

## Camp Presentation Script

**Every Summer Has a Story.** The story of summer 2021 did indeed include some challenges and changes, but it was also a summer of great fun, faith formation and renewal!

At East Ohio Camps, we want every kid to have summer story full of fun, faith formation, adventure, and growth! Our hope is when a child tells the story of what they did this past summer they include a week of camp where, “I connected with great friends and great counselors, had fun adventures, learned new things, experienced God in nature and now my faith is soaring!” And that is what we are planning for summer 2022!



Our hope is that your congregation will make possible for your children, youth and families to include East Ohio Camps as a chapter of the story of Summer 2022.

**Summer 2022 may still provide some challenges.** Because we are not free from influence of the COVID-19 Pandemic, we are working closely with the requirements and guidance from the Ohio Department of Health and with our local public health departments to offer a safe and healthy Summer Camp 2022. We are committed to offering a summer camp program with health and safety guidelines in place for all involved.

As we move in to 2022 and new requirements and guidelines are available, we will make plans accordingly. Any updates or changes to protocols and procedures will be communicated on our website and to the parents/guardians of any registered campers.

### **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.

### **One mission. Many distinctly different programs.**

At East Ohio Camps they are all focused on partnering with families and local congregations in the faith formation of the children, youth and adults they send our way. The places where the 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 excellent camping experiences, yet offer a variety of programs that celebrate their uniqueness.

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. The 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!

"Beautiful!" is one of the first words spoken by first-time campers and their families as they arrive at Camp Asbury... "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 47 foot climbing tower add to Wanake's setting.

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, small-group time, 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](http://EOCSummercamps.org) for more information or to register!