Pioneer

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LOCATION

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

OVERVIEW

Get ready for a thrilling week of exploration and discovery with **Pioneer Camp** at Camp Albemarle! Campers will experience the wild beauty of Bear Island as they hike its scenic trails, learning about the coastal environment and honing their outdoor skills. But the real adventure begins when they take a ferry to a remote island, where they'll set up camp for the night. Campers will have the opportunity to pitch their own tents, build campfires, and cook delicious meals in a backcountry camping stove, including of course, s'mores!

At **Pioneer Camp**, the adventure goes beyond outdoor activities. We are committed to nurturing spiritual growth through meaningful interactions with nature and intentional faith-building experiences. Every day begins with **Morning Watch**, where campers receive a "seed for thought" to focus their spiritual journey. During **Bible Study**, they dive deeper into God's Word, nourishing their faith with teachings from scripture. As the day winds down, **Vespers** brings campers together with staff or a local pastor, grounding them in the day's lessons and strengthening their connection with Christ. The day concludes with **Devotions**, offering a time to reflect, ask questions, and grow further in their spiritual walk.

In addition to camping and hiking, **Pioneer Camp** offers a wide range of exciting activities that will keep campers engaged and energized. From **sailing** on the sound to tackling the **giant swing**, testing their aim at **archery**, or getting creative with **arts and crafts**, there's something for everyone. Campers can also challenge themselves on the **low ropes course**, **tree climb**, take a refreshing dip in the pool, and enjoy the fun of **skit night**! (See our mock schedule of events for a full list of activities.)

Campers are placed in **family groups**, typically consisting of 5 boys and 5 girls, led by both a male and female counselor. These groups stick together throughout the week, building strong friendships and working as a team during all activities. Campers are housed separately by gender in platform tents or pitched tents during off-site camping. Depending on registration numbers, some family groups may be single-gendered, and all groups are arranged by camper age and cabinmate requests to ensure a positive and supportive experience.

Pioneer Camp offers an exhilarating blend of outdoor adventure, personal growth, and spiritual development. Campers will leave with new outdoor skills, lasting friendships, and a deeper connection to God, making this a week they'll never forget!

PHYSICAL FITNESS

- Hiking several 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
- ○ A plug in fan
- ○ Sweatshirt and sweatpants for cool weather
- ○ Something to pack all your items in (large suitcase/duffle bag, tote, or trunk)
- ○ Sunscreen & insect repellant
- ○ 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 a heel strap) for exploring in Bogue Sound
- ○ Flashlight or headlamp
- ○ Shorts & long pants
- ○ Long sleeved T-shirt
- ○ Personal items (toothbrush/toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant)
- ○ Good sturdy shoes for hiking
- ○ 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 in to Healthcare Staff)
- ○ Beach towel to use at the pool and waterfront

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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