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YMCA CAMP TIMBERS

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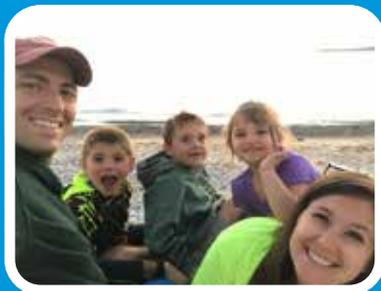
2022

SUMMER CAMPS & TRIPS



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Greetings from YMCA Camp Timbers!



Thank you for considering a camp experience with us for your child. I believe all kids need a place like camp in their lives. I hope your family will find YMCA Camp Timbers to be as much of a “home away from home” for your kids as it is for mine.

Within this brochure, you will find details on our goals – **EXPERIENCE, CONNECT,** and **GROW** – and information to help you better understand what camp has to offer your family this year. Camp will continue to be intentionally structured to ensure we do our best to create a safe place for all; you will find some of these practices listed on the next page. Despite the changes, much of camp will look and feel as it has for decades, with campers:

- Laughing and smiling with new friends
- Disconnecting from screens for more “doing” than “viewing”
- Experiencing the fresh air, wonder, and adventure of nature
- Growing in confidence and self-esteem as they set and achieve goals
- Finding acceptance, self-worth, and a sense of belonging
- Enjoying the care-free joy of being a kid
- Returning home with lifelong memories and new inspiration

As a parent of campers myself, I understand and appreciate how challenging it can be to entrust someone else with the care of your child. At YMCA Camp Timbers, our campers’ safety has always been our top priority. As a camp that is accredited by the American Camp Association, we are committed to the highest levels of quality, care, and safety in all that we do.

I would be happy to speak with you more about camp and to help answer your questions. You are welcome to contact me directly at 989-345-2630 or BAMiller@SaginawYMCA.org. It would be a privilege to partner with you to make this summer a fun, meaningful, and memorable one for your camper.

Sincerely,

Brian

Brian Miller
Executive Director

We strive to be a camp community that is for all, where all campers are welcomed, valued, respected, and inspired. If you have questions about whether YMCA Camp Timbers is the right fit for your child due to any special consideration, please contact us.

EXPERIENCE



We create remarkable experiences for campers. Camp is full of new activities, adventures, and lifelong memories for your child. These are the adventures and achievements they'll remember long after camp.

- **The Perfect Size** – Large enough for extensive activity options, and small enough (capacity of 160 campers) to feel like family
- **An "Up North" Feel** - Located on 300 acres of beautiful Northern Michigan forest, with Piper Lake – our private, spring-fed lake
- **The Highest Standards** - Accredited by the American Camp Association and licensed by the State of Michigan

HEALTH & SAFETY PRACTICES

As of 2/22/22

PRE-SCREENING

HAND WASHING & SANITIZING

DAILY HEALTH CHECK-INS

DISINFECTING & CLEANING

OUTDOOR DINING

IMPROVED VENTILATION

AGE GROUP COHORTS

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES & GATHERINGS

REDUCED CAPACITY

85%

Please visit our website for the most up-to-date information and additional details related to health and safety plans for Summer 2022. Practices may change based on guidance from the ACA, CDC, Y-USA, and state or local health departments.

CONNECT



We help to build quality connections with our campers. Our counselors set out to make sure every camper knows that camp is a place they belong, feel accepted, and can be themselves. Camp connects campers with face-to-face friends, the inspiration of nature, and our supportive and encouraging counselors. These are the friends and role models they will remember long after camp.



Small Group Communities

Up to 10 campers and 2 counselors per cabin, grouped by age and gender

High-Caliber Staff

Selected for their character, experience, and ability to be role models for campers, with over 80 hours of training prior to camp, including First Aid and CPR certification



“It’s a beautiful camp with quality staff who are creative at ensuring that all campers are included and make connections with other children.”

GROW

We facilitate meaningful individual growth for campers. Camp is fun. We also want a camp experience to make a lasting positive impact.

This growth is fostered by inspirational, value-based morning messages, small group reflections through the day, intentional evening cabin reflections, and opportunities to practice 21st-century skills – collaboration, teamwork, conflict resolution, problem solving, critical thinking, creativity, and stewardship.



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

97%

Gain new skills

Camp Timbers family surveys

“My 7-year-old absolutely loved the experience. She came home slightly braver and 100% more confident. This will be a yearly thing!”

**CAMP ACTIVITIES
INCLUDE:**

Climbing Tower
Zip Lines
High Ropes Course
Giant Swing
Team-building Course
Vertical Playpen
Paddle Boards
Kayaks and Canoes
Swimming
Fishing
Nature Hikes
Archery
Arts/Crafts
STEM Challenges
Hammocking
Sled Tube
Sports/Games
GaGa Ball
Backyard Games
Bog Exploration
Cooperative Games
Campfire Skits/Songs
Horse Rides (ages 9+)

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

7:45 am	Morning Watch
8:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Activity 1*
10:45 am	Activity 2*
12:15 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm	Hang Time (Free Choice)
2:30 pm	Snack
3:00 pm	Rest Period
4:30 pm	Waterfront
5:45 pm	Dinner
7:15 pm	Evening Program
8:30 pm	Showers
9:00 pm	Evening Cabin Reflections
9:30 pm	Lights Out Begins

***Activities are cabin-based, with all cabin groups rotating through all age-based activities during a session.**

AGE-BASED VILLAGES



CRUISERS
Ages 6-8



SAWYERS
Ages 9-11



TOPPERS
Ages 12+

CAMP FEATURES



LODGING

Equipped with built-in bunks, heat, and electricity, each cabin is a welcoming community for campers. Cabins are centrally located and have easy access to one of our bathhouse facilities, fully renovated in 2018. The small-group cabin community becomes your child's "home away from home," with 8-10 campers and their counselors in each cabin.

DINING

Our Woodland Lodge features healthy, family-style meals for campers to enjoy. Not only is there great food, but also enough space to eat outdoors in the fresh air (under canopies) for the 2022 camp season. Our cooks can accommodate most special dietary needs.

MEDICAL

A licensed medical professional lives on site during each of our camp sessions. They are available 24/7 to assist with any medical care that may be required. A physician specializing in family medicine reviews our health policy and provides as-needed virtual consultations.

MORNING WATCH

Each morning before breakfast campers gather for Morning Watch, an inspirational, value-based message. We focus on our core values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility and encourage stewardship, resiliency, gratitude, and empathy in our stories and skits.

SAFETY AND SUPERVISION

Camper safety is our top priority, and campers are always under the supervision of our caring staff. Our "Rule of 3" ensures campers are never alone or in 1:1 situations, and the counselors are present during all parts of the day to facilitate friendship making and safe, fun, teachable moments.

INCOME-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

Income-based scholarships are available to ensure no child misses a camp experience for financial reasons. Please visit www.CampTimbers.org or contact us at 989-345-2630 to learn more about levels of support and to request a scholarship application.

"So impressed with the activities, organization, and safety protocols... while providing such a FUN experience."

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Mini Camp: Ages 6–9

For three days and two nights, our youngest campers have the chance to explore the activities of our traditional camp and get used to the adventure of being away from home. Offered only during Session 4 (July 6–8).

Traditional Overnight Camp: Ages 7–14 **MOST POPULAR**

This is our classic overnight camp experience. For 6 days and 5 nights, campers gain remarkable experiences, quality connections, and meaningful growth in our small-group, cabin-based communities.

Herter Band Camp: Incoming 6th–9th graders

This program, a partnership with the Herter Music Center, offers campers the opportunity to advance their musical ability, prepare a concert performance, and experience all the summer fun Camp Timbers has to offer. Campers must have completed at least one year of school band.



Boots & Saddle Horse Camp: Ages 9–14

Campers spend two hours each day with an in-depth focus on horses, including lessons on horse care, riding instruction, and on-camp trail rides. The rest of the schedule includes the adventures of our traditional camp program.

Leader-In-Training (LIT) Program: Ages 14–16

This is the first step in our progressive leadership program. Campers experience leadership-based activities in the morning and enjoy traditional camp activities, for the remainder of the day.

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

Campers in this two-week program will have an immersive leadership experience, including lessons in leadership, child development, and small-group facilitation skills. A three-day, two-night Au Sable 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 other campers.

REGISTER ONLINE at www.CampTimbers.org or contact us at 989-345-2630 to learn more.

ADVENTURE TRIPS

Adventure trips are the perfect option for older campers interested in exploring some of Michigan's most scenic locations. All trips begin and end at camp, are led by camp staff with backpacking experience, and include all backpacking-related gear.

Backpacking South Manitou Island: Ages 12-13

Participants spend 5 days and 4 nights on South Manitou Island in Lake Michigan. Hike destinations include sand dunes, old-growth forests, a ghost town, and lighthouse. Includes all meals, equipment, ferry, and bus transportation from camp.

Backpacking the Manistee River Trail: Ages 13-14

Campers enjoy a 5-day, 4-night adventure hiking along the Manistee River. The 20-mile loop includes sections of the Manistee River Trail and North Country Trail. All equipment, transportation between camp and trailhead, and meals are provided.

Backpacking the Pictured Rocks: Ages 14-16

Participants will hike the famous Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, building confidence, friendships, and lifelong memories along the way. Experienced camp trip leaders will guide participants as they hike approximately 30 miles, gaining the sense of empowerment that comes from carrying all they need on their backs.



PROJECT
192

No child should miss out on a camp experience for financial reasons. Project 192 is our annual campaign to ensure scholarships are available for at least 192 campers each year, equal to the number of camper beds at YMCA Camp Timbers.

To join us in supporting these camper scholarships, visit www.SaginawYMCA.org/give. To learn about business sponsorship opportunities, contact Brian at Timbers@SaginawYMCA.org or 989-345-2630.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do we register?

Visit www.CampTimbers.org for our online registration – the quickest way to reserve a spot for your camper. To request a printed registration form or to register by phone, contact us at 989-345-2630.

Can my child bring a friend?

Many campers attend camp with a friend or two from home, and all campers make new friends too. Friends of the same gender and within 2 years of age can request the same cabin during registration.

What is your refund policy?

A \$50 deposit is due at registration to hold a camper's space in a cabin. The balance is due by May 15, 2022. Any amount paid in addition to the deposit is refundable if you cancel registration at least one week prior to the start of the session.

The deposit is refundable only in the event of a physician-documented illness or injury, including cancellations due to COVID-19 symptoms or quarantine. Cancellations for other reasons less than one week in advance are non-refundable. If a specific session is canceled by camp or if camp is unable to operate all payments will be 100% refunded.

What safety policies and procedures will camp have to mitigate COVID-19 risks?

Based on local, state, and national guidelines and best-practice recommendations from across the camping industry, we're planning a camp experience that is:

- **SMALLER** - with an emphasis on small-group cabin communities, each with 8-10 campers and 2 staff members, and age-based villages of 4-6 cabin groups
- **CLEANER** - with increased cleaning and disinfecting routines, professionally-contracted cleaning services, and hand sanitizer at all cabins and program areas
- **SAFER** - with outdoor programming and dining options, a revised healthcare policy that incorporates updated health screenings, routine temperature/symptom checks, and the use of rapid testing for those presenting symptoms

Please visit our website for the most up-to-date information and additional details related to health and safety plans for Summer 2022.

Can we visit camp before my child attends this summer?

Yes! We'd love to share time getting you more familiar with camp. You're invited to attend one of two Open House events to meet our staff, tour the facilities, and help you and your child feel more prepared and comfortable before camp starts.

**VIRTUAL
OPEN HOUSE
TUESDAY, APRIL 12
6-7 PM**



**IN-PERSON
OPEN HOUSE at CAMP
SUNDAY, MAY 15
1-4 PM**

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SUMMER 2022

WHY 3 PRICES?

Dates	Session
June 12-17	1
June 19-25	2 (Herter Band Camp)
June 26 - July 2	3 (Herter Band Camp)
July 6-8	4 (Mini Camp)
July 10-15	5
July 17-22	6
July 24-29	7

Aware that families have different abilities to pay, we offer a voluntary three-tier fee program. Choose the tier most suitable for your family. Your choice is confidential and does not impact the camp program or experience. This allows us to provide quality experiences to as many campers as possible and ensure no child misses out on camp for financial reasons.

TIER A - Reflects the **true cost** of camp. If able to pay this amount, please do so.

TIER B - A **partially subsidized** rate representing \$50 of scholarship assistance needed.

TIER C - A **subsidized** rate to allow camp to be possible for as many as possible with \$100 scholarship assistance.

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - Income-based scholarships are available in addition to TIER C pricing. Please visit our website or call 989-345-2630 for an application.

SUMMER PROGRAMS	SESSION PRICING		
CAMPS	TIER A TRUE COST	TIER B \$50 SUPPORT	TIER C \$100 SUPPORT
Herter Band Camp: grades 6-10 with school band experience Sessions 2, 3 (Sunday-Saturday)	\$585		
Traditional Overnight Camp: ages 7-14 Sessions 1, 5, 6, 7 (Sunday-Friday)	\$635	\$585	\$535
Boots and Saddles Horse Camp: ages 9-14 Sessions 1, 5, 6, 7 (Sunday-Friday)	\$735	\$685	\$635
Mini Overnight Camp: ages 6-9 Session 4, (Wednesday, July 6 - Friday, July 8)	\$435	\$385	\$335
Leader in Training (LIT): ages 14-16 Sessions 6, 7 (Sunday-Friday)	\$635	\$585	\$535
Counselor in Training (CIT): ages 16-17 Sessions 5-6 (2-week program, with weekend canoe trip)	\$735	\$685	\$635
TRIPS	TIER A TRUE COST	TIER B \$50 SUPPORT	TIER C \$100 SUPPORT
Backpacking South Manitou Island: ages 12-13 Session 3	\$735	\$685	\$635
Backpacking the Manistee River Trail: ages 13-14 Session 5	\$735	\$685	\$635
Backpacking the Pictured Rocks Lakeshore: ages 14-16 Session 2	\$735	\$685	\$635

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