



Agapé

Campfirmation

Is a dynamic, experiential way of presenting catechetical material. Campfirmation intensifies learning, strengthens relationships, and builds community in ways that are instrumental to making your material relevant in daily life.

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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
Michael Mitchum, Director of Programs
and Retreats at 919.552.9421 x 113 or
program@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.

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.

How does Campfirmation work?

Campfirmation is formed by a cluster of different congregations and led by a team of pastors and youth leaders from those congregations. These leaders work together to present curriculum and lead sessions intended to guide confirmands through different elements of their faith. Campers are exposed to a variety of leadership styles, while also growing alongside other Lutheran youth who are going through confirmation just like they are! If you would like to get connected with the Campfirmation team, or are interested in starting your own Campfirmation cluster, please contact Michael Mitchum, Director of Programs and Retreats, at program@agapekurebeach.org or (919)552-9421 ext. 113.

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 Michael.



SAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE

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	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY		
MORNING	Agapé Campfirmation Sample Schedule! (all times and activities subject to change)	8:00 Morning Watch	8:00 Morning Watch	*NOTE: Session Times are planned and led by the <u>pastors/chaperones from your church.</u> 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.	
		8:15 Breakfast	8:15 Breakfast		
		9:00 Cabin Cleaning	9:00 Cabin Cleaning		
		9:30-11:15 Confirmation Session	9:30-11:15 Confirmation Session		
		11:15 Cabin Time	11:15 Cabin Time		
AFTERNOON		12:15 Lunch	12:15 Lunch		
		1:15 Cabin Time	1:15 Worship		
			1:45 Cabin Time		
		3:30 Registration and Health Check-In	2:30-4:00 Activity Time		2:30-4:00 Activity Time
		4:30 Get-to-know-you Activities	4:15 Cabin Time		4:15 Cabin Time
EVENING	5:30 Dinner	5:30 Dinner	5:30 Dinner		
	6:30 Orientations	6:30 Worship	6:30 Camp Game		
	7:30 Singing @ Lakeside	7:15 Camp Game			
	8:00 Worship	8:00 Store	8:00 Store		
	8:45 Campfire	8:45 Campfire	8:45 Campfire		
	9:30 Candle Power	9:30 Candle Power	9:30 Candle Power		
	10:30 Lights OUT!	10:30 Lights OUT!	10:30 Lights OUT!		

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 Michael 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. **Provide at least one adult leader per congregation who can attend for the entire week. 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. Confirm that all campers are registered. Having their information in advance enables A + KB staff to review it and make necessary preparations to effectively plan for your youth.

**** 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 1:6-8 (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 \$685. Congregations are asked to provide at least one adult leader. The registration fee for the first adult leader is free. Additional adult leaders are \$345 per leader. These discounts will be reflected on the invoice sent to your church by Camp Agapé after Campfirmation.

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 26th. We will determine the accommodations and staff needed based on registrations at this time. Registrations made beyond May 26th 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.



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 ensuring campers register in advance. 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 26th.

- **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 (CAMPFIRMATION 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.

- **2026 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, CANCELLATIONS, REFUNDS, AND PAYMENT

May 26th: Encourage all participants and adult leaders to register by this date. Registrations completed after this date are subject to availability.

Cancellations: Registrations can be cancelled on or before May 26th 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 26th, except in emergency situations. Funds can be transferred to another camper if space is available.

Payment: Camp Agapé will send each church an invoice for their Campfirmation registrants after the session is complete. Payment will be due by the date listed on the invoice.

2026 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 Michael Mitchum via email at program@agapekurebeach.org or mail to:
Agapé + Kure Beach Ministries - ATTN: Campfirmation - 1369 Tyler Dewar Ln. - Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526.

Campfirmation Group Roster

Date of event: _____

This form is intended for your planning needs. There is no need to return it to Camp Agapé.

Contact Person: _____

Phone to reach contact person: _____

Church Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

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