

Agape+Kure Beach Ministries—the April emphasis



CELEBRATING OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD

WHO IS AGAPÉ + KURE BEACH MINISTRIES?

1. YOUR PARTNER IN MINISTRY – We exist to help you fulfill the Baptismal Covenant “to teach the FAITH”.
2. TWO UNIQUE SITES –
 - a. KURE BEACH FAITH CENTER – located on the oceanfront in the peaceful island community of Kure Beach, just south of Wilmington. Yes, the Faith Center is on the beach!
 - b. CAMP AGAPÉ – on 624 acres of beautiful rolling hills along the Cape Fear River near Fuquay-Varina. Just 40 minutes from downtown Raleigh.

WHAT PROGRAMS ARE OFFERED?

SUMMER CAMP – grades 2- 12 on-site

- a. RESIDENT CAMP
 - i. Week-long sessions Sunday to Friday
 - ii. Relationship based – small-group style – highly trained young adult Christian Role Models who seek to meet campers needs
 - iii. Programs include:
 1. Confirmation Camp; Prime Camp; Horse Camp; Model Rocketry; Nature Camps; Night Owls; SIT (Staff in Training) Leadership program; Young Folks Short weeks; Family Camp.
 2. Day Camp – This brings our staff to your town for a week of camp from 9-3 daily Monday through Friday targeted at grades 1-5. We do 25 of these each summer.
 3. Off site at Kure Beach – Surf Camp and Servant Events (Sun. –Thur.)

WHO COMES TO KURE BEACH?

- a. Servant Events – designed for youth groups to learn about the Biblical call for serving others. Live at the beach site and serve the community.
- b. Hosted Retreats – we provide the space you bring your church group, families, council or whoever to enjoy the beach as a place of renewal.
- c. Good News / Good Brews – Adult retreat at Kure Beach focused on our faith and brewing.
- d. During the summer come to beach worship with our friends from Kure Memorial Lutheran church, worship on the beach every Wednesday.

WHO COMES TO CAMP AGAPÉ?

THE AGAPÉ SITE – serves over 11,000 guests each year

- a. Summer Camp
- b. Programmed Retreats – we provide the program and staffing
 1. BYG (Building Youth Groups) grades 3-5; grades 6-8; grades
 2. 9-12. These programs fill 10 weekends during the year and serve over 30 congregations from a variety of denominations
 3. Mother/Daughter and Father/Son overnights
 4. Youth Leaders Retreat – a chance for Agapé + Kure Beach Ministries, is here serving the people of God in North Carolina.

OUR CAMP GOALS:

We have seven major goals we seek to accomplish with campers during our programs. The summer camp program lives out these seven major goals as we encounter campers and guests.

1. **Building self-value, self-esteem** as a child of God through trusted relationships with staff
 - A. Each camper receives a personal affirmation by their counselor
2. **Provide quality Christian Role Models** in our staff who can live out their faith in all aspects of their lives - walk the talk
 - A. 13 days of intense Christ-centered training equips them for service
3. **Provide a safe environment** for campers to experience holistic safety.
 - A. Emotionally - No practical jokes, cabin raids, name calling, sarcasm
 - B. Spiritually – safe place to ask questions about God and faith
 - C. Physically – safe grounds, and safe activities
4. **Teach creation stewardship** through our program
 - A. Experience: camp program will involve at least two Environmental Education activities during the week
 - B. Teach by example; composting, recycling, clean grounds, green buildings, outreach programs, gardening
 - C. Practice Creation Stewardship through land and trail management
5. **To develop and nurture leaders** for the church and the world
 - A. To focus on the call of God for each individual in their vocation
6. Use **Music** in a positive way to share our faith
7. To have **FUN!** Being a Christian and being at camp is FUN.

As Christians there is no more important skill we can teach than that of passing on and teaching our faith and values as we proclaim the love of God.

HOW CAN I MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN FAITH FORMATION?

1. MAKE SURE YOUR YOUTH/CHILDREN HAVE A SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE
 - A. One of the most powerful tools you have to help keep children faithful in the church is a camping or retreating experience.
 - B. Camp Agapé has some of the brightest and best young Christian Role Models you can expose your children to.
 - C. Encourage children from your congregation, neighborhood, friends, and relatives to come to a week of camp.
2. MAKE A GIFT TO SUPPORT FAITH FORMATION:
 - A. Make a gift to support a summer staff member as they witness their faith with campers.
 - B. Make a gift to the David L. Castor Campership Fund to provide scholarships for campers who could otherwise not afford a resident camp experience the joy of a camp week.

HOW DOES AGAPÉ & KURE BEACH MINISTRIES BUILD LEADERS?

1. SIT (Staff In Training) PROGRAM
 - a. SIT Servants – for grades 9-10 – teaches about service learning and servant leadership
 - b. SIT Leaders – for grades 11-13 – teaches about servant leadership, role modeling, and how to build positive Christian relationships
2. TRAINING GREAT SUMMER STAFF
 - a. Staff Training – 13 days of relationship building, and learning how to put campers needs first
 - b. Discernment Retreats – gatherings of 18-28 year olds where they are challenged to think about faith, vocation, and matching their gifts with the world's greatest needs.
3. YOUTH LEADERS RETREATS
 - a. Gatherings focused on supporting leaders and equipping them to serve
4. CLERGY CRASH
 - a. 3 nights and 4 days at Kure Beach for rostered leaders and their immediate families to rest and renew on the beach after Easter.
5. ASKING & LISTENING
 - a. We seek to listen to your needs and respond with programs that help.