

ALDERSGATE

2023

Summer Camp



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WELCOME HOME

WHAT IS ALDERSGATE ALL ABOUT?

Aldersgate is a home away from home for many people. It is a place set apart in God's beautiful creation for people to come and experience Christ's love, grace, and abundance! It is also a place for people to build community, grow deeper in their relationship with Christ and encounter God in the hills, valleys and creek banks.

Our goal is to welcome campers where they are at and for them to discover who they are in Christ. We will do this by cultivating an atmosphere where they can encounter God's love, have their faith in Christ ignited, and become empowered to accept their faith as their own and live it out in the world!

Campers will get to experience God on a whole new level through Bible studies, nightly campfire worships, and our many outdoor activities! We can't wait to welcome you home!

"You will learn to love yourself, others, and most importantly you will learn to love God!"

Our 2023 Theme Is:
"The Life & Teachings of Jesus"

Serving rising
3rd-12th graders



Dear moms & dads,

Summer camp season is just around the corner! We know there are a lot of summer camps to choose from and we want to thank you for considering Aldersgate. It is our hope that every person that sets foot at camp will feel God's presence and experience his grace, love, and abundance! Sending your child to camp is a big decision; however, we believe it is important for every child to experience camp where they will grow in community, be challenged, and deepen their faith.

At Aldersgate, our counselors and staff are ready to pour into your child. We will surround them with love and encouragement while sharing with them the love and message of Christ. We know that your child's safety is a top priority. Here are a few steps we take to keep them safe.

Our summer staff go through an intense interview process. We get to know these young adults, what they believe, and how they interact with others. We screen their social media, past employment, as well as require multiple references. We perform a background check and a sexual offender search. After being hired, they train for two weeks, preparing them to work with your child.

Our volunteers must also complete an application process including background check, multiple references, a sexual offender search, and complete a volunteer handbook training.

We are excited to announce that this summer, camp will start on Sundays and end on Fridays. We hope this change will benefit our families by making camp more accessible for working parents. Be sure to check out our new camp offerings. There are several options for your camper including; Adventure Encounter, Middle School Ignite, and Senior High Empower (previously known as Leisure Ministries). In addition to your camper experiencing Aldersgate's normal offerings, these special camps will enable you to sign your camper up for a special focused "track". Several of our past specialty camps (Princess, Wacky Water, and Sports camps) will be offered as a track along with several new opportunities like Adventure and Creative Ministries! Campers will participate in the morning track time and traditional activities with their friends in the afternoon. This enables friends with different interests to attend the same camp! The goal is for these camps to build on each other. Campers will *encounter* God's love, have their faith *ignited*, and *empower* them to accept their faith as their own and live it out in the world!

Thank you again for considering Aldersgate this summer. We hope to welcome you home soon! Please keep in mind that space fills quickly, so register early!

Take care and God Bless,
Haley Andes, Director of Operations



2023 Summer Camps!

Middle School

High School

P.K. Camp

Grand

Rising grades K-5th can experience Aldersgate with their grandparents during this three day, two night camp. Campers will participate in traditional camp activities such as swimming, crafts, creek hike to the clay wall, a hayride, campfires and more! This camp is perfect for first time campers to make memories with their loved ones!

Grand 1- June 7-9, 2023
Grand 2- June 14-16, 2023
Grand 3- June 21-24, 2023
Grand 4 - June 26-28, 2023
Grand 5- July 28-30, 2023

Discovery

Rising 3rd -4th graders discover what it means to be a Christ follower through fun and learning over this four day, three night camp. Campers experience God's creation through a variety of activities including hiking, games, environmental education and crafts. Campers will get a chance to beat the heat at the pool, creek, and clay wall. Daily Bible study and nightly campfire worships teach campers about God's sacrificial love for them. Discovery Camp gives children a taste of Aldersgate's traditions and provides memories that they will hold onto for years to come!

Discovery 1- June 4-7, 2023
Discovery 2- June 11-14, 2023
Discovery 3- June 18-21, 2023
*Imagineer Discovery - June 25-30, 2023

(Note Imagineer camp is a FULL six day, five night camp experience)

Discovery 4- July 9-12, 2023

Adventure

Rising 5th -6th graders will satisfy their adventurous side for a full six day, five night week of camp. Each day, campers are challenged to stretch outside of their comfort zones in activities such as team building, hiking and low ropes. Aldersgate favorites such as swimming, gaga ball, hammocking, games, crafts, creek time, clay wall and folk dancing are also included. Small group Bible studies and nightly campfire worships offer the perfect opportunity for campers to dive deeper into God's word and experience His love for them!

New ENCOUNTER - Designed with the purpose for Adventure campers to ENCOUNTER God's love! This ultimate camp offers different track options for campers to combine their interests with their faith to create a more unique camp experience.

Adventure 1- June 4-9, 2023
NEW ENCOUNTER - June 11-16, 2023
Adventure 2- June 18-23, 2023
*Imagineer Adventure- June 25-30, 2023
Adventure 3- July 9-14, 2023

**Imagineer Camp is designed for Discovery & Adventure campers to offer a unique experience for campers to encounter God, the ultimate creator in a new way! If you like to build things and use your imagination, this is the camp for you! Campers will get to use their imaginations as they create and design fun exciting projects throughout the week. Imagineer campers will also be able to experience the traditional Aldersgate activities such as swimming, creek time, crafts, hikes and clay wall!*

Rising 7th -8th graders will seek to discover their identity in Christ in this six day, five night week of camp. Campers will put their faith into action through adventure options including, team building, low ropes, hiking and caving. Traditional camp favorites such as swimming, crafts, GaGa ball, folk dancing are experiences that allow for campers to feel right at home! Daily small group Bible studies, nightly campfire worships and devotionals allow for campers to experience a greater sense of community and develop a deeper relationship with Christ than ever before!

New IGNITE - Designed with the purpose to IGNITE Middle School campers faith! This ultimate camp offers different track options for campers to combine their interests with their faith to create a more unique camp experience. Campers will still be able to participate in traditional Aldersgate activities.

Middle School 1- June 4-9, 2023
Middle School 2- June 11-16, 2023
NEW IGNITE- June 18-23, 2023
Middle School 3- June 25-30, 2023
Middle School 4- July 9-14, 2023

High School campers will take their walk with Christ to the next level in these six day, five night camps! Campers will dive deep into small group Bible studies and nightly campfire worships. They will build community, foster their faith and leave feeling equipped to continue to grow and share Jesus with others! Our High School camps fall into the following categories:

- **Traditional**- Designed to offer campers an experience packed with a week full of Aldersgate traditional activities such as hiking, caving, swimming, folk dancing and much more!
- **New Great Outdoors**- Designed to provide opportunities for adventure! Campers will participate in our most outdoor adventurous activities. These camps offer offsite experiences to Red River Gorge to participate in activities such as rock climbing, canoeing/kayaking, hiking, and rappelling, as well as an overnight camping trip!
- **New EMPOWER** (Formally know as Leisure Ministries)- Designed with the purpose to EMPOWER High School campers to accept their faith as their own and to live it out in the world! This unique camp offers different Major options for campers to combine their interests with their camp experience while being fully immersed in the Bible and watching it come to life before their eyes.

High School 1- June 4-9, 2023
New Great Outdoors 1- June 11-16, 2023
High School 2- June 18-23, 2023
New Great Outdoors 2- June 25-30, 2023
New EMPOWER (Formally know as Leisure Ministries) - July 2-7, 2023
High School 3- July 9-14, 2023

Preacher's Kids Camp is a three day, two night camp that is geared towards providing encouragement, support and fun for children of our clergy. Designed for rising 2nd-12th graders (broken into age groups), this camp will help them learn more about what it means to be a Christ follower through fun and learning. Campers will experience God's creation through a variety of activities including Bible lessons, games, swimming, crafts, and more!

July 16-18, 2023



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