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, sports, campfires) in an intentionally Christ-centered community. The camping program serves over 600 children of the diocese during its ten weeks of operation each year. Eighty-eight children attend camp each week, and they are supervised by a staff of twenty committed college age individuals, most former campers themselves. In addition, a different clergy person of the diocese serves as session leader each week, providing spiritual direction and Christian programming.

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 responsible to and for another.” In 2016, a dedicated Camp Trinity staff certainly achieved that goal with slightly under 600 campers. The summer staff was supported by six nurses, two doctors, ten session leaders, sixteen counselors-in-training, and about forty Adventurers volunteers, all of whom played key roles in the success of the summer. That Camp Trinity ran so smoothly is a testament to the efforts and ministries of all these people.

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 disadvantaged children attend camp. In 2016, Trinity Center disbursed slightly less than $40,000 out of its Fund for Programs and Scholarships to help bring more than 100 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.

In addition to directing Camp Trinity, I have been in charge of programming, staffing, and hosting responsibilities for the Camp Trinity Reunion held in January. This is a newer conference for 8th-12th graders and is staffed by young adults who will have been chosen by conference coordinators and have been on previous Camp Trinity summer staffs. We just had the fourth annual Camp Trinity Reunion and I am happy to report that attendance was strong. I am hopeful that this program will help us continue our efforts to provide intentionally Christ-centered communities for the youth of this diocese.

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 March 1 of each year. Applications are mailed to individuals and parishes in mid-November each year. For more information about this program, please contact us at 888-874-6287 or at marybeth@trinityctr.com. You may also download all applications and forms off our website: www.trinityctr.com/campt.

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.

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