



CAMP TIMBERS

**EXPERIENCE
CONNECT
GROW**

Summer Overnight Camp
West Branch, Michigan
CampTimbers.org

Dear Campers and Parents,

Welcome to another great summer at YMCA Camp Timbers! As we begin our 51st season of summer camp, I couldn't be more excited for the new experiences, connections, and growth awaiting our campers. For many of us, Camp Timbers is a home away from home—a special place rich with new opportunities and treasured memories. I hope that the same will be true for you and your camper by year's end.

At YMCA Camp Timbers, kids can be kids—they enjoy the wonders of nature, play games that are not on screens, and build friendships face-to-face. Our counselors are wonderful role models. They genuinely care about the individual development and well-being of each camper and help them learn to bond, grow, and thrive as a community.



We want each child and teen who spends time at camp to return home with a new confidence in themselves and a rejuvenated thirst for exploration and knowledge. As a former educator, I value developing 21st-century skills at camp. The memories they craft, the values they experience, and the skills they practice—collaboration, teamwork, problem solving, creativity, and stewardship - will be lasting benefits of a summer experience at YMCA Camp Timbers.

Our 51st summer may be our best one yet! We're thrilled to have significant facility improvements ready for use, including two NEW bathhouses, a resurfaced and covered sports court, an updated creative arts center, and renovations at our Main Lodge. See "New in 2018" on the next page for other exciting updates.

Please contact me directly at 989 753 7721 ext 225 or via email at BAMiller@SaginawYMCA.org with any questions you have about camp. I look forward to working together with you to make this summer an impactful and memorable one for your camper.

Sincerely Yours,

Brian

Brian Miller

Camp and Community Director



Why Camp Timbers?

- Located on a beautiful 300-acre site surrounding Piper Lake, our own private, spring-fed lake
- Large enough for a variety of rich experiences—zip lines, horses, kayaking, climbing tower, and much more; small enough to provide a family atmosphere
- Cabin-based, family-style experiences: 8-12 campers and two counselors per cabin, grouped by age and gender
- Value-based morning messages and evening reflections (Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility) that foster social-emotional growth
- High-caliber staff role models—all American Red Cross CPR and First Aid certified with over 100 hours of training prior to camp
- Accredited by the American Camp Association

New in 2018!

- **Facilities:** Nearly \$2 million of capital construction and renovations, including
 - **Main Lodge :** a redesigned main entry, multi-use reception room, updated health center, new handwashing station and an expanded covered porch.
 - **Sports Court Pavilion :** a 90'x40' resurfaced court with a 20' high pavilion above, perfect for games, gatherings, and other all-camp events - even in the rain!
 - **Front Mill Bathhouse :** a completely NEW bathhouse with greater capacity
 - **Hollow Stump Bathhouse :** a fully-renovated bathhouse with 8 additional showers
 - **O-Ge-Maw-ke Center :** a fully-renovated building for arts/crafts and year-round small-group gatherings
- **Specialty Camp Options:** NEW program offerings, including Camp-U-Create (Creative Arts), On-Stage Theatre Camp, Minecraft, 3D Design, and Robotics
- **Activities:** 40' Giant Swing, Early Morning Clubs (running, fishing, gaga, and more), and Expanded Swim Section at Waterfront
- **Refer-a-Friend Program:** Receive a \$50 account credit when a new family you refer registers a camper in 2018. See "Special Offers and Savings" for details.
- **Bus Transportation:** Bussing available to/from camp for Session #4 (at Saginaw YMCA) and Session #5 (at Monroe YMCA and Saginaw YMCA). See "Getting to Camp" for details.





MORNING WATCH

We raise the flag & share a devotion focused on our core values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility.



CABIN ACTIVITIES

Kayaking, Swimming, Climbing Tower, Mountain Biking, Nature Hikes, Zipline, Arts & Crafts, and more!



SPECIALTY TIME

Campers choose an activity to specialize in for the week! See our "Specialty Program" section for full descriptions."

7:45
AM

8:00
AM

9:00
AM

12:00
NOON

12:30
PM

3:00
PM

BREAKFAST

Our food service staff provide campers with healthy options for each meal & snacks.

Sample breakfast: scrambled eggs, biscuits, bacon, fresh fruit, cereal, and OJ.



LUNCH

Our kitchen staff work to accommodate campers with special dietary needs, including allergies.

Sample lunch: grilled cheese sandwiches, tomato soup, and salad bar.

REST PERIOD AND SNACK



LIFE AT

Y CAMP TIMBERS



HANG TIME

Campers choose daily activity options during this counselor-supervised, camper-directed creative playtime.



CABIN ACTIVITIES

Our counselors are trained team building facilitators. Campers learn how to solve problems by working together.



CABIN DEVOTIONS

Counselors plan activities that provide a time for reflection and closure to the day.

4:00
PM

5:30
PM

6:30
PM

7:30
PM

9:00
PM

9:30
PM

DINNER

Sample dinner: spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, vegetable, and salad bar.



ALL CAMP SPECIAL EVENTS



LIGHTS OUT BEGINS

Our youngest campers head to bed; older campers have progressively later bedtimes.



Sunday Check-in: 2-4pm
Friday Closing Ceremony and Cookout: 4-6pm





PROGRAMS

Mini Camp: Ages 7–10 Session 3 (July 1–July 3)

For three days and two nights, campers will have the chance to explore the activities of regular camp and get used to the adventure of being away from home. Offered only during **Session 3 (July 1–3)**. **\$245**

Traditional Overnight Camp: Ages 7–14 Session 4 (July 8–13), Session 5 (July 15–20), Session 6 (July 22–27)

The classic overnight camp experience, full of memory-making activities and adventures. See our timeline on the previous page for a typical day of camp. **\$449**

Day Camp: Ages 7–14 Session 4 (July 9–July 13), Session 5 (July 16–July 20), Session 6 (July 23–July 27)

An excellent option for those living close to camp! Campers join cabin groups from 8:30am–5:00pm Monday through Friday. An optional overnight stay at camp on Thursday is included. **\$155**

Herter Band Camp: Week 1 (June 18–June 24), Week 2 (June 25–July 1)

Advance your musical ability, work to perfect a final concert performance, and experience all the summer fun Camp Timbers has to offer. This program is run as a partnership with Herter Music Center. For more information and to register, visit www.hertermusiccenter.com/band-camp/. **\$449**



“This program made her feel like she belonged. That experience is priceless!”



TEEN PROGRAMS & TRIPS

Teen Leadership Camp: Ages 14-16

Session 5 (July 15-20), Session 6 (July 22-27)

Whether a first-time camper or a seasoned returner, all teens are invited to participate in our teen camp, the first step in our progressive leadership program. Campers experience leadership-based activities in the morning and will enjoy traditional camp activities, including selecting a specialty option, for the remainder of the day. A special off-site trip and single-morning service project are included. **\$449**

Boys/Girls Teen Leadership Canoe Trips: Ages 14-17

Session 3 (July 1-6) – BOYS ONLY

Session 7 (July 30-August 3) – GIRLS ONLY

Our Teen Leadership Canoe Trips are 5-day, 4-night adventures canoeing and camping along the AuSable River. Each is a single-gender trip, and open to ages 14-17. Campers spend Sunday evening at Camp Timbers, and they return to camp for pick-up on Friday. Neither prior experience nor specialized gear is needed. Spaces are limited. **\$449**

Sailing the Straits Adventure Trip: Ages 14-17

Session 8 (August 5-10)

This unique experience includes a 5-day, 4-night adventure sailing on the Retriever, a 52' sailboat owned and operated by the Boy Scouts of America. Participants sail and sleep aboard the ship, which departs from Mackinaw City. Specific itinerary is weather-dependent. It is a co-ed trip, and open to ages 14-17. Campers spend Sunday evening at Camp Timbers, and they return to camp for pick-up on Friday. Neither prior experience nor specialized gear is needed. Spaces are limited. **\$449**

Counselor-In-Training (CIT) Program: Ages 16-17

Sessions 4-5 (July 8-20)

Campers in this two-week program will have an immersive leadership experience, learning the arts of team-building, group facilitation, and working with children. A three day, two night AuSable River canoe trip, a Camp Timbers' tradition, is included. We expect our CITs to be eager to learn and mature enough to be strong role models for kids. **\$600**



SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

What is Specialty Time?

Specialty time offers campers the opportunity to pursue a passion or explore an emerging interest for two hours daily. Campers choose a specialty option for the week and experience a progressive set of related-activities each day. There are two types of specialties: in-house and partner-based.

Camp Timbers Specialty Options:

Weekly specialty options will be presented to campers the first day of camp and may vary by week. These are led by staff members with particular passion or skill in the area and offer an in-depth experience at no additional cost. These may include:

- Watersports
- Arts/Crafts
- Mountain Biking
- Fishing
- Sports/Games
- Nature Study
- Outdoor Cooking
- High Adventure (ages 12+)
- Hiking/Survival

Partner Specialty Options:

These specialty options offer the “best of both worlds” for campers with specific interests. Does your child love horses, Minecraft, robotics, or theatre? We have a camp for that! Advance registration and an additional fee are required.

Boots & Saddle Horse Specialty: Ages 9–14 Session 3 (July 1-3), Session 4 (July 8-13), Session 5 (July 15-20), Session 6 (July 22-27)

Spend two hours each day focusing on horse care, riding instruction, and horseback rides along the trails surrounding camp. **Additional \$100 fee**

“I love that he is introduced to new people and experiences and is surrounded by nature!”

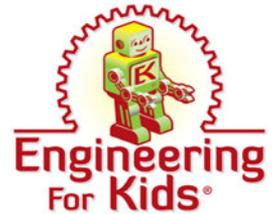


MinecraftEdu: Medieval Redstone:

Session #4 (July 8-13)

MinecraftEDU is an expansive game that lets players design and create unique worlds with amazing structures. This class introduces students to the many uses of Redstone, the game's version of electrical circuitry, through a Medieval-themed adventure of creation, exploration, and castle besieging. Students will use Redstone to build mine cart tracks, design traps to defend their castle, and collaborate with others to develop their kingdom.

Additional \$100 fee



3D Design: Superheroes to the Rescue!

Session #5 (July 15-20)

In 3D Design: Superheroes to the Rescue, we will explore the basic concepts of 3D printing and computer-aided design, or CAD, to design our very own 3D superhero! Students will take their hand drawn design and learn how to extrude it into a 3D model that can then be modified to be printed in 3D on any printer. Note – students do not print their final 3D models. **Additional \$100 fee**

Robotics: Rescue Robots:

Session #6 (July 22-27)

This LEGO® Robotics: Rescue Robots curriculum is designed to introduce students to the world of building and programming basic robots. Throughout this course the students will explore different ways in which a robot could be utilized to respond in disaster situations. **Additional \$100 fee**

“My son seems to be able to make friends easier now since camp and seems more confident in himself.”



On-Stage Theatre Camp:

Session 6 (July 23-28)

Does your child love being on stage? On-Stage Theatre Camp works with beginning and experienced actors and includes theatre games, skill development on how to become another character, and basic stage instructions. Led by an experienced director (20+ shows and 10+ years theatre coaching), this specialty will help anyone feel more comfortable onstage and will teach campers how to be more prepared for their next auditions! Age Level: 9-14 Instructor: Jeff Larsen **Additional \$100 fee**

Camp U Create:

Session 6 (July 23-28)

Join us as we spend time creating! In this specialty camp, you will be able to try out 5 different mediums of creativity, from sewing and beading, to paper-crafting and painting! If your child loves to create with their hands, this is the place for them. Learn lifelong skills and build confidence in your talents and abilities. Age Level: 9-14 Instructor: Jessica Larsen from Quilted Cottage Inc. **Additional \$100 fee**

How to Register

To register, visit www.camptimbers.org, call the Saginaw Y at (989) 753-7721 ext 225 or **fill out the included registration form and return it to us** at the Saginaw Y: 1915 Fordney St, Saginaw, MI 48601. A \$50 deposit is due at time of registration and the remainder of the balance due by July 1, 2018.

Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available for children in the Saginaw community to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to experience the YMCA Camp Timbers program. All information is strictly confidential. For more information, or to find out if you qualify, call our enrollment specialist at **(989) 753-7721 ext 212**. Financial assistance is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Experience. Connect. Grow.

It's more than a catch phrase for our brochure cover; it's our approach to camp. At YMCA Camp Timbers, we strive to offer remarkable experiences, quality connections, and meaningful growth. We intentionally set these as goals for all campers and guests.

Camp is fun, but we want it to be so much more. We want to create a space where campers are encouraged to grow into the best versions of themselves - fostering lifelong memories, new friendships, and individual impact. We want everyone to leave camp better than they arrive.

Here's what our 2017 camper parents shared about their child's experiences:

“She came home with awesome stories and so much more confidence in her ability.”

“My daughter is still talking about it and how she cannot wait to go back!”

Camp Helped My Child...

98%

Build confidence

98%

Feel a sense of belonging at camp

97%

Build independence

97%

Make new friends

95%

Discover what he/she can achieve

2017 family surveys

PROJECT 150

We believe in the impact camp can have on a child. We also believe that no child should miss out on a camp experience due to financial barriers. That's why we have Project 150.



In recognition of the YMCA of Saginaw's 150 years of impact in the Saginaw community, we're striving to provide camper scholarships to 150 youth this summer. The gifts and support of individuals, foundations, and businesses in our community will make this possible. If you believe in the impact of camp, please consider joining us. Visit CampTimbers.org or call 989-753-7721 ext 225 to learn more and give.

SPECIAL OFFERS AND SAVINGS

Y Member Savings: Save \$50 on camp registration

We're pleased to offer this savings to those with a current Y membership. Interested in becoming a member and benefiting from the Y year-round? Visit SaginawYMCA.org for details or contact your local Y.

Multi-Child Savings: Save \$50 on each additional child

Are you sending more than one child to camp? This savings is applied to each additional child from your household that attends in 2018.

Multi-Session Savings: Save \$50 on each additional session

Does your child LOVE camp? Register a camper for multiple 2018 sessions and save!

Refer-a-Family Savings:

As a "thank you" for sharing camp with friends, receive a **\$50 account credit** for each new family you refer that registers a camper. This credit can be applied towards your family's camp fees or camp store fund. **This \$50/family "thank you" is available for multiple referrals.** For example, refer four new families that register for camp and receive a \$200 credit (\$50 x 4 families).

Offer only valid for families registered for 2018 camp sessions, and the credit applies only to 2018 fees. To refer a family, visit <https://goo.gl/njCp8k>.

GETTING TO CAMP

Most families choose to drop off and pick up their campers directly at camp. It's a great chance to see camp and meet the staff.

In 2018, limited round-trip bus transportation is available for one-week camps for an additional fee. Bus pick-ups are on Sunday at 12:00 noon (Monroe) and 2:30pm (Saginaw) and drop-offs are Friday at 4:30pm (Saginaw) and 7:00pm (Monroe).

Session #4 (July 8-13) at the Saginaw YMCA (\$30)

Session #5 (July 15-20): at the Monroe YMCA (\$55) and the Saginaw YMCA (\$30)



REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete one form per camper (both sides).

Check here if **NEW** camper

Camper's Full Name _____ Parent/Guardians Name(s) _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Parents Phone _____ Parents Email _____

Age _____ Birthdate _____ Gender _____

Name of School _____ Grade (Fall 2018) _____

Shirt Size _____ Check here if **YMCA** member Where? _____

Check the sessions your camper would like to attend:

MINI OVERNIGHT CAMP - \$245
(ages 7-10)

Session #3, July 1-July 3

OVERNIGHT CAMP - \$449
(ages 7-14)

- Session #4, July 8-July 13
- Session #5, July 15-July 20
- Session #6, July 22-July 27

DAY CAMP - \$155 (ages 7-14)
Monday - Friday, 8:30am-5pm.

- Session #4, July 9-July 13
- Session #5, July 16-July 20
- Session #6, July 23-July 27

TEEN LEADERSHIP CAMP - \$449
(ages 14-16)

- Session #5, July 15-July 20
- Session #6, July 22-July 27

TEEN LEADERSHIP CANOE TRIP - \$449 (ages 14-17)

- July 1-July 6 - BOYS ONLY
- July 30-Aug 3 - GIRLS ONLY

SAILING THE STRAITS TRIP - \$449
(ages 14-17)

Aug 5-Aug 10 - COED

COUNSELOR IN TRAINING - \$600
(ages 16-17)

Session #4-5, July 8-July 20

ADD A SPECIALTY CAMP

Available with above camps for an additional \$100/session.

- Add Horse (Session #3-6)
- Add Minecraft (Session #3-4)
- Add 3D Design (Session #5)
- Add Robotics (Session #6)
- Add On-Stage Theatre (Session #6)
- Add Camp U Create (Session #3-6)

ADD TRANSPORTATION

Available with above camps for an additional \$30 or \$55/session.

- Add Saginaw YMCA (Session #4 or 5)
- Add Monroe YMCA (Session #5)

CUT ON DOTTED LINE AND RETURN

Online registration available at
CampTimbers.org

Please Complete
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REGISTRATION FORM (CONTINUED)

Payment Information:

OPTION 1: Check (make checks payable to **YMCA of Saginaw**)

OPTION 2: Credit Card payment

Card Type: VISA MC AE **Security Code:** _____

Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____ **Exp. Date:** _____

Payment Amount: _____ (\$50 non-refundable deposit required for each camper)

Total Cost:

Base Camp Price: \$ _____

Specialty Programs: (\$100 each)

- Horseback (Weeks 3, 4, 5, & 6)
- Minecraft (Week 4)
- 3D Design (Week 5)
- LEGO Robotics (Week 6)
- Create U Create (Week 6)
- On-Stage Theatre (Week 6)

\$ _____

Multi Child Saving:

(less \$50 for each additional child) \$ _____

Multi Session Saving:

(less \$50 for each additional session) \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Less Deposit: \$ _____

BALANCE DUE: \$ _____

Bring a Friend in 2018!

Receive \$50 Camp Timbers credit when you refer a new family that registers a camper.



Please complete both sides of this form. This form may be copied or duplicated for multiple camper registrations.

SAGINAW YMCA

C/O Camp Timbers

1915 Fordney Street

Saginaw, MI 48601

(989) 753-7721

www.camptimbers.org

I understand that a \$50 non-refundable deposit per session is required to reserve a space. I know I will receive a complete confirmation packet, and that all forms and the remaining balance are due by July 1.

Parent Signature

Date

COME BACK FOR MORE

Other Experiences at Camp Timbers

For Families:

Spend quality time with your family and friends at Camp Timbers. Our staff will provide meals and programming for the weekend. Slow-paced and relaxing, or high-adventure and active—select from a variety of activity offerings to make it a time your family will enjoy and remember for years.

Women's Getaway Weekend: April 27–29

Memorial Day Weekend: May 25–28

Labor Day Weekend: August 31–September 3



For Groups:

Spend the day, weekend, or week at Camp Timbers with your group! We provide customized schedules with as much or as little programming as you'd like. We'll provide the meals, lodging, cleaning, and programming—leaving you to enjoy the experience.

- Youth Group Retreats
- Youth/Adult Teambuilding Retreats
- Church Retreats
- School Outdoor Education with Field Trips
- Marching Band Camps
- Family Reunions
- School Team Camps
- Corporate Retreats



For more details, or to reserve your time at Camp Timbers, contact us at Timbers@SaginawYMCA.org or 989-753-7721.



CAMP TIMBERS

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SAVE THE DATE: CAMP TIMBERS OPEN HOUSES

Enjoy an afternoon at camp, including staff-led tours and a sampling of favorite camp activities.

Saturday, May 12th, 1-5pm
Sunday, June 3rd, 1-5pm



*A world away, and
conveniently close*

- 10 miles from West Branch
- 65 miles from Bay City
- 70 miles from Midland
- 75 miles from Saginaw
- 85 miles from Mt. Pleasant



**At Camp Timbers, we have
three goals for campers:**

EXPERIENCE new adventures

CONNECT with friends and nature

GROW in mind, body, and spirit