



Agapé

Campfirmation

Is a dynamic, experiential way of presenting catechetical material. Learning is intensified, the community built, and the relationships forged are instrumental in helping your material mean something in daily experience.

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**We ask that every
pastor and lay leader involved with the
program please read through these pages.**

**If you have questions, please contact
Pastor Heather Bachelder,
A†KB's Interim Executive Director
at 919.552.9421 x 117 or
exec@agapekurebeach.org**



WELCOME to the exciting world of Campfirmation! Agapé ☩ Kure Beach Ministries strives to provide the best quality camping experience around. **Even if you have attended one of our Campfirmation programs previously, please take the time to read through this packet, as some things may have changed.** We hope you are as excited as we are about the dynamic ministry of Agapé ☩ Kure Beach Ministries Campfirmation Camping.

PHILOSOPHY AND PURPOSE OF CAMPFIRMATION



Campfirmation provides the opportunity to present catechetical material in an experiential way. Learning can be intensified when in a place apart – away from everyday distractions, for increased amounts of time, and being presented in a fun and engaging way. Building intentional Christian community is key to forming a solid confirmation program at any church. Relationships between pastors, youth leaders and their youth will strengthen the overall confirmation program once returning back to the church setting. Pastors/youth leaders are responsible for leading faith formation sessions and Agape staff will lead the rest of the programming. Campers will encounter young adults (their counselors) who live out their faith daily.

What is a Campfirmation Cluster?

Generally, a congregation will pair up with another congregation (or two or three or ten!) to form what is known as a “cluster.” Campers are exposed to different leadership styles (different pastors/leaders) and other Lutherans who are going through the same thing they are! Campfirmation cluster leaders work together to present curriculum and lead sessions. Camp Agapé has several clusters that have already been established and they are open to you joining them. Contact Heather, our Interim Executive Director, and she will guide you in the process of which cluster will best fit your congregational and teaching style. If you would like to form your own campfirmation cluster with other congregations, please plan early. Depending on the size of the cluster, dates are set in early fall of the previous year.

AGAPÉ ☩ KURE BEACH MINISTRIES MISSION STATEMENT

Agapé ☩ Kure Beach Ministries calls and gathers all peoples to experience the Spirit through small-group encounters with Christ, in Creation and Community.

GOALS OF SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM

- Build self-value and identity as a child of God.
- Provide quality Christian role models in our staff who can live out their faith in all aspects of their lives.
- Provide a safe environment for campers to grow emotionally, spiritually, mentally, and physically.
- Teach creation stewardship through environmental education experiences and by example.
- Develop and nurture leaders for the church and the world by focusing on camper’s call, gifts, and faith in vocation.
- Use music in a positive way to share our faith.
- Have FUN!

STRENGTH OF AGAPÉ CAMPFIRMATION The strength of our Campfirmation program is the staff. Campfirmation is staffed by a team of young adult counselors led by a Team Leader. Our summer staff is carefully selected for their Christian commitment and love of children. They are trained in leading worship, devotions, singing, crafts, nature study, and recreation. More importantly, they are trained in a relational style of ministry that seeks to meet the individual needs of your confirmation students. Our emphasis is on offering quality Christian role models to young people.

DAILY SCHEDULE

Agapé Campfirmation is designed to be a six-day program, Sunday- Friday. Campers arrive between 3:30-4:30 PM on Sunday and depart after our closing program on Friday which begins at 1 PM. Our Campfirmation teams are trained to lead your campers through a variety of activities that best meet your clusters unique needs. The “meat and potatoes” of the Campfirmation program remain consistent, but how the “meat and potatoes” are presented on the plate can be rearranged by your cluster. For example, if your campers really enjoy hiking, they may go on several hikes during cabin times or may plan an outpost experience for an evening. Our staff customizes the activities and flow of the Campfirmation program to best fit your campers. Session times will remain the same each day, unless arrangements are discussed with Pr. Heather.



SAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE

		Campfirmation Sample Schedule					
		Sunday	Monday w/ 1 session		Monday w/ 2 sessions		
MORNING	Campfirmation Week at Camp Agapé (basic sample schedule--all times and activities subject to change)		8:00	Breakfast	8:00	Breakfast	<p>*NOTE: Session Times are planned and led by the <u>pastors/chaperones from your church.</u></p> <p>This is purposeful time for your church group to be together without the presence of Agapé staff--to learn and make memories together outside our programmed activities. Please plan to bring and use your own materials.</p>
			8:45-10:45	Session 1	8:45-10:45	Session 1	
			10:45-11:45	Cabin Time	10:45-11:45	Cabin Time	
			11:50	Morning	11:50	Morning	
			12:15	Lunch	12:15	Lunch	
AFTERNOON	3:30	Arrival	1:00	Rest & Hang	1:00	Rest & Hang	
	4:15	Get to Know You Activities	1:30	Cabin Time	1:30	Cabin Time	
	4:45	Leaders meeting					
			2:30-4:00	Activity Time	2:30-4:00	Activity Time	
	5:30	Cookout					
	6:30	Orientations Crafts,	4:15	Cabin Time	4:15	Session 2	
		Pool, Health	5:15	Hang Loose	5:15	Hang Loose	
EVENING	7:50	Out of pool	5:30	Dinner	5:30	Dinner	
	8:30	Singing	6:30	Worship	6:30	Worship	
	8:45	Worship					
	9:15	Campfire	7:00	Camp Activity	7:00	Camp Activity	
	10:00	Candle Power	8:15	Store	8:15	Store	
	10:30	Quiet Time					
	9:30	Candle Power	9:00	Campfire	9:00	Campfire	
	10:00	Lights Out	10:00	Candle Power	10:00	Candle Power	

CONGREGATION'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Establish a planning team from the congregation or cluster to work with the A ☿ KB Ministries Campfirmation staff in planning and preparation.
 2. Meet (via phone conversation or personal visit) with Pr. Heather at least once during the Spring to make all arrangements for the program.
 3. **Create and teach a curriculum tailored to the faith development needs of your youth during “Campfirmation Sessions.” In addition, churches will supply any materials needed for activities or the curriculum being taught during these sessions.**
 4. **All adult leaders must be at least 21 years or older and must attend a brief orientation with our Agapé staff (Summer Program Director) on Sunday afternoon/evening.**
 5. Provide all transportation to and from the site. AGAPÉ WILL NOT TRANSPORT CAMPERS.
 6. Handle all Campfirmation registration procedures.
 7. Confirm that all campers are registered. Having their information in advance enables staff to review it and make necessary preparations to effectively plan for your youth.
 8. Coordinate with the Summer Program Director whether your cluster or A☿KB will be handling camper cabin assignments.
- ** Again, we ask that all volunteers involved read through this informational packet; it is our goal that everyone involved is aware of all expectations and responsibilities.**
- ** We expect all church volunteers—before working with young children—to have appropriate background checks completed by the congregation.**

AGAPÉ'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Agapé will provide a registration link for Campfirmation: <https://agape.campbrainregistration.com>
2. We will work with you to meet the needs & goals of your congregation/cluster.
3. Agapé will provide all program material not related to the confirmation curriculum.
4. The camp will provide a quality, trained staff at a counselor to camper ratio of 1:6-7 (not including the Team Leader).
5. Agapé will provide the basic daily schedule of activities.
6. We will close each week (Friday) with a program.
7. Because the organization of Agapé ☿ Kure Beach Ministries serves children, Agapé staff are mandatory reporters (as required by the state) regarding instances of potential child abuse in all its forms.

COST:

Registration fee for participants is \$665. Each church will need to provide a minimum of two adult leaders (21+) regardless of your group size. Additionally, one adult leader is needed for every 7 participants. If groups are mixed gender, please ensure you send the appropriate number of male and female leaders for your groups.

Registration for two adult leaders is free. The fee for each additional adult leader is \$335. Any further charges such as transportation fees, curriculum and materials, or any other miscellaneous fees are the responsibility of each participating congregation/cluster.

CAMPER ATTENDANCE:

Please have participants and leaders register by May 5th. We will determine the accommodations and staff needed based on registrations at this time. Registrations made beyond May 5th will be accepted as space allows. If a camper needs to cancel, they should inform the registrar at agape@agapekurebeach.org as soon as possible to ensure that their registration can be canceled in CampBrain.



IGNITING CAMPERS INTEREST!

You have a huge part in making sure the Campfirmation program is a success because you provide the campers! We thank you ahead of time for how much effort you'll put into talking with parents and campers making sure that they attend camp. If students (and parents) are familiar with the idea and simply realize that it is an expectation of your program – it will make your job much easier.

We have found that one of the most helpful tools in getting confirmation students excited about coming to camp is their peers! If you have youth that had a great experience at camp they can help ease nerves early on and generate enthusiasm. Finally, a face to face conversation with the rostered minister or confirmation teacher may be helpful as well.



REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR CAMPFIRMATION:

One of the church's responsibilities is advanced registration of campers. Agapé 🏵 Kure Beach Ministries has developed the following procedures to assist you in doing this. Please be sure to read the information carefully, even if your church has participated in Campfirmation before, as some of our processes and timelines have changed.

Camper Registration:

Please direct your participants and adult leaders to register for Campfirmation at <https://agape.campbrainregistration.com> by May 5th.

- **Forms:** The following forms are required for participation in Campfirmation and will need to be completed during online registration: Health History Form, Participant Profile, and Home Congregation.
- **Camp Store Deposit:** During online registration, registrants will have the option to add a Camp Store deposit that can be used at our Camp Store while they are at camp. If your congregation does not plan to cover the cost of Camp Store deposits, please notify your participants in advance of registration.
- **Payment Options:** Please instruct your participants and adult leaders to select “Paid by Church (CONFIRMATION CAMP ONLY)” when payment options for Campfirmation are presented during online registration.

Additional Forms:

The following forms are included in this packet and are provided to help you and us prepare for your group's participation in Campfirmation.

- **2025 Agapé Campfirmation Contact Information Form:** complete and return to Camp Agapé as directed on the form.
- **Campfirmation Group Roster:** tool designed to assist you with tracking registrations; does not need to be returned to Camp Agapé as we track registrations online.

REGISTRATION TIMELINE, PAYMENT DEADLINE, CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

May 5th: Deadline for participants and adult leaders to register online and complete required forms. Registrations completed after May 5th will incur an additional \$50 fee and are subject to availability.

June 15th: Deadline for congregations to pay registration fees for participants and adult leaders. Congregations will receive an invoice from Agapé 🏵 Kure Beach Ministries prior to this date with balance due.

Cancellations: Registrations can be cancelled on or before May 5th and are subject to a \$25 cancellation fee. Please submit all cancellation requests to the registrar at agape@agapekurebeach.org.

Refunds: No refunds will be issued after May 5th; however, requests may be made to transfer funds to another camper if space is available.

2025 AGAPÉ CAMPFIRMATION CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of church(es) participating: _____

Estimate numbers of participants: Male _____ Female _____ Leaders _____

Church Address: _____

Church phone: _____

e-mail: _____

Pastor: _____

Campfirmation Leader(s): _____

Home address: _____

Daytime phone: _____

Evening phone: _____

E-mail: _____

What would you like us to know about your group? _____

Agapé ☩ Kure Beach Ministries looks forward to the opportunity to serve your congregation and community in this exciting Campfirmation program!

Please send this form to Pr. Heather via email at exec@agapekurebeach.org or by mailing it to:

Agapé ☩ Kure Beach Ministries - ATTN: Campfirmation - 1369 Tyler Dewar Ln. - Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526.

Date of event: _____

Contact Person:

Phone to reach contact person: _____

Church Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

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