

CAMP NEWS

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Attendance

This year we've been able to increase overall camp attendance by 30% from this time last year. We attribute this to the drop in cost, and increase in volunteer supports.

Partnerships

This year we increased our volunteer commitment through community partnerships with, **Youth Works, UMADAOP of Dayton, Foster Grandparents, & The Gateway Cathedral.** These partnerships allowed us to drastically lower our cost to families.

Educational Focus

To combat learning loss from prolonged out of classroom time due to COVID-19, we added an additional 30 minutes per day for reading for campers under grade three, to help prepare for Ohio's third grade reading guarantee when they return to the classroom in the fall.



Our Mission

The Gateway Summer Camp, for the past 5 years has offered affordable educational summer enrichment that spans the a school districts entire summer break. Our summer camp runs 10-11 weeks; this provides families with what we call the, "Continuity of Routine" preventing the disruption of their day to day lives due unaffordable and unobtainable childcare options.

Our summer camp was designed to serve parents and students alike. It was design with working families in mind, an often time forgotten about demographic of families, who make too much money to qualify for public assistance, but don't make enough to afford traditional and expensive childcare from week to week.





Our Future

In 2023 the Gateway Summer Camp will enter its 6th year of operation. We have set an aggressive goal to increase summer enrollment by 50%. We also plan to offer winter and spring camps as well as continued after school care and instruction. We will do this by:

- Upgrading our current facility
- Higher more staff
- Increasing volunteer commitment

Impact

We measure our success based on what area school district tells are the best amounts of time to spend on each core subject.

From grades kindergarten through third grade children learn to read but, from fourth grade on kids read to learn.

This addresses our area school districts specific goals and desire for programs to, “make enhancements that will achieve specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-limited objectives.”

Our parent organization OpenGate Urban Initiatives has 7 years worth of experience offering this type of data driven, caring, and ambitious programming. We have served families, in some of the most trying times as an organization. Whether it has been, when our community and facility was directly hit by the 2019 tornadoes or navigating our way through COVID19 to offer the same quality programming our families had come to expect through thoughtful and innovative ways.

Our organizational skills and strengths currently include a full time administrative and operational staff that prepare in our off season for the 10-11 week span when we are directly serving children. Our partnerships with area businesses, religious organizations and local governments provide a vast network of partnerships that help facilitate our mission.

