Trailblazer

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LOCATION

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

OVERVIEW

Ready for an unforgettable week of adventure in the great outdoors? **Trailblazer Camp** offers campers the exciting opportunity to explore the scenic trails at our new property, Camp Albemarle in the Pines. But the adventure doesn't stop there—campers will also embark on a thrilling kayak journey to the Pines, where they'll master essential outdoor skills as they backpack to a remote campsite and spend a night under the stars. From setting up tents to building campfires, campers will enjoy cooking their own meals, including the classic Hobo meal, and indulging in the ultimate camp treat—s'mores!

Trailblazer Camp is not only about exploring the outdoors—it's about spiritual growth, too. Each day is designed to foster a deeper connection with God and His creation, helping campers build meaningful relationships with Christ. The day starts with **Morning Watch**, where campers receive a "seed for thought" to guide their reflections. During **Bible Study**, they'll dive into scripture, drawing wisdom from the Bible's teachings to nourish their faith. At **Vespers**, a staff member or local pastor will further enrich the day's theme, providing campers with a solid foundation to grow in their spiritual journey. **Devotions** round out the day, offering campers time to ask questions, reflect on their experiences, and deepen their relationship with Christ.

In addition to outdoor adventures and spiritual growth, campers will enjoy a wide variety of exciting activities, such as **sailing**, the **low ropes challenge course**, the **giant swing**, **archery**, **tree climbing**, **arts and crafts**, **swimming**, and the always-entertaining **skit night**! (Be sure to check out our mock schedule for more details!)

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, participating in all activities as a team and building strong friendships. Campers will be housed separately by gender in platform tents or pitched tents during off-site camping. Depending on registration, some family groups may be single-gendered, and all groups are organized by camper age and cabinmate requests to ensure a comfortable and fun experience for everyone.

Trailblazer Camp offers an action-packed week of exploration, personal growth, and faith-building. Campers will leave with newfound outdoor skills, lifelong friendships, and a deeper connection to God, making this a week they'll never forget!

PHYSICAL FITNESS

- Hiking several miles
- Paddle about total of 4 miles over 2 days
- Swim test; 25 yards without stopping and tread water for 1 minute

SKILLS LEARNED

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

PACKINT 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
- ○ A plug in fan
- ○ Something to pack all your items in (large suitcase/duffle bag, tote, or trunk)
- ○ 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
- ○ Beach towel to use at the pool and waterfront
- ○ Hat (if desired)
- ○ Sweatshirt and sweatpants for cool weather
- ○ 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
- ○ Any medications you are taking (must be turned in to Healthcare Staff)

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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