PATHFINDER

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LOCATION

Camp Albemarle on the Sound
156 Albemarle Drive
Newport, NC 28570

OVERVIEW

Get ready for an unforgettable week of exploration and adventure with Camp Albemarle's **Pathfinder Camp**! This exciting program takes campers beyond the campgrounds and into the wild beauty of the Bogue Shores. Campers will explore the marshes and beaches around Fort Macon, learning about the unique coastal environment while hiking, discovering marine life, and enjoying the great outdoors. The adventure doesn't stop there—campers will also develop valuable outdoor skills as they camp out at our new property at the Pines, where they'll set up tents, build campfires, and cook their own meals, including the classic Hobo meal and s'mores!

Pathfinder Camp is not only about outdoor adventure but also about growing in faith. Each day is designed to nurture campers' spiritual growth through meaningful interactions with nature and intentional faith-based programming. Starting with **Morning Watch**, campers receive a thought-provoking "seed for the day" to focus on. In **Bible Study**, they dive deeper into scripture, gaining insights and wisdom to support their faith journey. By evening, during **Vespers**, a staff member or local pastor leads a session that ties everything together, helping campers establish deep roots in their faith. Finally, **Devotions** offer a chance to reflect, ask questions, and grow closer to Christ.

Beyond camping and outdoor exploration, Pathfinders will enjoy thrilling activities like **sailing**, the **giant swing**, **archery**, **low ropes course**, **arts and crafts**, **tree climbing**, **swimming**, and of course, **skit night** for a bit of creative fun. (Be sure to check out our mock schedule for more details!)

Campers will experience all of this in **family groups**, typically consisting of 5 boys and 5 girls with both a male and female counselor. These groups stick together throughout the week, participating in all activities as a team. While campers will stay separately by gender in platform tents or pitched tents during off-site camping, the bonds they form will create lasting memories. Depending on enrollment, some family groups may be single-gendered, and all groups are arranged by camper age and cabinmate requests.

With Pathfinders, campers will experience a week of adventure, teamwork, and spiritual growth in a setting that connects them with God's creation and fosters friendships that will last a lifetime!

PHYSICAL FITNESS

- Hiking 3.3 Miles
- Swim test; 25 yards without stopping and tread water for 1 minute

SKILLS LEARNED

- Campsite setup/teardown
- Outdoor kitchen safety
- Campfire cooking

PACKING LIST

(Please label your belongings)

- ○ Bible, notebook & pen/pencil
- ○ Water bottle with a screw-on lid
- ○ Short sleeved shirts
- ○ Raincoat/poncho or rain gear
- ○ Towels & washcloths
- ○ Pillow
- ○ Sleeping bag
- ○ Sunscreen & insect repellant
- ○ Extra socks
- ○ Swimsuit appropriate for camp (2 if you have them) (female: 1 piece, males; swim trunks, no speedos)
- ○ Pair of water shoes or river sandals (sandals with a heel strap)
- ○ Flashlight or headlamp
- ○ Shorts & long pants
- ○ Long sleeved T-shirt
- ○ Sweatshirt and sweatpants for cool weather
- ○ Personal items (toothbrush/toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant)
- ○ Good sturdy shoes for hiking
- ○ Extra dry clothes
- ○ Pair of athletic shoes
- ○ 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 in to Healthcare Staff)
- ○ Beach towel to use at the pool and waterfront
- ○ Something to pack all yout items in (large suitcase/duffle bag, tote or trunk)
- ○ Sleeping foam pad (if desired)

Camp Albemarle is devoted to the safety of every camper, efforts are made to provide safety devices, equipment, procedures, and proper training to all staff. However, as in any outdoor experience, there exists an inherent risk/danger in all camp activities.

REMINDER: Please keep electronic devices at home – this includes cell phones **(if a camper is found with a cell phone, it will be taken and given back at the end of the camper session)**

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