



CAMP TIMBERS

Summer Camps & Adventure Trips



EXPERIENCE
CONNECT
GROW
CampTimbers.org

Greetings from YMCA Camp Timbers!

Thank you for considering a camp experience for your child. I believe all kids need a place like camp in their lives – a place to have adventures, to explore the wonders of nature, to make friends face-to-face, to set and achieve goals, to feel a sense of belonging, to live as a community, and to be inspired.



At YMCA Camp Timbers, we emphasize three goals for all campers: EXPERIENCE, CONNECT, and GROW. We strive to provide a wide variety of remarkable camp experiences, worthy of becoming life-long memories. Our smaller capacity and emphasis on small-group communities allow camp to feel like family. Campers build connections with new friends and our staff of role models. By being intentional in all that we do, camp supports social-emotional growth, self-confidence, and so much more.

As a parent, 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 is a top priority. We strive to create a culture where campers feel accepted for who they are and challenged to continue growing into the best versions of themselves. Our counselors are wonderful role models, encouraging campers to live out the Y core values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility.

Please feel free to contact me directly at 989 753 7721, ext. 225 or BAMiller@SaginawYMCA.org with any questions you have about camp. It would be a privilege to partner with you to make this summer an impactful and memorable one for your camper.

Sincerely,

Brian

Brian Miller
Camp Director



EXPERIENCE

We create remarkable experiences for campers. Camp is full of new activities, adventures, and life-long 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 190 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



Camp Activities Include:

High Ropes Course

Giant Swing

Challenge Course

Climbing Tower

Nature Hikes

Arts/Crafts

Tie Dye

GPS/Orienteering

Fishing

Archery

Mountain Bikes

Sports/Games

Swimming

Kayaks

Paddle Boards

Water Slide

Rope Swing

Zip Lines

Horse Rides

and much more!



“My daughter had an amazing experience, just like kids are supposed to have when going to camp. She’s already talking about camp next year and becoming a future counselor when she’s older.”



CONNECT

We provide quality connections for campers. Camp is a place for making friends face-to-face, being inspired by nature, learning from our staff of role models, and finding a sense of belonging. These are the friends and role models they'll remember long after camp.



Small Group Communities

8-12 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 100 hours of training prior to camp and First Aid/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 a lot of fun; we also want a camp experience to make a lasting impact. This growth is fostered by inspirational, value-based morning messages, intentional evening cabin reflections, and opportunities to practice 21st-century skills – collaboration, teamwork, 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!”



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





SUMMER CAMPS

Mini Camp: Ages 7–10

Session 3 (June 30 – July 2)

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 3 (June 30 – July 2)**. **\$275**

Traditional Overnight Camp: Ages 7–14

Session 4 (July 7–12); Session 5 (July 14–19); Session 6 (July 21–26)

This is our classic overnight camp experience: a full week of remarkable experiences, quality connections, and meaningful growth – and a lot of fun activities and adventures. See our timeline on the previous page for a typical day at camp. **\$475**

Day Camp: Ages 7–14

Session 4 (July 8–12); Session 5 (July 15–19); Session 6 (July 22–26)

An excellent option for our friends living close to camp! Campers join cabin groups from 8:30am–5:30pm Monday–Friday, with lunch included. An optional overnight stay Thursday with the cabin group is available for \$30 (includes overnight lodging and two additional meals). **\$175**

Herter Band Camp: Incoming 6th–10th graders

Session 1 (June 16–22); Session 2 (June 23–29)

This program, through 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. For more information and to register, visit www.hertermusiccenter.com/band-camp/. **\$475**





SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

Spend two hours each day dedicated to an in-depth specialty. **May be added to Mini, Day, or Overnight Camp session for an additional \$100.**

Boots & Saddle Horse Specialty

**Ages 9–14, Session 3 (June 30–July 2); Session 4 (July 7–12);
Session 5 (July 14–19); Session 6 (July 21–26)**

One of our most popular programs – with lessons on horse care, riding instruction, and camp-based trail rides. Participants must be comfortable around horses.

MinecraftEdu: Traveling to the Future

Ages 7–14, Session 4 (July 7–12)

Taught by Engineering for Kids' instructors, this course will challenge camper's ingenuity and problem solving skills as they navigate challenges, manage resources, and collaborate virtually to build structures.



MinecraftEdu: Theme Park Mania

Ages 7–14, Session 5 (July 14–19)

Taught by Engineering for Kids' instructors, this course guides campers through the full engineering design process from drafting plans to virtually constructing the park's attractions and features.

LEGO Robotics: Robot Battles

Ages 7–14, Session 6 (July 21–26)

Program robots to compete in challenges such as jousting, sumo wrestling, and catapult launches. With LEGO® Robotics materials and Engineering for Kids' instructors, campers learn principles of robotics, computer programming, and teamwork.



TEEN PROGRAMS & TRIPS

Teen Leadership Camp: Ages 14-16

Session 5 (July 14-19); Session 6 (July 21-26)

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 enjoy traditional camp activities, for the remainder of the day. A special off-site trip and single-morning service project are included. **\$475**

Canoeing the AuSable River Adventure Trip:

Co-Ed, Ages 14-15, Session 5 (July 14-19)

This trip is a Camp Timbers' tradition - canoeing and camping along the AuSable River. It's the perfect introduction to rustic camping! Participants begin and end their adventure at camp, with a five-day, four-night adventure along the river in between. Neither prior experience nor specialized gear is needed. All camping equipment, canoes, meals, and transportation between camp and the river are provided. **\$475**

Sailing the Straits Adventure Trip:

Co-Ed, Ages 14-15, Session 6 (July 21-26)

It's our second year offering this unique experience - a five-day, four-night adventure sailing on the Retriever, a 52' ketch sailboat owned and operated by the Michigan Crossroads Council of the Boy Scouts. Facilitated by Camp Timbers' staff, participants sail, eat, and sleep aboard the sailboat, which departs from Mackinaw City. Specific itinerary is weather-dependent, but last year included the ports of Cheboygan, Hessel, St. Ignace, and Mackinac Island. Neither prior experience nor specialized gear is needed. **\$475**



Backpacking the Pictured Rocks NEW

Adventure Trip:

Co-Ed, Ages 15-17, Session 7 (July 28 – August 2)

This rustic trip is geared for those who are up for a challenge and adventure. Participants will hike and camp along Lake Superior and the famous Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, building confidence, friendships, and life-long 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. Neither prior experience nor specialized gear is necessary. **\$475**

Counselor-In-Training (CIT) Program:

Ages 16-17, Sessions 4-5 (July 7-19)

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. **\$625**

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

What a wonderful experience for our boys. I cannot believe how much they matured and learned in just a week!!”

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 2019.

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

Does your child LOVE camp? Register a camper for multiple 2019 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 2019 camp sessions, and the credit applies only to 2019 fees. To refer a family, visit <https://goo.gl/Q5yWJx>.

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 2019, 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 7-12) at the Saginaw YMCA (+\$30)

Session #5 (July 14-19): at the Monroe YMCA (+\$55)

Session #6 (July 21-26): at the Saginaw YMCA (+\$30)



SUMMER 2019 QUICK GLANCE

SESSION	DATES
OPEN HOUSE	April 6 • 1-5pm
OPEN HOUSE	May 5 • 1-5pm
OPEN HOUSE	June 1 • 1-5pm
1 - HERTER BAND CAMP	June 16-22
2 - HERTER BAND CAMP	June 23-29
3 - MINI CAMP	June 30-July 2
4	July 7-12
5	July 14-19
6	July 21-26
7 - BACKPACKING TRIP	July 28-August 2



CAMP PROGRAMS	SESSION PRICING based on date of registration		
	by 12/31	by 3/31	Full Rate
MINI OVERNIGHT CAMP Ages 7-10 • Session 3	\$245	\$260	\$275
TRADITIONAL OVERNIGHT CAMP Ages 7-14 • Session 4,5,6	\$449	\$460	\$475
DAY CAMP Ages 7-14 • Session 4,5,6	\$155	\$165	\$175
TEEN LEADERSHIP CAMP Ages 14-16 • Session 5,6	\$449	\$460	\$475
TEEN ADVENTURE TRIPS AuSable River Canoe • Session 5 • Ages 14-16 Sailing the Straits • Session 6 • Ages 15-17 Pictured Rocks Backpacking • Session 7 • Ages 15-17	\$449	\$460	\$475
COUNSELLOR IN TRAINING Ages 16-17 • Session 4,5	\$600	\$615	\$625

Income-based scholarships available, visit CampTimbers.org or call 989-753-7721, ext. 225 for details.

Specialty Camps

Add to the above Mini, Traditional Overnight, or Day Camps for an additional \$100 fee.

ENGINEERING FOR KIDS

Session 4 - Minecraft: Traveling to the Future
Session 5 - Minecraft: Theme Park Mania
Session 6 - LEGO Robotics: Robot Battles

BOOTS AND SADDLE HORSES

Sessions 3, 4, 5, and 6 (ages 9-14)

Frequently Asked Questions

How do we register?

Visit www.CampTimbers.org for our online registration – the quickest way to register your camper. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is due at the time of registration. To request a paper registration form, or to register by phone, contact our Enrollment Specialist at 989-753-7721, ext. 212.

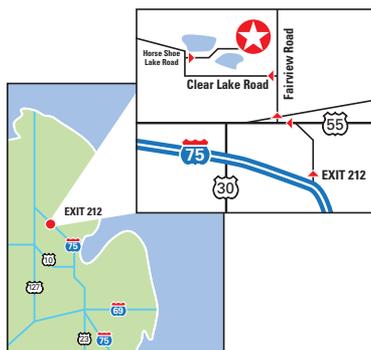
Are scholarships or financial assistance available for camp?

Absolutely! Income-based financial assistance is available to ensure that no child misses a camp experience for financial reasons. To view our levels of support and access our application, visit www.CampTimbers.org or contact our Enrollment Specialist at 989-753-7721, ext. 212. Financial assistance is available on a first-come, first-served basis as funds are available.

Where is Camp Timbers?

Camp Timbers – located just north of West Branch, Michigan – feels like a world away but is actually less than a 1.5 hour car ride from most of the Great Lakes Bay Region.

Do you have a question that we haven't answered? We would be happy to answer it with a phone call to 989-753-7721, ext. 225 or an e-mail to BAMiller@SaginawYMCA.org.



Camp Timbers' Facilities

In 2018, Camp Timbers' facilities benefited from nearly \$1.8 million in renovations and new construction. This includes two NEW bathhouses, a Sports Court Pavilion, a Health Center, two meeting rooms, renovations to the Main Lodge, and more.



To view a 360° virtual tour of camp, visit CampTimbers.org/Tour, or use the QR code.

YEAR-ROUND EXPERIENCES AT CAMP TIMBERS

Family Camps, Group Retreats, and More!

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 26–28

Memorial Day Family Camp: May 24–27

Family Camp for Extraordinary Families: Aug 9–11

Labor Day Family Camp: Aug 30 – Sept 2

Fall Family Camp: November 1–3

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 and 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, ext 210.



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