

Camp Presentation Script

At East Ohio Camps, we believe the faith formation of your child is top priority. One of the best ways to enhance their faith formation is a week of summer camp at one of our East Ohio Camps. It will be a powerful, life-changing experience!!

What is the Power of Camp?

Transformation - At camp, young people have the mental room to consider some of the most important issues of life and to discover the truth that God loves them and has an amazing plan for their lives.

Nature - East Ohio Camps are set in some of the most beautiful spots in Ohio. Campers explore nature, participate in new adventures and test their limits in a healthy environment surrounded by the beauty of God's creation.

Community - In a setting separate from their daily routine, with an opportunity to shed the expectations and pressures of others, campers are freed up to truly be themselves.

Friendships - Good friends who exert positive peer pressure can make all the difference in a kid's life. Friendships with caring adults and other campers, forged through shared experience and the compressed time at camp, can last a lifetime and provide a connection that helps young people navigate the challenges of life.

Mentors - At camp, caring adults, counselors and mentors help campers think through decisions and experiences in a way that will prepare them for their future.

The places where this ministry comes alive are all different. The three sites: Aldersgate, Asbury and Wanake, and the Youth Off-Site events: CYF, Reach Out and Institute, all provide outstanding camping experiences, yet offer a variety of programs that celebrate their uniqueness.

Bill Graham, Director of Camp Asbury shares this introduction of Summer Camp 2018:

At camp closing celebration each Friday I say, "Remember, your camper's luggage doesn't look the same as it did when they first arrived at camp. So make sure your camper helps you identify their luggage." Families have come to expect these words. And like me, most people understand that my words are a metaphor for what's happened in a week of camp. We are different after a week of camp. We feel different. We see the world through different eyes. Camp re-packages us.

There's so much for us to unpack after a week of camp. Camp is a place and a community where we grow positive foundational relationships that guide and direct our lives. Somehow the place and the experiences we share together at camp becomes part of who we are. Camp becomes a reference point for how we choose to live in the future. At camp we build community by trusting the care of others and offering others our help. At camp we recognize God's presence and involvement in our lives and in the little things around us. At camp the wonder and beauty of life unfolds before us and we talk about our place and responsibility in a fantastic creation. At camp we deepen our awareness of who we are and what our purpose and calling in life may be.

When you register for a week of camp we send you a "What to Bring" list. What your camper brings home from camp may be even more important.

Camp Asbury will pack summer 2018 with fun, activity, friends, discovery and creativity. The summer 2018 theme is "Power Up." We'll focus on how we live our lives empowered by God's spirit.



Julie Lutt, Director of Camp Wanake, shares this introduction of Summer Camp 2018:

Summer camp at Wanake is “an adventure that lasts a lifetime!” Alumni report powerfully transformed lives through living in Christian community with peers and mentors. Counselors serve as these mentors and in turn challenge campers to consider life issues, discover God’s love for them, and explore God’s amazing plan for their lives. Campers find strength to drop masks and be themselves, children of God. Studies show that having multiple positive, adult mentors like those at Wanake’s summer camp allows children to navigate life’s challenges and develop their full potential. Campers build strong friendships living in family groups of 10-12 campers with two counselors serving as positive, Godly role models. Friendships can exert positive peer pressure and create durable connections, providing campers lifelong impact. Family groups live, play, study, eat, and pray together, as they enjoy themed activities. This Jesus-centered community encourages new ways of thinking and reinforces positive habits as campers practice decision making, leadership, and taking responsibility.

Spending time outdoors among Wanake’s 250 acres of nature, campers grow closer to an awesome God through His amazing creation and practice stewarding God’s gifts.

Campers’ new, renewed, and/or strengthened relationship with God is Wanake’s Goal. Counselors facilitate daily devotions, Bible study, prayer, and teachable moments - encouraging campers to grow closer to Jesus.

Wanake offers 40 unique programs, ranging from baseball, to horses, to outdoor survival, to fashion. Whether campers love to rough it or live in air conditioning, Wanake has options!

I look forward to seeing you and your family for Summer Camp 2018 at Wanake, “the beautiful, spiritual place among the hills!”

Dan Bajc, Director at Camp Aldersgate, shares this introduction of Summer Camp 2018:

It was an experience on Aldersgate Street in England where John Wesley’s heart was, as he put it, “strangely warmed”. From that powerful experience he went on to do amazing things for the Kingdom of God. At Camp Aldersgate, we strive to provide a powerful camp experience, where your heart too can be strangely warmed. Here is how we do that:

Aldersgate presents an institute-style of camping where every activity is offered every week for campers in 1st through 9th grade; and for two weeks they hold 10th to 12th grade events. Campers choose the week that is best for their family. Campers are grouped by age-levels and they get to choose the activities that appeal most.

Because Aldersgate lies on the shores of beautiful Leesville Lake, campers get to spend every afternoon exploring it in any one of Aldersgate’s watercraft, including pedal boats, canoes, sailboats, and pontoon boats. Campers also get to swim and splash around on Aldersgate’s water trampoline and splash mat. Aldersgate’s summer program is focused on their core values: Safety; Respect; Spiritual birth, growth, and renewal; Making friends; and Having Fun! See you at Aldersgate for Summer Camp 2018!

Each year youth from around Ohio gather at Malone University and Lakeside for great Christian community, in-depth Bible Study, creative worship, mission projects and lots of fun activities. Malone University is a beautiful campus and is the home of CYF. Lakeside is a gated community on the Marblehead Peninsula on Lake Erie. It has been the long-standing place to gather for Lakeside Institute and Reach Out.

Wherever you choose for summer camp, a fun and life-changing experience is in store. Go to EOCSummercamps.org for more information or to register!