

# From the Executive Director:

-Penn Perry, Executive Director

Springtime is the right time around Trinity Center. Although I do love the austere beauty of the beach in winter, I must admit to having the strongest desire to put on shorts and rock in the hammock as soon as the temperature starts to rise. And how can one's spirits not be buoyed by all the flowering, buzzing, and bustling around property. We're preparing for our busiest season, which means small construction projects, the opening of our pools, and all sorts of other spring cleaning projects in preparation for the rush of summer.



That rush certainly extends to our residential programs. Mindy Furrer and the staff of our residential environmental education program, Sound-to-Sea, are closing their school year and transitioning out of the camp part of property. Simultaneously, Mary Beth Gay is preparing for the arrival of her summer staff and Camp Trinity 2009. These two residential programs and their corresponding staffs share ownership of the camp part of property, and the amount of work they share to take care of it never ceases to amaze me.

In this season of change, I want to make sure and mention our ever-changing website. Maggie Riley has been slowly but straightforwardly transforming our website for the past several months. Maggie is the former program director of Trinity Center, and she works on our website in her spare time (when she's not caring for two small boys and a husband, Clay, who's a seminarian at Virginia Episcopal). Maggie has updated almost all of the information on our website, she has made Soundings available for download, and she has also established our online donation section, which is now up and running. Her work continues to bear fruit, and we're very glad for her efforts on our behalf. Check us out periodically at [www.trinityctr.com](http://www.trinityctr.com).

Finally, and forgive me for being optimistic, but I believe that we will have a busy summer here at Trinity Center. Businesses in Carteret County are struggling just as are businesses all over the state and the nation, and we are certainly fighting the good fight here. We're really trying to give all our guests extra attention, to show them how much we appreciate their business, while we look for new business wherever we can find it. We're also trying to find new ways to show people that we can be a lower-cost vacation alternative, that the Crystal Coast has much to offer visitors. At the same time, I must admit that I believe that Trinity Center will weather the economic storm just fine, because I believe that what we offer here can be found nowhere else – a place “where we share God's gifts of community and hospitality in a natural coastal environment,” to quote our Vision Statement.

So come and visit with us. As always, we're here to serve.

### Trinity Center's Vision Statement:

*"Trinity Center welcomes all people to the spiritual home of Episcopalians of East Carolina, where we share God's gifts of community and hospitality in a natural coastal environment."*

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## Elderhostel: Trinity Center to Hold First Ever Intergenerational Elderhostel Program

-Mindy Furrer, Program Director

Trinity Center has been using our 62 acre barrier island property as an opportunity to learn about coastal habitats for years. The Sound to Sea Environmental Education Program hosts about 100 schools every year. Students come to Trinity Center to wade in the sound and learn about the diverse ecosystem that survives there, fish in our freshwater pond, explore the beach, and even dissect a squid.

Elderhostel offers programs to retired adults interested in lifelong learning around the globe. Trinity Center hosts ten of these Elderhostel programs per year. Programs have topics that range from digital photography, to birding, and issues that affect the coast.

From March 28<sup>th</sup> through April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 Trinity Center will bring these two groups of learners together for our first ever Intergenerational Elderhostel Program. Elderhostel participants will have the opportunity to bring their grandchildren who are 9 years old or older on a fun and educational spring break trip.

This intergenerational program will allow participants to learn hands on about the diverse habitats of a barrier island. Many children have never seen the sound, salt marsh, maritime forest or the beach. Being able to walk from the sound to the sea, and share this with them in a matter of minutes, is a priceless memory for both grandparents and their grandchild. Beyond the habitats here at Trinity Center the group will go on field trips to explore the waters around our island. They will climb onboard the Research Vessel Susan Hudson where they will observe first-hand the diverse species trawled from waters supporting 5 species of sea turtles and 99 species of fish and invertebrates from the familiar to the bizarre. And if they miss any, they will see them on their trip to the newly remodeled NC Aquarium's 306,000 gallon "Living Shipwreck" exhibit. In the evenings participants will have the opportunity to meet our 5 birds of prey and learn how they survive in their changing habitat, learn survival techniques of Native Americans and coastal settlers, and end with music around a campfire. They will top off their experience with an up close and personal look at one of our coastal creatures during squid dissection class.

To register for this Intergenerational Elderhostel Program or to view other upcoming programs go to [www.elderhostel.org](http://www.elderhostel.org). For questions regarding Elderhostel or Sound to Sea Programs at Trinity Center contact Mindy Furrer Program Director at 252-247-5600 ext 21.





# Trinity Center's SUMMER FUN: Summer camps and programming!



Summer Sound to Sea will offer Day Camp opportunities again this summer. Most camp sessions run Monday through Friday from 9am until 4pm. Sound to Sea Day Camp is open to rising first through rising sixth graders. There are also limited spaces for rising kindergarteners to join us for half day camps.

Campers will explore the habitats on Trinity Center's 62-acre property. They use dip nets in the sound and pond to find out more about the biology of the various creatures that creep, swim and crawl around on a barrier island. The campers also have the chance to explore the maritime forest and learn about the animals that live among the cedars, live oaks, pines and vines. In the afternoon, students use items they have collected on the trails to create all kinds of art and music. And last, no beach camp would be complete without some time on the sand. So each camp day finishes with some time on the beach to rest and think about the day's activities.



Camp Trinity is a summer program sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina and proud to be accredited by the American Camping Association.

Camp Trinity offers young people (grades 3-12) an opportunity to experience camping in an enjoyable and beautiful setting along Bogue Sound and the Atlantic Ocean. Campers share in a Christian program that helps them grow spiritually and emotionally and provides them opportunities to develop new interests, skills, and friendships.

The camping program is administered by an experienced staff, with a ratio of one staff person to every four campers. The summer staff consists of: trained counselors who are responsible for the care and nurturing of campers in their cabin life and camp activities; program staff who plan and implement the recreational program activities for campers; a certified staff of lifeguards and instructors who oversee the swimming and boating programs; and a nurse who cares for the medical needs of the campers.



## 2009 Summer Sound to Sea Day Camp

	DATE	GRADES	RATES
1	June 10-12 (Wednesday-Friday)	1st-6th	\$110
1.5	June 10-12 (Wednesday-Friday)	Kindergarten Only	\$80
2	June 15-19 (Monday-Friday)	1st-6th	\$160
3	June 22-26 (Monday-Friday)	1st-6th	\$160
4	June 29 - July 3 (Monday-Friday)	1st-6th	\$160
5	July 6-10 (Monday-Friday)	1st-6th	\$160
6	July 13-17 (Monday-Friday)	1st-6th	\$160
7	July 20-24 (Monday-Friday)	1st-6th	\$160
8	July 27-31 (Monday-Friday)	1st-6th	\$160
9	August 3-7 (Monday-Friday)	1st-6th	\$160
10	August 10-14 (Monday-Friday)	1st-6th	\$160
11	August 17-19 (Monday-Wednesday)	1st-6th	\$110
11.5	August 17-19 (Monday-Wednesday)	Kindergarten Only	\$80

## 2009 Camp Trinity Schedule

SESSION	DATES	DAYS/NIGHTS	GRADES	RATES
Discoverers I	June 6-12	7/6	4th-6th	\$375
Explorers I	June 14-20	7/6	7th-9th	\$375
Senior High	June 22-27	6/5	10th-12th	\$340
Explorers II	June 29 - July 6	8/7	7th-9th	\$410
Adventurers	July 10-14	5/4	All Ages	\$390
Discoverers II	July 16-22	7/6	3rd-5th	\$375
Explorers III	July 24-30	7/6	7th-9th	\$375
Discoverers III	August 2-8	7/6	4th-6th	\$375
Discoverers IV	August 10-16	7/6	4th-6th	\$375

# A Work In Progress: Mural Painted in the Beach Room

Brent Anderson, Sound to Sea Instructor

Growing up we had rolls of butcher paper that I could roll out on the floor and draw on. I loved it because it allowed me to draw huge, stretching pictures and create whole landscape scenes. Henry Ward Beecher once said, "Every artist dips his brush in his own soul, and paints his own nature into his pictures." Artists are drawn to recreate what catches their attention; for me that's always been nature.

Mother Nature is the original artist. Just stop and take a close look around you next time you're outside. Every part of the environment is an individual masterpiece, composed of colors, textures and patterns that humans can't even come close to recreating.

Since nature has provided us with such a vast color palate to choose from, I don't think any wall should ever be left plain white. It quickly becomes obvious how beautiful and unique our environment is when you try to emulate it with brushes and paint. I see painting a mural as my own way of honoring nature's artistic handiwork and helping me appreciate the art that's always around us. Time to put away the butcher paper—there's a white wall somewhere that needs to be painted.



Brent Anderson painting his beautiful mural in the Beach Room.

# Trinity Center Online: Continued Website Updates!

Our online donations page is now up and running on our ever-evolving website. You may make an unrestricted donation to our Annual Fund, or you may designate your gift for any of the following: Endowment Fund, Scholarship Fund, Bishop's Chapel Fund, or Employee Fund. You may also donate in honor or memory of someone special. Donations may be made online using PayPal or your favorite credit card.

Trinity Center also welcomes donations by using the enclosed donations card. We deeply appreciate the generosity of every supporter who gives to our ministries. To all who have graciously donated to our shared vision for Trinity Center, we give our heartfelt thanks.



# TRINITY CENTER

I would like to make a donation to Trinity Center. Please apply my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to:

- Annual Fund (for general use)
- Endowment Fund (restricted)
- Scholarship Fund (camp and programs)
- Employee Fund (in lieu of tips)

Please make checks payable to Trinity Center. The staff of Trinity Center would like to express our appreciation for your thoughtfulness.

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