

## CAMP PROMOTION TALKING POINTS

**THANK YOU** for sharing with your congregation about the exciting programs that await them at Aldersgate, Asbury, Wanake, CYF, Reach Out, and Institute. Here are a few ideas that you could use in your talk:



- Tell your own story...of your time at camp...of the impact it has had on your life and invite other former campers to share
- Identify others in your church that have experienced camp either as campers, as staff, on retreats, on school trips or just day visitors (just a show of hands is impressive!)
- **Fun Facts:**
  - East Ohio Camps is a program ministry of the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church
  - There are 3 camp sites operated by East Ohio Camps including Camp Aldersgate on Leesville Lake, Camp Asbury near Hiram and Camp Wanake in Beach City.
  - Under the East Ohio Camps umbrella are three youth-focused events that happen each summer: CYF at Malone University, Reach Out at Lakeside, and Institute at Lakeside.
- **Camp Aldersgate** is nestled amidst the grandeur of the hills of east Ohio on the shores of Leesville Lake. The beauty of the terrain is both awe-inspiring and humbling. Leesville Lake, about 1,000 acres in size, provides ample room for campers and guests to explore in any one of Aldersgate's watercraft, which include pedal boats, canoes, sailboats, and pontoon boats. Aldersgate's waterfront includes a Water Trampoline and Splash Mat. Facilities at the site include a tree house, dorm, and cabins for summer use, and a beautiful, simple lodge or small retreat cottage for year round use. The indoor and outdoor chapels, several small campfire sites or one of a variety of exposed rocks, provide just the right setting for worship and personal reflection.
- **Camp Asbury** is markedly diverse in terrain and natural habitat. Wooded forest, waterfalls, a small lake comfortably set amidst low rolling hills, grassy meadows and fields, and a rare fen comprise Asbury's 437 acres. Low ropes and high ropes courses, as well as the "breath-taker" giant swing, lure the adventurous to challenge themselves and to encourage team building. Summer camping programs are developed for those who like to live in tents to those who prefer the amenities of the retreat lodges, with summer cabins for those who like to live in between. The camp's lake provides a private venue for campers and guests to swim and boat. Retreat centers and year-round food service provide comfortable environments for guests to enjoy the camp during the non-summer months.
- **Camp Wanake**, a 330 acre site, stands reminiscent of the farm which once occupied its place. The barns are utilized as program centers for outpost and inpost camping. Barn dances are a favorite experience for summer campers. A 60 foot climbing tower challenges individuals to try their best, and the low ropes course initiates team work amidst participants. Pioneer-living and small group living are camper favorites. Summer programs are housed in cabins, Adirondacks, tents, and retreat centers. A swimming pool allows campers to cool off in the summer heat. Wooded forest, marshland, ponds, streams, and meadows provide campers and guests ample opportunity to explore the diversity of God's creation. Comfortable retreat centers, year-round food service and meeting areas lure guests to the camp throughout the year.
- 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**.

**Ask the congregation:** *If you believe in the value of a Christian Camping experience, and if you feel so led, you can join me in investing in the future of our children by helping send a child to camp.*

Share ways that your congregation is raising funds to help send children and youth to camp.

Talk about your own participation, volunteerism and support of the camping ministry and encourage them to join you!

Remind them that there are summer camp brochures available at your church or they can register online.

**MOST OF ALL MAKE THIS PRESENTATION YOUR OWN WITH YOUR PERSONAL CAMPING STORY!**