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# YMCA CAMP TIMBERS

WEST BRANCH, MICHIGAN

# SUMMER 2023 PREVIEW GUIDE

## OVERNIGHT CAMPS & ADVENTURE TRIPS

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# PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

## **Mini Camp:** Ages 6-9

For three days and two nights, our youngest campers explore the adventures of overnight camp and get used to the experience of being away from home. This session offers both a shorter program duration and a higher level of staff support to help make these new campers' first adventure with us as successful as possible.

## **Traditional Overnight Camp:** Ages 7-14

This is our classic overnight camp experience, and the most popular program we offer! For 6 days and 5 nights, campers gain remarkable experiences, quality connections, and meaningful growth as part of our small-group, cabin-based communities.

## **Herter Band Camp:** Grades 6th-10th

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



## **Leader-in-Training (LIT):** Ages 14-16

This is the first step in our progressive teen leadership program. Campers experience a combination of daily leadership-based lessons and traditional camp activities. Lessons focus on small-group facilitation skills, leadership styles, communication skills, and the values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility.

## **Counselor-in-Training (CIT):** Ages 16-17

The capstone of our camper experience and the second stage of our progressive teen leadership program is the CIT program. Campers have an immersive leadership experience, including lessons in child development, coaching and encouraging others, and small-group leadership skills. CITs spend the week shadowing counselors, mentoring younger campers, and meeting to further learn and reflect on their experience. This program includes a day trip to canoe the AuSable River, a CIT-tradition. Campers who successfully complete the CIT program are invited to return to volunteer for any of the remaining camp sessions as space allows.

**REGISTER ONLINE at [www.CampTimbers.org](http://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. Trips utilize rustic, backcountry campsites with limited access to restrooms and spend each night in shared backpacking tents. 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 4 days and 3 nights on South Manitou Island in Lake Michigan, using the same rustic campsite each night. Day hike destinations include towering sand dunes, old-growth forests, remnants of a ghost town, and a lighthouse. Includes all meals, equipment, ferry, and bus transportation from camp.

## **Backpacking North Manitou Island: Ages 13–14**

The larger and wilder of the Manitou Islands, North Manitou Island gives participants the opportunity to expand their backpacking skills. Participants will carry all gear each day, setting up different campsites each night as they circle the island. Includes all meals, equipment, ferry, and bus transportation from camp.

## **Backpacking the Pictured Rocks: Ages 14–15**

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

## **Backpacking the Porcupine Mountains: Ages 15–17**

Our capstone backpacking trip destination for 2023, the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park is Michigan's largest state park and one of the state's few remaining large tracts of wilderness. This trip features rugged trails, miles of remote Lake Superior shoreline, numerous waterfalls, stream crossings, and high rocky bluffs. Prior backpacking trip experience is recommended, and participants must be able to hike up to 10 miles per day.

**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](http://www.SaginawYMCA.org/give). To learn about business sponsorship opportunities, contact Brian at [Timbers@SaginawYMCA.org](mailto:Timbers@SaginawYMCA.org) or 989-345-2630.

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## SUMMER 2023

Dates	Session
June 11-16	1
June 18-24	2 (Herter Band Camp)
June 25 - July 1	3 (Herter Band Camp)
July 5-7	4 (Mini Camp)
July 9-14	5
July 16-21	6
July 23-28	7
July 30 - August 4	8

### WHY 3 PRICES?

We offer a voluntary three-tier pricing program. Choose the tier most suitable for your family. Your choice is confidential and does not impact the program or experience. This allows us to provide quality experiences to as many campers as possible and ensure no child misses out 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 \$75 of scholarship assistance needed.

**TIER C** - A **subsidized** rate to allow camp to be possible for as many as possible with \$150 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 details.

SUMMER PROGRAMS	SESSION PRICING				
CAMPS	TIER A TRUE COST	TIER B	TIER C		
<b>Herter Band Camp:</b> grades 6-10 with school band experience Sessions 2, 3 (Sunday-Saturday)	<b>\$699</b>	\$75 SCHOLARSHIP	\$150 SCHOLARSHIP		
<b>Traditional Overnight Camp:</b> ages 7-14 Sessions 1, 5, 6, 7, 8 (Sunday-Friday)	<b>\$685</b>				
<b>Mini Overnight Camp:</b> ages 6-9 Session 4, (Wednesday, July 5 - Friday, July 7)	<b>\$435</b>				
<b>Leader in Training (LIT):</b> ages 14-16 Sessions 6, 7 (Sunday-Friday)	<b>\$685</b>				
<b>Counselor in Training (CIT):</b> ages 16-17 Session 5 (Sunday-Friday)	<b>\$685</b>				
TRIPS					
<b>Backpacking South Manitou Island:</b> ages 12-13 Session 8	<b>\$735</b>				
<b>Backpacking North Manitou Island:</b> ages 13-14 Session 6	<b>\$735</b>				
<b>Backpacking the Pictured Rocks Lakeshore:</b> ages 14-15 Session 5	<b>\$785</b>				
<b>Backpacking the Porcupine Mountains</b> ages 15-17 Session 7	<b>\$785</b>				

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