

The 'GATE

Look through "The 'GATE" to see what we have been up to at **CAMP ALDERSGATE**

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The New Latrines Are Coming Along Nicely!

The latrines are a place where many Aldersgate campers have taken a shower or used the bathroom. It's a place to get cleaned up after a great day at camp. It's a place that has served camp well, but has over the years shown wear and tear. It was time for a much needed overhaul. That time is now! Check out how beautiful they are turning out! We are still in the process of putting finishing touches such as installing toilets, shower curtains, mirrors and more, but they will be ready for Summer Camp 2016! Keep an eye on our Facebook page this spring as we post pictures of the finished product.



Introducing The New Camp Director

Aldersgate is excited to introduce our new Camp Director, Dan Bajc (pronounced: "Bay-Jack").

He is a graduate of Malone University with a degree in Business Administration and minors in Finance and Management.

Dan has spent all but a handful of the summers of his life at a camp. He attended Grand Valley Christian Camp as a camper for 12 years and in college he served as a camp counselor at Ligonier Camp and Conference Center in Ligonier, PA.

In 2009, Dan was hired at Aldersgate's sister site, Camp Wanake, to be the Operational Manager and Volunteer Coordinator.



He served in that position until September of 2010 when he moved on site to become Wanake's Assistant Camp Director.

On October 1st, Dan moved to Camp Aldersgate with his wife, Kelcey.

A Word from Dan

"Greetings Aldersgate Family! I am beyond humbled and excited to be given the privilege of serving you as Aldersgate's Director. It was at camp, when I was 16 years old, that my life was poured into by a caring christian mentor named Frank. From that experience my faith took off. I am passionate about providing that same experience I received to today's youth and retreat groups. I am excited about continuing a powerful legacy of Christian camping at Aldersgate started by past directors, staff, volunteers, and alumni before me. Would you stop where you are right now and say a prayer for this powerful place; this place where so many lives have been and will continue to be changed, this place we love to call Aldersgate? A place where hearts can be strangely warmed."

Summer 2016 Plans

We are working hard getting ready for an incredible summer of ministry. We want to share with you some of our plans for the summer so you can get as excited about them as we are! We are excited about continuing a tradition of powerful Christian summer camp programming at Camp Aldersgate this summer. But of course, you must be wondering what new and exciting things to look forward to this coming summer. We are pleased to announce two new program activities this summer:

Outdoor Survival Skills

This activity will involve, as the name implies, learning outdoor survival skills. Your camper will learn about fire building, cooking over a fire and shelter building. Now of course, learning about these things is great, but the real fun comes in actually getting hands dirty and building a fire yourself, or maybe even, camping out in a shelter! Safety is our number one concern, so all of this will be done under the guidance and supervision of our well trained staff!

Sports Program

Now you may be thinking to yourself, "Hey new camp director, we have always played sports at Aldersgate. Have you seen the basketball court?" Well this summer, not only are we going to continue our tradition of knockout and other games, we are going to beef up our sports program to include in-depth learning about a variety of sports. So if your camper loves sports, they will love the opportunity to sign up for sports lessons during activity time. We will use this lesson to not only learn some new skills, but to have a conversation about what Christ-like teamwork and competition looks like!

In addition to these two new activities, we are excited about continuing great Aldersgate activities like Arts and Crafts, Swimming, Boating, Culinary Arts, Gaga Ball, 9-Square-In-The-Air, Archery, and much more!

Early Bird is Back and Better Than Ever!

Early Bird is back! Register for one of our life-changing Summer Camp Programs by **April 30th** and not only will you get **\$20 off your summer camp fee**, your camper will also receive a **Limited Edition 2016 Summer Camp T-shirt** at check-in that is not available in the camp store.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page in the month of March for the big reveal of what the shirt will look like. Be sure to tell your friends to register early so you and your friends can all have this awesome Limited Edition Camp T-shirt! Register online at www.campaldersgate.org or call camp to request a brochure in the mail.

Bible Study Curriculum

It is with much joy that we announce to you Aldersgate's Summer Theme for 2016:

Jesus Is!

As the writers of our curriculum put it, "the focus of this study is not on who Jesus was, but on who Jesus Is."

Each day, campers will explore this topic, answering the question, "Who is Jesus?"

The daily themes are:

Monday- Jesus is the Son of God

Tuesday- Jesus is Our Healer

Wednesday- Jesus is Our Teacher

Thursday- Jesus is Our Savior

Friday- Jesus is Our Friend

We will explore this theme not only during Bible Study and Vespers, but also during our new Morning Watch time. Morning Watch will be restructured to be a quiet personal devotion time. All campers will be given a journal with questions pointing back to the theme of the day, and intentional quiet time to start the day off on the right foot, listening to what God would have to say about who Jesus Is, surrounded by His creation.

A challenging question: When was the last time you took 10-15 minutes of quiet time, with just you and God? If you have not done that today, we challenge you to put this newsletter down, and do that right now!

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR SUMMER STAFF 2016

Apply at CampAldersgate.org

Thanks to our donors!

Aldersgate has an amazing group of supporters, alumni and donors. All the support you give helps us go further, faster into the work God has called us to do. Thank you for your generosity that is helping us provide life-changing experiences for amazing kids like these:



Give a Gift, Change A Life

For our new camp director Dan, camp played a monumental role in his life in terms of forming his faith, and he has a passion for providing that same experience he received to today's youth and retreat groups.

Has camp been powerful and formative in your life too or in the life of someone you love? If so, please consider one of these giving opportunities to help someone experience Camp Aldersgate for the first time, or if they have been here before, in an even better way!

There are three areas in which we invite you to give:

- 1) The current greatest material need at Camp Aldersgate is reliable vehicles. Our camp vehicles are slowly but surely reaching the end of their usable age. Would you consider donating a reliable used van or funds to help Aldersgate purchase one? Having dependable vehicles is important for the summer program to run smoothly and in case of emergencies.
- 2) Another great way to give is a partial or full Campership. Sadly, many families cannot afford the price of this life-changing experience. By giving a Campership, you help a child experience camp that otherwise could not.
- 3) Sometimes, campers come to camp and forget their Bible at home, or sadly, might not even have a Bible of their own. Please join us in building the Aldersgate Bible Fund to help us make sure all campers have, and go home with, a Bible all their own.

Two Ways To Give:

Online at www.campaldersgate.org or

Mail to camp at 3276 Dyewood Rd SW, Carrollton OH 44615

Gifts are tax-deductible.

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**Aldersgate's
Open House!**

Saturday, May 21st from 2-6 PM

Get a tour of camp, see the new latrines, and meet the new camp director! Have a friend who you think would love camp and wants to check us out? Invite them to the Open House!

This is a free event.
No registration is required.



**Registration
for Summer
Camp is Now
Open!**

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**Rent Camp
Aldersgate**

Camp Aldersgate is a great location for your group's church retreat, family reunion, college staff training weekend, scrapbooking event, etc!

Open for rental group's August-May.
Get a quote online at
www.campaldersgate.org.

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Camp Store**

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