

## Camp Presentation Script

Summer camp has always provided opportunities for campers, young and old, to have fun in the sun. Children, youth, and adults come together to learn new skills, have new experiences, and make new friends all under the guidance of trained, creative, and compassionate staff.

All three sites will be focused on the theme “Faith Alive.” We will focus on five community faith practices: reading the Bible, worshipping, praying, providing hospitality, and living a life of service to the world. These five are a great launching point for campers to incorporate faith into everyday living. Our key verse for this summer’s curriculum is the passage from 1 Corinthians mentioned above. For both the Corinthians and us, if we remember only one thing about living out our faith, it is to let love be our rule.

Please encourage the children, youth, and families of your congregation to include East Ohio Camps as a part of their plans for Summer 2024.

### 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.

For over 65 years, Camp Asbury has provided a safe place for campers and guests to grow in their faith and build community with one another as part of our summer camp programs. In Summer 2023, we invite you to join in on the fun! Camp Asbury offers 6 one-week sessions of residential camp for 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. Spend the week exploring Camp Asbury’s 450 acres of creation with your small group of peers and build new friendships to last a lifetime! Search our website to choose a program that fits your own skills and interests! Each week of camp also has a unique weekly theme to add a new level of fun and creativity to your experience! In Summer 2023, we will explore the Bible theme “All Creatures Great and Small.” Camp Asbury’s fields and forests are home to countless animals who help to make our



landscape diverse. What can we learn from them? Through daily lessons in scripture and large group worship services, you will start to see your fellow critters as teachers, and you'll take part in hands-on activities that allow you to explore each creature's unique gifts and lessons.

Summer camp at Camp Wanake is an experience that lasts a lifetime. Wanake invites you to swim, visit animals, cook over a fire, rock climb, or canoe and fish! At Wanake small groups of 10 – 12 campers with their two adult role models plan their unique week. At its core, Wanake is a "build your own adventure" experience. Themed programs allow groups of campers with similar interests to explore their area of interest in depth. Wanake's goal is that campers will have a new or strengthened relationship with God. Counselors facilitate daily devotions, Bible study, prayer, and teachable moments to provide settings for campers to grow in relationship with Jesus. Each camper is given opportunities to practice leadership, encouraging growth as a Christian leader. Campers benefit from being in God's Creation and exploring Wanake's 250 acres. Woods and lakes; pool with rock-climbing and diving board; and historic barns add to Wanake's setting. Come for five nights or just for two, either way, campers grades 1-12 are sure to have a grand time at Wanake.

Camp Aldersgate is located in the beautiful rolling hills of Carrollton in East Central Ohio. For 76 years, Aldersgate has offered high quality Christian Summer Camp Programs for campers in grades 1-12. This summer, there are four life changing programs to choose from including: week-long Classic Camp, Music and Art Camp, Leadership Camps and even a 2-night beginner program. Aldersgate's most unique feature is its waterfront on the breath-taking 1000-acre Leesville Lake. The waterfront is complete with fishing poles, a floating trampoline, stand up paddle boards, hydro bikes, pontoon boats, water basketball hoops and more! We will spend time at the Waterfront every afternoon, and if you don't feel like swimming, there are plenty of activities to do on land. When we are not at the Waterfront, activities include but are not limited to: Culinary Arts, Rock Climbing, Archery, Fishing, Arts and Crafts, Outdoor Survival Skills, and Sports. Our program design gives you a blend of options:

- Mornings and mealtimes are spent with your cabin group doing activities & Bible Study!
- During the afternoon, YOU get to choose which Elective activity you want to focus on for the week.
- In the evenings, everyone comes together for fun large group activities like All Camp Campfire, Large Group Games, and Worship!

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!