

# 2023 Annual Report

## Cedarbrook Camp™

### Mid-Atlantic EST. 1984



Hi Friends of Cedarbrook Camp Mid-Atlantic,

I love that we are now better representing where we are located by the name change from Cedarbrook Camp in Pennsylvania to Cedarbrook Camp Mid-Atlantic. While our name has slightly changed, **we are not changing anything about what we do or who we are.** Our board prayerfully considered and examined where our staff and campers live and came to the conclusion that Mid-Atlantic better represented us as a camp. I am excited that we made this change and hope that as we look to the future we continue to strongly represent the Mid-Atlantic area. Our website is now updated and is: [www.cedarbrookmidatlatic.org](http://www.cedarbrookmidatlatic.org) Although we still will host the PA website it will redirect to the new website.

### 2023 Camp Summary

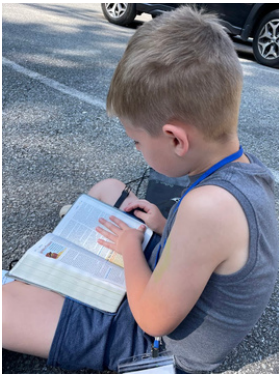
We have had an exciting and busy year. We started off the camp season this year early with our Father/Daughter weekend in the spring. Our Father/Daughter weekend is a special time for our camp dad's and their daughters to come and grow in their relationship with the Lord as well as draw closer to each other. It's a great way for dads and daughters to foster a strong relationship focused on Christ. It is also a time for the dads and daughters to have a lot of fun together. This year our theme for the weekend was Medieval Quests. The dad and daughter pairs had to learn how to scale walls (Climbing wall), building fortresses (build a shelter out of materials found in nature), navigate the moat (collect rubber ducks in the paddle boats and the lake), and learn how to wear armor (relay clothing race). These were only some of the tasks and activities the pairs participated in. We also had our traditional father/daughter dance on Saturday night. The spiritual focus for the weekend was the armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-17)



This summer our theme for camp was “Be Still and Know” using theme Psalm 46:10:

**“Be still and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations.  
I will be exalted in the earth”**

We focused on trusting God and not relying on our own strength.  
We took the word “still” and used it to guide our week.



S - Stop Striving  
T - Trust God  
I - Inquire  
L - Listen  
L - Live it



Campers had opportunities to practice listening to God and hearing his voice. We learned about trusting God in all situations of our lives.

At registration this year, we had campers put stickers on maps. One reason was to preview where our campers and staff live that attend camp in light of the name change. On the other map we asked campers to put a sticker on the location on the globe of where they were born. It was amazing to see how diverse our campers are. **We had campers from Asia, Middle East, Africa, Canada, and of course around the United States.** A few years ago, the board prayed and earnestly sought how we could be a more diverse camp. This prayer was answered this year by having so many different cultures and countries represented. It truly was amazing to see God’s Word being shared in different languages and to so many different cultures.



This year we had multiple campers

- **Open the Bible** - God's Word - for the first time!
- **Hear the Gospel** for the first time
- **Make decisions** to re-focus their life of God and His Word
- **Ask questions** about who Jesus is and who the God of the Bible is.

**23 Campers reported that they accepted Jesus**

**57 Campers reported that they rededicated their life to Jesus**

It truly was an amazing summer to watch God work. It is an honor and privilege to be able to be used by God. We had a prayer tent set up at camp this summer to show how much we rely on God and the importance of prayer. Each day campers and staff were able to meet with staff in the prayer tent to seek God and to "Be Still" in His presence.

### Looking Forward

2024 is a big year as it is the **40th anniversary** of Cedarbrook Camp in Pennsylvania now Mid-Atlantic. We want to celebrate the Lord's faithfulness to us throughout these past 40 years. He has done so much through the ministry this camp and we want to recognize and honor that history. The fact that you are reading this means that camp has somehow impacted your life. Whether you are a former camper, staff (current or former), parent, financial supporter, board member, or involved in any other way, we would like to invite you to celebrate with us.

**Please mark your calendars for an inaugural Annual Dinner starting this year in celebration of 40 years of Cedarbrook Camp in Pennsylvania/Mid-Atlantic.**



**January 13, 2024**  
**Bible Fellowship Church**  
**808 Old Baltimore Pike**  
**Newark, DE**  
**5pm - 8pm**

**Thank you so much for your faithful support of Cedarbrook Camp Mid-Atlantic.**

Many of you have supported us by sending your child or grandchild to camp; some of you have supported us financially; many of you have supported us in prayer both during camp and throughout the year. We would not be able to continue to have camp without that support. We know that God has more work to do through Cedarbrook and we look forward to seeing what that is and being able to be blessed to be used by Him in the work.

### Financial Update

We held our seventh annual golf outing and fundraiser in June at Moccasin Run Golf Course presented by Element Risk Management. This year we did not advertise the partnership with the Parkesburg point, and still had 96 registered golfers. We had 28 different business sponsors, 10 of which were brand new. Special THANK YOU to Mark Landis from Metro Insurance and Financial Services, and Legacy of Love for the support helping to organize the event. All together, we made over \$13,000 for camp! Speaking of camp, we had nine of our business sponsors and community partners join us to visit camp this year and see what we do with our campers! Outside of camp, we made a very strong connection with The Justamere Foundation and Lori Cushman, that resulted in a \$15,000 grant towards our CILT Program.



God has blessed us financially by always providing for our needs. We strive to keep our camper costs as low as possible so that many families can afford to send their children to camp. However, **our camper fees do not cover the cost of camp.** We rely on donors and ministry partners who give financially to help us continue to keep camp cost affordable as well as to provide activities and supplies for our campers and staff. Our camp cost has increased over the past few years especially as we have moved to a different location. However, we did not raise our rates for 2023. As a result, we did not finish the camp year as financially strong as we would have liked. We are in the process of examining our budget to reevaluate our rates. **We try to keep our rates low so that as many families as possible can afford camp.**

Your gift goes so much farther than just what happens at camp. We have missionaries that are able to follow up with some of our campers that came internationally. Those campers hope to attend next year.

You can go to our website at: [www.cedarbrookcamppa.org/donate](http://www.cedarbrookcamppa.org/donate) to make a one time gift or sign up for a recurring donation.

In summary in looking forward to 2024 (and the rest of 2023)

- November is our 30 Days of Thanks “Friendsgiving” Annual Fundraiser
  - We look for 100 people to give \$1/day in November (\$30 donation)
- 40th Anniversary Celebration and Inaugural Annual Dinner - January 13, 2024
- Father/Daughter Weekend again April 19-21 at Tel Hai Camp.
- Camp dates for 2024 - July 28 - August 3

Thanks for your partnership in sharing the gospel of Jesus and challenging youth to experience the excitement of a Christ centered life!

In Christ,

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Executive Director

