

2019 EAST OHIO CAMPS SUMMER CAMP

Camp Presentation Script

Partnership is such a powerful word and a word that describes Camping Ministry! We are a partner along the journey of raising a generation of kids who have faith, who know Jesus, and who know themselves as a beloved child of God. We value the partnerships we have with each family and local congregation who entrust us with the faith formation of their child. We look forward to partnering with you this summer in raising a generation of faith-full kids!

The Core Values of Camp are...

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.

"Beautiful!" is one of the first words spoken by first-time campers and their families as they arrive at **Camp Asbury**. Campers say, "It feels like home!" Building a sense of belonging and community drives the design of Asbury's summer programs. Hike to a secluded waterfall, sleep out under the stars, soak up a sunset on Communion Hill, bask in the moon glow over Lake Hibbard, shoot down the mudslide and a whole lot more. Explore Asbury's 433 acres of forest, fields and wetlands nestled in the Eagle Creek Valley. And, at Asbury you'll do more than find your way around the woods. You will grow spiritually: by living in a small-group community; by opening the meaning of the Bible; by experiencing the wonder of creation. Asbury's programs are progressive – challenging campers to try new activities each year. Whether the camper is a mathematician, an active learner, a writer, an artist, or a naturalist, he or she will have fun and learn new skills at Camp Asbury.

Summer camp at **Camp Wanake** is an experience that lasts a lifetime. Strong friendships and deep understandings are built as campers experience small family groups of 10 -12 campers with two counselors who serve as positive, Godly role models. Family groups live, play, study, eat, and pray together, and enjoy all camp has to offer. **Wanake's goal** is that campers will have a new, renewed, and/or strengthened relationship with God. Counselors facilitate daily devotions, Bible study, prayer, and teachable moments, providing settings for campers to grow in relationship with Jesus. Each camper is given opportunities to practice leadership, encouraging growth as a Christian leader. **Wanake offers** program variety for all ages providing opportunities to try new things and build skills with practiced mentors. Campers benefit from being in God's Creation and exploring Wanake's 250 acres. Programs include swimming, rock climbing, horseback riding, creative/performing arts, outdoor living, and sports. **Housing** includes modern retreat centers, traditional cabins, The Rock Lodge, Adirondack Shelters, and The Survival Cabin. Woods and lakes; pool with rock-climbing and diving board; historic barns; and 48 foot climbing tower add to Wanake's setting.

Camp Aldersgate is a beautiful Summer Camp and Year Round Retreat Center, located in Carrollton, OH. 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. Aldersgate's Summer Camp program is one full of choice. Campers will be presented with a list of activities ranging from archery to culinary arts to fishing and more, picking their favorites. Aldersgate's most unique feature is its waterfront located on Leesville Lake, a beautiful 1,000 acre lake. The waterfront is complete with fishing poles, a floating trampoline, stand up paddle boards, hydro bikes, pontoon boats, water basketball hoops and more!

East Ohio Camps offers **Other Opportunities for Youth** at other locations including Lakeside and Malone University. **Malone University**, located in Canton, is a beautiful campus and has been the home of **CYF** (Christian Youth Fellowship) for the last several years. **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**. **Programs held at these locations include** great Christian community, in-depth Bible Study, creative worship, mission projects and lots of great activities.

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!