

YOUTH BEACH TRIPS, SUMMER 2023

Dates are: June 17 - 24, 2023

WHERE? We have an Ocean Front House through Blue Water/Carolina Retreats at Kure Beach, NC.

We will be staying at:

Shoo Fly
921 S. Ft. Fisher Blvd.,
Kure Beach NC 28449

WHO CAN GO?

Any rising 6th grader through graduated 12 grader.

WHEN DO WE LEAVE?

We will load up and depart for the beach around 10:00 the morning of June 17.

WHEN DO WE RETURN:

Will return on June 25, somewhere around 1:00 to 2:00, based upon us leaving around 9:00. Parents, we will call when we get close to the church so that you can meet your youth in the parking lot of Calvary, and you can be waiting on us to arrive. We will probably not stop for lunch on the way back.

WE ARE GOING TO THE BEACH for fun, to laugh, to have fellowship with each other and to grow in your faith. Remember to treat each other like you would like to be treated, have an open mind, go with the flow and everyone will have a great time.

FOOD:

Each youth should bring a case of bottled water and two bags of your favorite snack. All of this will go into a community pool for everyone to enjoy. The community pool we are referring to is not a swimming pool.

YOUR MENU WILL LOOK SOMETHING LIKE THIS:

- Breakfast: We have cereal and fruit.
- Lunch: Sandwiches, chips, fruit and leftovers from the night before.
- Dinner: Dinner looks like Pizza, Spaghetti, salad, grilled chicken or pork chops with baked potatoes, maybe even a taco or two.

ACTIVITIES:

Your day will look something like this:

- 9:30ish, Rise and shine, eat that full course breakfast of cereal and fruit and head to the beach. WE DO SPEND A LOT OF TIME ON THE BEACH.
- 12:00ish, Lunch at the house.
- The afternoon and evening activities will depend upon the sunburn, but we usually return to the beach.
- 9:00pm Devotions
- 12:00 Midnight or somewhere around there, Lights out.

We do spend a lot of time on the beach but some of the afternoon/evening activities that we **MAY** do are:

Movie Night with devotion (nothing stronger than a PG-13 movie), a trip to Southport to do a little shopping and eat at the Provision Company.

SOMETHING NEW THIS YEAR:

We are going to test the water and try something new this year. We are introducing a three hour NO PHONE TIME! This is a time frame during the day that we put aside our phones and give them a rest. This time gives us the chance to enjoy each other's company and conversation. The NO PHONE TIME will be determined upon arrival at the beach.

COST OF THE TIRP:

\$149.00 per person going plus spending money for shopping in Southport, some food money if we eat out, (we will stop going down) and tip money. The Youth fund pays for everything else. Funding should never determine who participates in youth activities and who does not. Scholarship funds are available for this trip, please see Mike.

THINGS TO BRING:

- Notarized Annual Permission Slip.
- Bible, pens and paper
- Playing cards
- Sleeping bag is the best thing to bring with a single sheet to place on top of the bed comforter. Don't forget your pillow and pillow case. We do not use the linens provided.
- **Air Mattress, just in case it is needed.**
- **Plenty of Sunscreen**
- Beach Towel if you prefer
- Personal bath towels and washcloths for the week.
- Personal hygiene items including **deodorant**, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, feminine products, (Ladies, even if you do not think you might need them) deodorant, soap and shampoo.
- Medications and deodorant.

- Beach stuff, football, you get the picture. Any surf board that is longer than the van we are traveling in is no longer allowed.

DEVOTIONS:

The youth are responsible for the nightly devotions. You can pair up with someone else and you may choose any topic to discuss from the Old or New Testament. If you would like to have help with this, just call, let me know and I will be more than happy to assist you in anyway. Your discussion/activity/devotion should be around 15 minutes long. Please do not wait until we get down there to put together your devotion. Please work on your devotion before you leave and have it ready to go. Your devotion is not to be a burden nor is it to get stressed over, have fun with it and explore something new.

PLEASE PACK AS LIGHT AS POSSIBLE!

YOU MUST HAVE YOUR ANNUAL PERMISSION SLIP NOTORIZED AND TURNED IN BEFORE WE LEAVE FOR THIS TRIP.

YOUR BEACH TRIP RULES ARE VERY SIMPLE:

- **Sign and agree with the Youth Ministry Covenant.**
- While in the water you are to always have a partner with you that is within arms length at all times. There is no exception to this rule. If your partner needs to get out of the water, you are to get out of the water. Where your partner goes, you go.
- Use common sense and you do not participate in doing stupid.
- If you think you are going to get into trouble for doing something, then it is best you do not do it.

- Touch base with the adults when you leave the beach to go to the house and when you return back to the beach.
- Treat the house and the property of others as if they were yours.
- **If you are bringing your cell phone, please do not use it during the day. You may call home at night if you prefer.**
- Having a respect problem? We will sit down and talk about it. If we are still having problems then we will call home to discuss the situation. So, just abide by the few rules and we have, treat others like you want to be treated, love each other and all will be good.

Enjoy your Beach Retreat!