

A NEW CAMP AGAPÉ EXPERIENCE

MIR'S GUIDED NATURE HIKES

Mir is our beloved camp naturalist. Ask any camper if she makes nature FUN. They will say yes! This is a great time to enjoy the wonders of God's Creation with Mir, who lives her passion for teaching and experiencing God's natural world!

Join Mir for an hour or more exploring the wonders of God's creation at Agapé! It's a perfect way to get a little taste of camp as a family or individuals. Our learning lab is over 600 acres, come and explore!

WHO IS INVITED:

Families or individuals
(children must be accompanied by an adult)

GROUP SIZE?

Maximum # of 9 people

COST?

- 1 hour: \$50 (for up to 9 people)
- 2 hours: \$80
- 3 hours: \$100
- Each additional hour: \$25

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Choose a topic* from this list that piques your interest:

- Birding & Binocular use 1 hr minimum
- Creek Walk and Hike 3 hrs minimum
- Creek Critters 1 hr minimum
- Discovery Hike 1 hr minimum
- Geology 1 hr minimum
- Plants and their Uses 1 hr minimum
- Pond Critters 1 hr minimum
- Scavenger Hunt 1 hr minimum
- Sensory Hike 1 hr minimum
- Tall Tales/Tree Trivia 1 hr minimum
- Tree Identification 1 hr minimum

YOUR SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY:

Protocols practiced during these Nature Hikes will be in step with the NC Governor's Phased opening guidelines. It will involve social distancing, masks, washing hands, and not sharing equipment.

SIGN ME UP!

To reserve your hike, call 919-552-9421 x 210 or e-mail Mir at ACEed@agapekurebeach.org.

*See detailed listing of topics on Page #2

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GREAT FOR ALL AGES:

- ⚙ **Birding and Binocular Use** – minimum 1 hour. Learn the effective use of binoculars and techniques of birding. Listen to hear which feathered friends are flitting about our forest. Offered through June.
- ⚙ **Creek Walk and Hike** – minimum 3 hours. Hike the beautiful Laurel Trail and Parker’s Creek Trail, and enjoy time walking in the stream. Experience the refreshing flow of water while learning about the creatures and plants that call Parker’s Creek home.
 - ✧ Recommended for 1st grade and up. Moderate level hike – hills and rugged trail sections. Must be in good physical condition for climbing hills. Younger children may need assistance.
- ⚙ **Creek Critters** – minimum 1 hour. It’s just water, rocks, and leaves, right? Wrong! There is so much life in the stream! Our mission is to find it. Three tails – what!?!? Appendages that can be re-grown? Amazing! The cutest toes in the world? Yes. Let’s do this!
- ⚙ **Discovery Hike** – minimum 1 hour. Can’t decide on a topic? Put it all together. Whatever you want to know about, we’ll learn about it together. Trees, toads, fungi, rocks, footprints... the worst thing you can hear is “I don’t know.” And then I’ll try to find out!
- ⚙ **Geology** – three options: 1 hour, 3 hours, or more. Being situated on the “Fall Line” and with the Cape Fear River as our border, the geology of Agapé rocks!
 - ✧ 1 hour includes learning about the three rock types, visiting a magnetite glory hole and a quartz vein. Wield that rock hammer!
 - ✧ 3 hour includes the above plus hiking to Meditation Rock, the Cape Fear River, and the Lower Cascade Trail to learn more detail about the amazing geology at Agapé.
 - ✧ Want more? We can do all that AND hike the Laurel Trail to get an up-close look at quartz cobbles and some truly ancient history of the formation of the landforms created over long periods of time.
- ⚙ **Plants and their Uses** – minimum 1 hour. Can I eat that? Would that cure my stomach ache? What is the Doctrine of Signatures? The world of plants is full of edibles and medicinals. Learn these things and a whole lot more while exploring God’s creation at Agapé.
- ⚙ **Pond Critters** – minimum 1 hour. There’s no such thing as nothing in the pond! So much variety. Water scorpions, dragonflies, and tadpoles, oh my! And a lot more to discover! Come on down!
- ⚙ **Scavenger Hunt** – minimum 1 hour. Use your mad detective and observation skills. Let’s find things in God’s creation from a fun-filled list of things great and small to discover. Especially suited to families with younger children.
- ⚙ **Sensory Hike** – minimum 1 hour. Using four of five senses, let’s discover more about God’s creation. Hey – why not five senses? Well...Goal #3 – Safety! The sense of taste can be tricky in the woods. Safely edible items vary by time of year, so that sense will be used with extreme care, if at all. There’s plenty to discover with sight, sound, smell, and touch. Especially suited to families with younger children.