

Aldersgate Camps & Retreats 2022

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Bishop Whitehead, Superintendent Robroy Ranger, Conference Pastors and Delegates to the 2023 Annual Conference,

God continues to use the ministry of Aldersgate to directly impact lives for the kingdom. After a brief January COVID spike, 2022 ended up being the busiest of any of my 24 years at Aldersgate. During any given summer we will usually have one or two groups of 350+ campers, but last summer we hosted 5 different groups in that category. People were so excited to be back at Aldersgate and get a taste of “normalcy” again in their lives. It was especially refreshing to see so many kids with smiles on their faces enjoying each other’s company and learning more about Christ.

December was an eventful month as we shut down for six weeks to work on replacing all of the kitchen and dish room drains that had come to the end of their lifespans. We also lost Spruce Cabin due to a tree falling during the powerful December storm that came through. Getting Spruce replaced is now our big project for 2023. We have also been working on a lot of much needed electrical upgrades that will help the site to function much better during storms and power outages. While tearing down Spruce we were also able to finally tear down the old home by the creek that was becoming more and more of a safety hazard.

We are excited for another busy ministry season in 2023. More than ever, I believe that Christian Camps are needed in people’s lives so they can at least get a short respite from our rapidly changing world. Christian Camps are an amazing place to be able focus on Christ as well as build lasting and deep relationships with one another.

Lives continue to be impacted at Aldersgate!

Serving Him,
Eric Mueller, Camp Director



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