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Camp Aldersgate's Annual Newsletter 2019

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Donors Help Make Paving Possible

Have you ever made the hike down to the waterfront and slipped on the gravel? Or on Friday, how about wheeling your luggage back to your car from Cabin 8 through bumpy rocks? Well, no more! A couple of generous donors blessed our campers with a new paved road! We also rebuilt the stair case from the lower bathrooms to the Green Cabins! Major improvement projects like this are only possible at Camp Aldersgate when we have help from donations. Learn more on page 3 in this newsletter!



Historic Flooding

The Leesville Lake area had a very wet spring that kept the ground saturated. During the week of June 16, 2019 while Mayfield UMC was on site, there was a 3 day period of historic amounts of rain. According to the Army Corps of Engineer's website, we broke the all-time lake level record set in 2011 by a foot. The shore sat at 8.5 feet above its normal

summer pool level for approximately 5 and a half weeks, as the Army Corp needed to wait until flooding downstream subsided to let Leesville out. This caused a fair amount of damage to our docks and killed a few trees at the waterfront. Unfortunately, this meant that for most of the summer, we were unable to do our normal waterfront operation, but it's going to take a lot more than that to stop

us from having a good time! We were still able to do all of our boating fun with our summer campers, and we got creative and built an awesome slip and slide coming down the hill into the athletic field in main camp. The campers loved the slip and slide so much that we are looking at ways to make it bigger and better for next summer and it will become a new permanent activity for groups to do in future summers. While it was a very wet summer, the flood didn't "dampen" our fun! Campers still had an awesome summer and will be able to say "we were at camp during the 2019 hundred year flood and we had a blast!"



Summer Camp 2019 Review

Eat, Sleep, Pray, Repeat was our theme for Summer Camp 2019. While we sure did a lot of eating, and a fair bit of sleeping, during our Bible Study and Vesper services we focused on that third word- Prayer. We took the Lord's prayer and every day broke down a line or two of it. We answered the question: what is prayer and what did Jesus teach us about it? At the end of their week at camp, campers were challenged to continue their daily morning devotions to stay connected with God.



New High School Intern Program

We are excited to roll out a new High School Internship program in 2020. Most people know the incredible benefits that come from working at Camp. Unfortunately, our young people are encouraged to pass up this incredible growth opportunity to pursue internships that look good on paper, but sadly often are not much more than coffee runs. We had a thought: what if you could get an internship on your resume before you got to college and still get to work at Camp? Well that opportunity is here! We are looking to hire 4 youth between the ages of 16 and 17 that would make a minimum of a 3 week commitment during the summer, plus 2 days of staff training. This new position will work side-by-side with our senior level staff, serving as an assistant in camper groups or assisting behind the scenes on program staff. The internship includes a paid salary of \$100/week plus Room and Board.

Our long-time running F.A.S.T. Academy is not going anywhere: our program for high schoolers that are still looking for their week of camp as a camper, and the possibility of coming back for a week to volunteer.

So what is the main difference between the two programs? F.A.S.T. Academy is for campers, which anyone can register for and attend. Our High School Internship Program is a paid position that a select few will apply and interview for. Apply to be an Intern today on our website: www.campaldersgate.org.

New Activity for Summer

Announcing a new program activity for 2020 Summer Campers- **Design Your Own Mini Golf Course**. Campers will be given supplies and each camper in the group will design their own hole with whatever obstacles, ramps, etc that they can come up with. And then, of course, it will be time to play! This is an activity that can either be played outside on the basketball court or parking lot, or inside in the dining hall on rainy days! How fun! We can not wait to try it out ourselves!



Camp Recipe Corner

Peanut Butter Yuckies

4 C Graham Cracker Crumbs, fine
4 C Powdered Sugar
2 C Butter, melted
2 C Peanut Butter

Topping:

2.25 C Chocolate Chips
1/2 C Peanut Butter

- 1) Combine the graham crackers, peanut butter and powdered sugar.
- 2) Add melted butter and mix well.
- 3) Spread evenly on bottom of greased 9x13" pan.
- 4) Melt the Topping ingredients over double broiler until melted and smooth.
- 5) Spread Topping evenly over peanut butter mixture.
- 6) Cover and refrigerate at least 30 minutes.
- 7) Let sit at room temperature for 30 minutes before cutting.

Babies at Camp!

Aldersgate Directors Dan and Kelcey are excited to announce the birth of their daughter, Mackenzie, on November 6, 2018!

It was an exciting summer in that Will and Molly Falwell (McCully) were on summer staff with their daughter, Zara, born in December of 2018. Having the girls at camp was a blessing! The campers and staff both showed them so much love.



Thank You To Our Volunteers



Thank You 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:



Support The Ministry at Camp Aldersgate

Major improvements like the paving you see on page one are made possible by our donors. Has camp been powerful and formative in your life or in the life of someone you love? If so, please consider one of these giving opportunities to help us make Camp Aldersgate even better for all!

- Our next big project is **updating and modernizing the Lodge** (remodeling the kitchenette, gutting downstairs bathrooms, new carpet, etc). We are still pricing this project out. It will end up being over \$50,000 over a couple of years. Please consider helping us get the ball rolling on this much needed large project.
- Give a partial or full **Campership** (\$379). By giving a Campership, you help a child experience camp that otherwise could not.
- Organize a **volunteer work crew** from your church or business. Camp can accommodate work crews of up to 50 people, ages 12+. Call or email to discuss projects and dates!
- Remember Aldersgate in your will (contact Gary Jones at 330-499-3972 ext 120).

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.



Social Media & International Camp T-Shirt Day

Did you know that Aldersgate is on Social Media? Keep up with what is happening at camp by following/liking us on all of the major platforms from Facebook to Instagram to Twitter and YouTube! Tuesday, November 12 was International Camp T-Shirt Day. Here are some pics that were shared that day:



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**Online Registration
for Summer Camp
2020 Opens in
December!**



**Online
Camp Store**

A great Christmas or Birthday gift would be an Aldersgate T-Shirt, Hat or Mug! Head to campaldersgate.org to buy one online today and receive it in the mail!

**Aldersgate's
Open House!**

Saturday, March 28 from 2-5 PM

Get a tour of camp, see how camp has developed, and meet the camp staff! 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.

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 groups August-May. Get a quote online at www.campaldersgate.org.

