



Aldersgate Camp & Retreat Center

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Dear Aldersgator,

At the end of each year, I have the privilege to sit back and reflect on all the things that have happened here at Aldersgate Camp and Retreat Center. Over the course of 2017, much has been done to continue the ministry at your camp; to kindle new relationships, develop disciples, and grow Christian leaders. To keep current on the most recent activities and projects at Aldersgate, like our Facebook page or visit our website aldersgatecamp.org. A few highlights from 2017 include:

- We saw 731 campers this summer.
- We hosted our third annual Estill County Day Camp during our Staff Training. Our camper numbers continue to increase with this camp.
- In April of 2017, we had 128 volunteers working hard at the annual CAMP workday.
- This past spring, we completed construction on the new Eagles Nest Camping area. This structure allows up to 32 hammocks at one time and is a great opportunity for groups to relax or even camp out overnight. It was very popular this past summer!
- Our retreat schedule has been booming, with at least one group on site almost every weekend. We served 134 retreat groups and over 3,000 retreat guests.
- 2017 began a wonderful relationship with our friends from the Red Bird Missionary Conference. This summer we saw 22 new campers from this Conference and look forward to growing this relationship in 2018.

As I think through the memories of 2017, there is one quote from a camper parent that stands out in particular. She said *"My son says Aldersgate has taught him that God is Greater than all his ups and downs. Having grown up at Aldersgate myself, it fills my heart to know he is learning his own walk with God through his own Aldersgate experiences."* This is just one of many examples of camper experiences kindled at Aldersgate.

It is people like you who have invested in the ministry of Aldersgate that allow experiences like this to become a reality. I hope you too have experienced the impact of Aldersgate on your life as a camper, dean, volunteer, staff member, or retreat guest. We want to invite you to recall those experiences and consider including Aldersgate as a recipient of one of your yearend tax deductible donations via check or through the PayPal account set up on our website aldersgatecamp.org.

In closing, we want to say that we cherish our friendship with you and truly appreciate your thoughts, prayers, and gifts. We look forward to welcoming you home soon. In 2018 we will be celebrating our 55th year, and we have some very exciting news to share! Please stayed tuned for that exciting announcement.

Grace and Peace,

Dave Cohn,
Director Aldersgate Camp & Retreat Center

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