. Please remain in your vehicle until your number is called or you receive other instructions from staff.
3. Proceed to Check-In: When your number is called, please bring everything you can carry to the check-in table located in front of the office. If you have additional items, you can make a second trip by looping around the bathhouse to avoid traffic at the check-in area.
4. Cabin Drop-Off: After completing the check-in process, proceed to your camper's cabin. At the cabin, feel free to share any helpful information with the counselors and assist your camper in moving in and setting up their bunk.
5. Goodbyes: Once everything is settled, give your camper a hug, say your goodbyes, and have a safe ride home!

#### **Safety Information:**

- Speed Limit on paved road is 10mph and 5mph on gravel.
- Camp Albemarle is a Tobacco Free Facility, No Smoking or vaping permitted
- **No pets are allowed**

## **Adventure Day Camps**

Location: Camp Albemarle in the Pines, 1201 Sam Hatcher Road, Newport, NC, 28570  
Check-In Time:

- Monday: 8:30-9:00 AM
- Every other day: 9:00 AM

1. **Arrival:** Upon arriving at Camp Albemarle in the Pines, follow the signs and guidance of our staff to ensure a smooth check-in. This will be a drive-through process, so please stay in your vehicle.
2. **Direction to Pavilion:** At the sign's direction, turn left onto the gravel road leading to the pavilion. Once there, a counselor will assist your camper in exiting the vehicle.
3. **Sign-In Process:** As your camper exits, a staff member will sign them in and confirm the names of those authorized to pick them up.
4. **Medication Drop-Off:** After your camper is signed in, you'll move forward to the side where you can drop off any medication with the health staff. If your camper does not have any medication, you can skip this step and continue driving.
5. **Exit:** After check-in is complete, continue down the gravel road and turn right, re-entering Sam Hatcher Road.

### Safety Information:

- Sam Hatcher Road is graveled, once on camp property the speed limit through camp is 5mph
- Camp Albemarle is a Tobacco Free Facility, No Smoking or vaping permitted
- No pets are allowed

### Late Arrivals:

If you know in advance that your camper will be arriving later than normal check-in time, please email [office@campalbemarle.org](mailto:office@campalbemarle.org) to let them know your camper's name and planned arrival time. If you are stuck in traffic on the day of check in and or something comes up and you need to check-in later, please call the office at 252-726-4848 x1001 and leave a message with an estimated time of arrival and your camper's name.

# **Keeping in Touch With Your Camper**

(what to do/what not to do)

**Letters and packages from parents:** For any packages, **DO NOT** send candy, baked goods, or packaged food of any kind. Food and sweets are magnets to all kinds of critters! To discourage

the sending of food or candy, any received will be disposed of. Campers are offered dessert daily and special treats on occasion.

If you plan to send a letter through the US Postal Service, please make sure it is postmarked two weeks in advance of their arrival. Letters that arrive after they have departed are not forwarded on to the camper. We also accept letters and packages at check-in.

Send postal mail to the following address:

Your camper's name  
c/o Camp Albemarle  
156 Albemarle Drive  
Newport, NC 28570

**Email:**

The information on how to send emails will be given at check-in. Emails will be printed Monday-Thursday at 9:00 AM and delivered at dinner. Remember the cut-off is 9:00 AM. Make sure to send in time for it to be delivered on the day you want it delivered. Campers do not have the ability to send outgoing emails.

**Letters from Campers:**

If you wish for your campers to write home be sure to include a self-addressed stamped envelope with them. Each summer we receive letters back that are addressed incorrectly by our campers. These letters are precious but due to time, cost, and the inability to determine who to send them to we must throw them away. This can be avoided, and you can receive these letters by helping your campers out with stamps, self-addressed envelopes and stationery.

**Pictures:**

The information on how to view the photos will be given out at check-in. We will also provide pictures online, however, due to the number of campers and activities that we have, your child may or may not be photographed. Unfortunately, the photo software does not allow us to create photo groups for easier searching. By the end of the week, we strive to have at least one photo of each camper.

Photos of adventure campers typically will not be uploaded until late Thursday since many of these camps are offsite for much of the week.

**Visiting/Telephone:**

We discourage visits during the week your child is attending camp. This is to allow your child to build self-esteem and independence. We can make arrangements for you to tour camp prior to the summer. Just call to arrange a visit. If you have any questions about your camper or the camp experience while your child is at camp, please feel free to call Camp Albemarle. Your

child is not accessible by phone unless it is an emergency. Please do not promise your child that he/she can call home as campers do not have access to the telephone.

## Getting Ready for Camp

**Dress Code:** We have a dress code of modesty. Nothing with slogans promoting alcohol, sex, tobacco, drugs, profanity, or death themes. One-piece swimsuits for girls (tankinis that cover the entire belly are allowed); swim trunks instead of briefs (Speedos) for boys. You may wear a t-shirt over your swimsuit for swimming, if you wish. Girls should not wear sports bras alone, tops too short to tuck in, short shorts, or tight clothes. Tank tops are ok, but should not be underwear style, or show belly or bra. Guys do not go shirtless except at waterfront or pool, nor should their underwear ever show. No underwear style tank tops. Shoes, shirts, and pants/shorts are to be worn in the dining hall, as required by the Health Department. Sandals are permitted. Closed-toed shoes are needed for some activities and water shoes for the playing in the sound.

**What to Bring:** [www.campalbemarle.org](http://www.campalbemarle.org)

*Note: there are very specific packing lists on our website. Please review these.*

### **Overnight Campers**

#### PLEASE LABEL YOUR BELONGINGS

- Bible, notebook and pen/pencil
- Water bottle with a screw on lid
- Short sleeved shirts
- Raincoat/poncho or rain gear
- Towels and washcloths
- Pillow
- A fan to plug in
- Sleeping bag or linens and blanket for a single bed
- Sunscreen and insect repellent
- Extra socks
- Swimsuit appropriate for camp (2 if you have them) (female: 1 piece, males; swim trunks, no speedos)
- Pair of athletic shoes
- Pair of water shoes or river sandals (sandals with heel strap) for exploring in Bogue Sound
- Flashlight or headlamp
- Shorts and long pants

- Long sleeved t-shirt
- Sweatshirt and sweatpants for cool weather
- Personal items (toothbrush/toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant)
- Good sturdy shoes
- Sleeping foam pad (if desired)
- Extra dry clothes
- Clothing that can get dirty
- Plastic bag to put wet clothes in
- Dirty laundry bag
- Hat (if desired)
- Any medications you are taking (must be turned into healthcare staff at check-in)
- Beach towel to use at the pool and waterfront
- Something to pack all of your items in (large suitcase/duffle bag, tote, or trunk)

### **Day Adventure Campers**

PLEASE LABEL YOUR BELONGINGS

- Backpack
- Bible, notebook and pen/pencil
- Water bottle with a screw-on lid
- Raincoat/poncho or rain gear
- Towel
- Pair of athletic shoes and water shoes
- Sunscreen and insect repellent
- Swimsuit appropriate for camp (2 if you have them) (female: 1 piece, males; swim trunks, no speedos)
- Hat (if desired)
- Change of clothes
- Any medication you are taking (must be turned into healthcare staff)

### **What NOT to bring:**

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Camp Albemarle prohibits the use of the following and is not responsible loss, damage, or theft, if any of the following items are brought to camp:

- Alcohol, tobacco, drugs, any type of smoking device
- Skateboards
- Devices that play video
- Personal sports equipment
- Devices that connect to the internet
- Televisions or dvd players

- No clothing with slogans promoting alcohol, sex, tobacco, drugs, profanity, or death themes
- Video cameras, video games (including handhelds)
- Cell phones
- Computers, ipads, ipods, tablets, e-readers, smart watches
- Knives, firearms, or other weapons
- Pets of any kind
- Matches or lighters
- Aerosol cans
- Walkie talkies
- Food, candy or gum
- Expensive cameras, jewelry and/or watches

## Healthcare and Food Allergies

### Medications:

The Medical Form can be completed online through the same account used for camper registration. If your camper will be bringing medication to camp, please ensure the Camper Medication Administration Record ([MAR](#)) Form is also completed.

The Medication Administration Record ([MAR](#)) Form must be signed by both the parent/guardian and the camper's authorized prescriber (physician, dentist, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse) for *each* medication the camper will bring to camp.

These forms are required annually; however, if your child is attending multiple sessions within the same summer, they only need to be submitted once. Please complete and upload these forms online 2 weeks before session and bring a copy to check-in.

**Camp Albemarle cannot accept ANY medication that is not in the original container.** If this happens at check-in parents will be asked to bring back the correct medication in the original container again that day. Please properly handle medications and be prepared to check them in with our nurses.

### Food allergies:

Our kitchen is peanut, tree nut, seafood, and shellfish free!

Camp Albemarle is dedicated to providing every camper with a positive and enriching camp experience. We ensure that the dietary needs of campers with food allergies are fully addressed, so that these requirements do not interfere with their camp experience.

By attending a summer camp program at Camp Albemarle, a partnership is formed between parents, their child, and the camp. This partnership, built on mutual understanding and cooperation, creates a circle of protection, where everyone's roles and responsibilities are clearly defined to ensure a rewarding and successful experience. Please note that outside food is not permitted at camp unless it is specifically related to a food allergy. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's specific needs, please feel free to contact our Food Service Director at [shelly@campalbemarle.org](mailto:shelly@campalbemarle.org).

### **The role of the parents:**

As an essential partner in ensuring the safety and well-being of your child, parents are responsible for the following:

1. **Clearly document your camper's food allergy** on the Medical History Form and review the information thoroughly.
  - a) If needed, attach a detailed explanation of the symptoms your camper typically experiences during an allergic reaction. Include a list of foods to which the camper is allergic and the specific symptoms
  - b) We encourage parents to contact our Food Service Director, Shelly, directly with any concerns: [shelly@campalbemarle.org](mailto:shelly@campalbemarle.org).
  - c) Ensure your child is aware of their food allergies, understands the symptoms of an allergic or anaphylactic reaction, and knows the emergency procedures in case of an incident.

### **Educate and regularly review with your camper the self-management of their food allergy.**

Your camper should know:

- a) Which foods are safe and which are not;
- b) Strategies for avoiding exposure to allergens;
- c) The symptoms of an allergic reaction;
- d) How and when to alert an adult about a possible allergic reaction;
- e) How to read food labels, especially in the camp store;
- f) How to use an epinephrine auto-injector (such as an EpiPen), if applicable

### **The roles of a camper:**

As an essential partner in the circle of protection, the camper is responsible for the following:

- Thoroughly washing hands before and after meals
- NEVER trading food with unknown ingredients
- Avoiding any food with unknown ingredients
- Reading labels and consulting with a counselor when purchasing items at the camp store.
- Being proactive in managing mild reactions by seeking help with an allergic reaction is suspected
- Informing a counselor or the nearest staff member immediately if they suspect an allergic reaction, even if no symptoms are visibly present
- NOT isolating themselves if symptoms of an allergic reaction begin to develop

**The role of food services:**

- A list of allergens is displayed near the serving line at each meal. If you have specific concerns, please contact our Food Service Manager, Shelly, [shelly@campalbemarle.org](mailto:shelly@campalbemarle.org).
- Campers are called to the serving line by their group numbers, where they have the option to choose what they would like on their plates.
- During the summer season, Camp Albemarle's kitchen offers a wide range of allergen-friendly options. For example, a full salad bar is available during both lunch and dinner. For more details, please reach out to our kitchen manager.

**Emergency action plan:**

If a camper is accidentally exposed and experiences a reaction, the camper will receive treatment by the Nurse on duty. The nurse will administer any drug or substance prescribed by a doctor to relieve the effects of the allergen. In the event of a life-threatening food allergy emergency, Camp Albemarle's emergency action plan immediately starts which includes a call to 911.

You, the parent, will be notified by phone of the incident and the care provided.

**Check Out/Departure****Check-out procedures:****Overnight and Adventure Camps**

**Location:** Camp Albemarle on the Sound, 156 Albemarle Dr, Newport, NC, 28570

**Closing Ceremony:** Begins at 2:00 PM on Friday

**Arrival Time:** Please plan to arrive no earlier than **1:30 PM** to pick up your camper

1. **ID check:** Upon arrival, please have your ID ready for staff to check at the road before parking
2. **Parking:** Following the direction of our staff, you will park in the field beside the pool.
3. **Closing ceremony:** Make your way to the Vesper Dell by the water, where we will have our closing ceremony. Please wait until after the Closing Ceremony to pick them up.
4. **Medication pick-up:** Retrieve any medications turned in during check-in from the healthcare staff.
5. **Lost and found:** Check the lost and found, located in front of the Camp Store, for any misplaced items
6. **Luggage:** Collect your camper's belongings from their cabin, ensuring you have everything you brought.
7. **Conversation:** On the way home, take time to listen and ask questions about your camper's experience at Camp Albemarle!

**Day Adventure Camps**

**Location:** Camp Albemarle in the Pines, 1201 Sam Hatcher Road, Newport, NC, 28570

**Check-out time:**

- **Daily:** begins at 4:00 PM
- **Friday:** Begins at 3:45 PM

1. **Arrival:** Upon arriving at Camp Albemarle in the Pines, follow the signs and guidance of our staff to ensure a smooth check-out. This will be a drive-through process, so please stay in your vehicle.
2. **Identification:** Each day, please bring identification to verify that you are one of the approved individuals authorized to pick up your camper.
3. **Follow check-in instructions:** Follow the same directions given during check-in for where to go for the check-out each day.

**Friday check-out specifics:**

1. **Medication pick-up:** retrieve any medications turned in during check-in from the healthcare staff
2. **Camp Store Balance:** If your camper has money left in his/her account at the end of their camp session, we can refund it to you by informing a staff member at check-out (if paid in cash we can refund that day, if paid by card it will take a couple weeks to refund back to the card) or you can leave the money in the account, and we'll transfer the money to our campership fund.

**Lost and found:**

- Camp Albemarle is not responsible for items left behind, lost, or stolen
- Parents are urged to label all clothing and personal items with a permanent marker with the camper's full name, not just initials
- Items found during each week of camp are displayed at closing ceremonies
- Items with first and last names will be held for 7 days. Any items not claimed after 7 days will be given to charitable organizations. Parents will be responsible for the cost (shipping and handling) of mailing any items
- Please call our office as soon as you realize your camper is missing an item, 252-726-4848 x1001 or email [office@campalbemarle.org](mailto:office@campalbemarle.org)
- Items without names will be donated to a charitable organization at the end of each week

**Additional policies/information:**

1. Should there be a reasonable or probable cause, for the health and safety of all campers and staff, your camper may be asked to inventory his/her belongings in the presence of administrative staff.

2. **Regarding friendships:** Camp Albemarle emphasizes friendships at camp rather than “relationships” and we do not allow PDA (public/private displays of affection) that go beyond friendship. Campers will be dismissed for inappropriate sexual behavior.
3. **Graffiti:** We reserve the right to charge a fine or request actual clean-up for violation.
4. **Discharging fire extinguishers** unnecessarily is very dangerous. A fine is charged for this act. For more policies please go to [to our website](#)

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What medical information is required?**

All families must complete the Medical Form during the registration process. If there are any updates to your child’s immunization records, it is the parent’s responsibility to update these records online at least one week before your child’s arrival at camp. Please note that we do not accept mailed paper copies of immunization records; all updates must be submitted through the online registration system.

### **Can someone other than myself pick up my child?**

Yes, but only with prior authorization. During registration, you designated individuals authorized to pick up your camper. **Under no circumstances** will a camper be released to anyone other than the parent/guardian without explicit consent from a parent or guardian. If you need to update this information, please contact our office at [office@campalbemarle.org](mailto:office@campalbemarle.org) or call **252-726-4848** to add the authorized person.

### **Does my child need medical insurance?**

Medical insurance is not required for camp attendance. However, during registration, we will request a copy of your insurance card, along with the name of your insurance provider, member ID, group number, and contact information.

If you are privately paying, please note this on your medical form and contact our office to waive the insurance card part of registration at [office@campalbemarle.org](mailto:office@campalbemarle.org). Military families should also note their status on the medical form and reach out to the office administrator at the same email address.

Please be aware that you are responsible for any medical expenses incurred by your child, such as doctor visits, x-rays, treatments, or hospitalization. These costs will be billed directly to you or your insurance provider. Any charges for medications will be applied to your account. Additionally, please be prepared to reimburse Camp Albemarle for any copays or out-of-pocket expenses related to medical treatment or medication.

### **What is the food like?**

Our meals are served buffet-style in the dining hall, offering a variety of options to suit different tastes. For breakfast, we provide a yogurt and cereal bar in addition to the main meal. For lunch and dinner, a full salad bar is available. We also offer a vegetarian option at every meal. With a wide selection of healthy, high-quality foods, we ensure that everyone stays well-fed and satisfied.

### **What are the cabins like?**

Our cabins are equipped with bunk beds, screens, and fans to ensure comfort. The smaller cabins accommodate 1 Counselor and 5 campers, while the larger cabins house 1-2 Counselors and 7-14 campers.

Bathrooms are not attached to the cabins; instead, campers use a central bathhouse that features hot and cold running water, sinks, toilets, and individual shower stalls. What safety measures are in place at the waterfront on the sound?

We prioritize safety by having our waterfront coordinator and one or more lifeguards supervise all waterfront activities, including dock parties and sailing. Lifeguards undergo extensive training during staff orientation, covering various rescue techniques, and our waterfront coordinator is specifically trained in motorized boating rescues. Additionally, campers are required to wear lifejackets for all sound-based activities.

**Is my child required to have a certain swimming ability?**

Your child's swimming ability will be assessed on the first day. All campers are welcome to participate in the "shallow water swim." However, to join the "deep water swim," campers must be able to swim 25 yards across the pool without stopping and tread water for 1 minute.

**What kind of medical facilities do you have?**

Our health center is staffed 24 hours a day by a health official and/or registered nurse who administers prescribed medications and provides routine medical care. In the event of an emergency, ambulance services and paramedics are located just a few miles away. The nearest hospital, Carteret General Hospital, is approximately 15-20 minutes from camp.

**Where do campers come from?**

While many of our campers are from the East Coast, we welcome campers from all across the United States.

**How are campers assigned to cabins?**

Campers are assigned to cabins based on their grade and gender. For our overnight camps, we make every effort to ensure no child is alone in a cabin while others are with friends, though this may vary depending on the week's camper population. Campers can request to be in the same cabin as a friend, but **only one cabinmate request per child will be honored**, and the request must be mutual. We do not accommodate group requests beyond one mutual friend.

**What camp rules should I review with my child before camp?**

At Camp Albemarle, we keep rules simple to give campers the freedom to make their own decisions while ensuring a safe and positive environment. We ask campers to follow three core expectations:

1. **Have Respect:** Show respect for yourself, others, and camp property.
2. **Be Safe:** Prioritize safety in all activities at camp.
3. **Have Fun:** Make the most of your camp experience and enjoy it!

In short, we expect campers to treat others and their belongings the way they would want to be treated. By discussing these expectations with your child before camp, they'll be set up for a fun and rewarding experience.

**If there is an emergency at camp or home, how do I contact my child?**

- **Personal Emergencies:** If your family needs to reach camp or your child due to a personal emergency, please contact us at **252-726-4848 x1001**.
- **Emergency at Camp:** In the unlikely event of a camp-wide emergency, we will make every effort to provide information as quickly as possible. Our first point of contact will be **email**. Ensure we have your current email address by updating it in your registration account or by calling our office at **252-726-4848 x1001**.
- Urgent email messages will be sent from [office@campalbemarle.org](mailto:office@campalbemarle.org). To avoid missing these, please add these addresses to your contacts or check your spam filter.
- We may also reach out by phone via voice or text message. Please check your email and phone for updates before contacting us.
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- **National or Regional Emergency:** Communication procedures will be the same as for a camp emergency.

**Do I really need to label ALL of my child's belongings?**

Yes! Each summer, we end up donating many lost and found items to charitable organizations. While this benefits others, we'd much rather your child's belongings make it home with them.

**Please label everything** with a permanent marker or name labels. Creating a packing list for your child to check off when they're preparing to go home can also help. Before leaving camp, be sure to check the lost and found to ensure nothing is left behind.

We do not automatically ship lost and found items home. If something is left behind, please email a description of the items to **office@campalbemarle.org**. If located, parents will be responsible for shipping and handling fees through the United States Postal Service.

**Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco, and Fireworks:**

The use of illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or fireworks by campers is strictly prohibited and will result in immediate dismissal without a refund. This also includes the misuse of matches or lighters in any unsafe manner.

**What are the grounds for dismissal from camp?** Campers who pose a threat to their own safety or the safety of others will be required to leave camp. Additionally, any camper who disrupts the camp experience for others may also be asked to leave. In these cases, no refund will be provided.

**Does my child have access to computers or TV?** No, computers, TV, and video games are not part of our program at Camp Albemarle. With so many engaging activities available, campers have plenty of opportunities to enjoy their time without electronics.

**Can I bring my pet to camp?** No, pets are not permitted at camp.