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Michigan OUT-of-DOORS YOUTH CAMP



-Camp Themes-

*Each camper that joins us at the Cedar Lake Outdoor Center has the opportunity to take a Hunter Safety Education Certification Course, spend time on both the .22 firing range and stationary archery range (as overseen by our state certified range directors). We will also provide a full day's worth of wilderness survival basics training (fire building, orienteering, wild edibles and shelter building). If your child is already certified in Hunter Safety Education, they will be introduced to our Leave No Trace and Invasive Species programs during the class times.

Day Camp (Non-residential):

Ages 5-8 June 25th-29th, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

\$180

We are on an adventure to discover the outdoors for the younger campers. During this week, campers will explore the world around them and have the chance to get hands-on with nature. Campers will spend time each day learning about a different area of Michigan's ecosystem. Each day they will have a chance to swim and do crafts! They will also spend time canoeing and learning basic archery.

*Parents must provide a packed lunch and swimsuit each day.

Conservation Connection Camp:

Ages 9-11 June 24th-29th July 8th-13th July 22nd-27th

\$380

Considered our "sampler camp," this week of activities fits in as much diversity as possible. We will be covering kayaking, fishing, survival skills, wildlife surveys, hiking, archery and more! There are plenty of hands-on outdoor activities for your camper to discover their outdoor interest.

Fishing Camp:

Ages 9-11 June 24th-29th July 8th-13th

\$380

Grab your tackle and join us for this week full of fishing fun! Campers will have the opportunity to do plenty of shore, as well as, kayak fishing, while learning new skills and techniques to get them to start thinking about angling in new ways. Occasionally, we will put our poles down to enjoy a lesson in water ecology or to construct our very own lures!

Wetland Wonders Camp:

Ages 9-11 June 24th-29th

\$380

Michigan is the Great Lakes State! This camp is designed to get our campers out and exploring the water. Wetland Wonders campers will be visiting and learning about bogs, swamps, lakes and ponds. We will be examining aquatic plants, catching macro invertebrates, searching for reptiles and amphibians, talking water chemistry and fishing Cedar Lake to get a better look at fish!

Fantastic Forests Camp:

Ages 9-11 July 8th-13th

\$380

Fantastic Forests is back for a second year. Michigan has unbelievable woodlands and this camp's purpose is to get our campers into them! We will be hiking the Waterloo Recreation Area to observe ecosystems, identify trees, learn about the forestry industry and dive into responsible forest management. We will take a trip to the past using tree cross-sections and take a look at some wild edibles you can find in the woods!

Check-In Process

Camper Check-In: Sunday 3 p.m.

You will be directed to park upon your arrival. You will only need your child medications and camp store money to check-in. Please leave all other luggage inside your vehicle. Campers must complete the check-in process no later than 4:00 pm.

1. Sign-in at the Lodge
2. Campers lice check and screening at the Health Office
3. Receive bunk assignments
4. Retrieve luggage and head to cabin

We respectfully ask that all parents and guardians depart the property by this time. This insures adequate time for campers to settle into bunkhouses, meet counselors, and complete their swim tests.

* All campers will receive a lice check upon arrival, if an indication of head lice is present your child will not be permitted to stay at camp.

Check-Out Process

Camper Check-Out: Friday 10 am

We invite you to join us for a closing ceremony at 10:00 am. We request that you do NOT arrive earlier than 9:30 am as not to disrupt the campers awaiting your arrival. Camper check-out will begin immediately following the closing ceremony.

1. Find Your Camper
2. Enter the Lodge to sign out and retrieve any medications and camp store change

*Please make sure you sign your child out before leaving.



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For more information on the camps, facilities and/or scholarship opportunities please contact our camp director, Tyler Butler.
Office Phone: (517)346-6462
email: tbutler@mucc.org

Packing List

- ___ Re-usable Water Bottle (Required)
- ___ Warm Sleeping Bag
- ___ Pillow with Pillow Case
- ___ Single Sheet to Cover Mattress
- ___ Sturdy Hiking Footwear
- ___ Waterproof Rain Gear
- ___ Swim Suit, Beach Towel, Waterfront Footwear
- ___ Flashlight
- ___ Small Backpack for Hikes
- ___ Insect Repellent
- ___ Sunscreen
- ___ Sunglasses
- ___ Clothes
- *Durable Pants and Shorts, T-shirts, Hoodies, Jacket, Socks (7-8 pair), Underwear, Sleeping Attire
- ___ Toiletries
- *Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Soap/Shampoo, Towel, Deodorant
- ___ Camp Store Money
- *Recommendation... \$20
- ___ Medications
- *in Original Containers, Marked with Instructions

Fur Harvesters Camp:

Ages 12-14 July 15th-20th

\$380

This is an exciting program where campers learn the essentials of becoming an ethical fur harvester. Our lead educator this week will give our campers first-hand experience in setting lines and developing scouting techniques. Campers will have the opportunity to complete the Michigan Trapper Education program and become a certified Michigan trapper.

Hunting Heritage Camp:

Ages 12-14 July 15th-20th July 29th-August 3rd

\$380

This is a week of hunting techniques and strategies. We will cover the responsibility of ethical sportsmen and women, identify our camper's roles as stewards of the land, wildlife tracking and I.D., as well as, cover the importance of choosing the right equipment for your hunt. We will have speakers provide insight for our campers and demonstrate how to hunt safely and effectively.

Primitive Skills Camp:

Ages 12-14 July 15th-20th July 29th-August 3rd

\$380

This is a chance for our campers to get back to the basics of wilderness survival! This camp will go from training on our 3-D archery range to constructing shelters using only what our white pine forest provides them. Our curriculum will further our camper's understanding of the survival resources available, no matter the situation.

Michigan Out-of-Doors Youth Camp Daily Schedule

- 6:30 am Sunrise Swim (optional)
- 7:00 am Wake Up
- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 8:30 am Flagpole
- 9:00 am Programming
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 12:30 pm Feet Off The Floor (Break)
- 1:30 pm Hunter Safety/LNT/IS
- 2:30 pm Programming
- 5:30 pm Dinner
- 6:00 pm Hunter Safety/LNT/IS
- 7:00 pm Free Recreation
- 8:00 pm Campfire
- 9:00 pm Cabin Time
- 10:00 pm Lights Out

Stewards in Training Camp:

Ages 14-15 July 15th-20th July 29th-August 3rd

\$425

This one-week camp has a focus on creating young leaders and longtime conservationists. Stewards in training campers have the task of working together to problem solve to tackle challenges that will test them mentally and physically. Two of the largest events facing this group of campers is a day traversing a high ropes course and a 15-mile, overnight, backpacking trip through the Waterloo Recreation Area.

Counselors in Training Camp:

Ages 15-16 July 29th-August 3rd

\$400

Counselors in Training Camp is designed to prepare our campers to become conservation educators. Our staff will spend the week going over conservation-related topics and refining our youth's skills in communication, leadership and public speaking. Our new educators will have the chance to engage with the rest of camp through facilitating programs and our campfire sessions.



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-Camp Information-

The Program

The Michigan Out-of-Doors Youth Camp is held for five weeks during the summer and has a focus on engaging our campers in natural resources. Our curriculum sets us apart from other summer camps, as we cover conservation/environmental sciences, outdoor recreation and sportsmen's heritage. We use hands on programming to expand our camper's awareness or ecological concepts and outdoor technical skills.

Michigan United Conservation Clubs has operated summer youth camp programs continuously since 1946. Since that time, more than 57,000 youth have learned to enjoy the outdoors safely and have left camp with a deeper appreciation and respect for the natural world. While our headquarters is located in Lansing, our camp resides at the beautiful Waterloo Recreation Area. The Michigan Out-of-Doors Youth Camp takes place at the Cedar Lake Outdoor Center, a property that spans 225 acres, including beach front access to Cedar Lake. With the help of countless volunteers, the staff and our awesome campers, we provide top-notch conservation education programs and encouraging kids to get outside!

The Outdoor Center

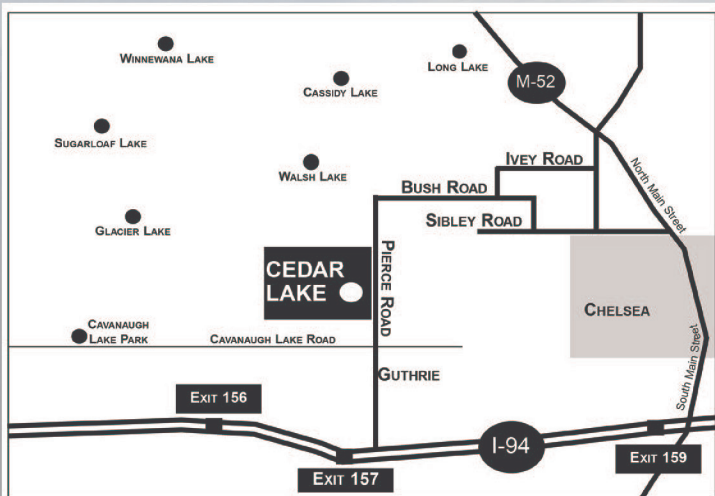
Completed in 1940, the Cedar Lake Outdoor Center is rich in Michigan history. The facility was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps and has been maintained by the DNR and MUCC in the years since.

The rolling landscape, white pine forest, and waterfront all provide an abundance of wildlife and beauty. We are privileged to call Cedar Lake home and have spent a great deal of time and effort restoring the facilities and making improvements to the camp for the enjoyment of our campers.

We could not be happier to be part of the historic Cedar Lake Outdoor Center and that pride shows in the upkeep of our buildings and cabins. We are excited to have your youth join us for the 2018 season!

Cedar Lake Outdoor Center
Waterloo State Recreation Area
2500 Pierce Road, Chelsea, MI 48118

Camp Phone: 734-475-4660 (seasonal)
MUCC Office: 800-777-6720



The Staff

Michigan United Conservation Clubs carefully recruits its camp staff from numerous colleges and universities throughout Michigan. We recruit candidates who have knowledge of conservation, outdoor skills, and environmental education as well as demonstrate a mature and responsible attitude.

Background checks are completed for all staff hired and participation in a week long training session is a requirement for employment.

During this time, each of our camp staff learns the importance of teaching techniques, camper motivation, behavior management, leadership and emergency procedures plus the many different curricula they will be instructing as part of their training. We are extremely proud of the staff at Cedar Lake Outdoor Center and assure you that the utmost care is taken to provide a safe and encouraging atmosphere for your child at camp. As a State of Michigan Licensed Camp, we not only meet the requirements of several inspections we strive to go above those requirements in order to deliver the best experiences for your child!

Scholarships

There are limited sponsorships available for campers thanks to the generosity of our partnering organizations. For more information on scholarships, please contact camp director, Tyler Butler, at (517)346-6462 or at tbutler@mucc.org

-The Riley Wilderness Youth Camp-
 SCI-NOVI Chapter will provide scholarships for up to 80 boys and girls to join us at Cedar Lake! Youth must meet at least one for the following

criteria:

1. Limited to no Experience in Hunting and/or the Outdoors
2. Lack of Family Financial Resources
3. Lack of an Active Outdoor Mentor
4. Not Yet Certified in Michigan Hunter Safety Education



This program was created and is sponsored by SCI-NOVI, as a result of a generous donation from the Riley Foundation. (Founder George Riley, SCI-NOVI life member).

The application for the RWYC Scholarship can be found at:
www.scinovi.com/rwyc.html

Parents will be notified if their child receives a RWYC Scholarship



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-Health Form-

Parent/Guardian Authorization:

Parent/Guardian Authorization: I give permission for my child to attend the MUCC Michigan OUTofDOORS Youth Camp at the Cedar Lake Outdoor Center in Chelsea, MI. This health history is correct and complete as far as I know, and the person herein described has permission to engage in all camp activities except as noted. I give permission for the camp First Aid personnel to provide routine health care, administer prescribed medications, and administer first aid treatment on site. I agree to the release of any records necessary for treatment, referral, billing or insurance purposes. I give my permission to the camp to arrange necessary related transportation for my child if I cannot be reached in the event of an emergency. I give permission to the physician or the aforementioned camp First Aid personnel to hospitalize, secure proper and/or routine treatment and to order injection, anesthesia, x rays or surgery in the event I cannot be reached in an emergency. This completed form may be photocopied for trips out of camp.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Below, Please include any considerations we should be aware of that will help us prepare for your campers stay and assure they are as comfortable as possible.

Registration available through print or Online at

www.mucccamp.org

Send completed packets (payment information, release forms, health information) to:

MUCC, P.O. Box 30235
Lansing, MI 48909

You can also reach us at:

camp@mucc.org
(800) 777-6720

*Health Information is Required for Registration. This information is not part of the acceptance process, but is gathered to assist us in identifying appropriate care. Please check appropriate spaces and fill in all information as completely and accurately as possible.

General Information:

Camper's Name _____ Male or Female _____ Birth Date ___/___/___
 Parent/Guardian Contact _____ Relationship _____ Phone # _____
 Non-Parental Emergency Contact _____ Relationship _____ Phone # _____
 Physician _____ Phone # _____ Last Physical Exam ___/___/___
*must have been in the last 24 months
 Dentist _____ Phone# _____
 Health Insurance Provider _____ Policy/Group # _____ Phone # _____

Medications/Conditions:

Previous or Current Medical Conditions: Yes ___ No ___
*Identify the following so that we may accommodate to your camper accordingly
 - Recent Injury/Illness/Infectious Disease ___ If Yes, Please Explain _____
 - Chronic/Recurring Condition ___ If Yes, Please Explain _____
 - Frequent Headaches ___ If Yes, Please Explain _____
 - Knocked Unconscious/ Head Injury ___ If Yes, Please Explain _____
 - Frequent Ear Infections ___ If Yes, Please Explain _____
 - Heart Murmur ___ If Yes, Please Explain _____
 - Skin Condition(s) ___ If Yes, Please Explain _____
 - Back Problems ___ If Yes, Please Explain _____
 - History of Bed Wetting ___ If Yes, Please Explain _____
 - Diabetes ___ If Yes, Please Explain _____
 - Seizures ___ If Yes, Please Explain _____
 - Asthma/Respiratory Issues ___ If Yes Please Explain _____
 - Any Surgeries and Hospitalizations (Date/Procedure/Reasoning) _____

Has your child ever had... ___ Measles ___ Chicken Pox ___ German Measles ___ Hepatitis A,B or C
 Are your child's vaccinations up to date? ___ Yes ___ No
 Please Initial: _____ Date: _____

List all allergies _____
 List all dietary restrictions _____

* All campers will be subjected to a headlice check before they can be released to their cabins. If headlice are present, the child will not be permitted to stay at camp.
 Please list all medications (including over the counter or nonprescription) taken routinely. You must provide enough medication to last the entire time spent at camp and it must be kept in it's original packaging/bottle that identifies the prescribing physician, name of medication as well as frequency of administration and dosage.

Medication(s)	Purpose	Dosage	Time(s) Given
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

I hereby give my permission to administer the over the counter medications indicated with an "X" if the camp health director deems it necessary. Dosages will be administered according to the directions on the bottle unless a physician directs otherwise. (these medications are provided by the camp, you do not need to send them with your camper.)

___ Tylenol ___ Cough Drops ___ Tablet Antacid ___ Caladryl Lotion
 ___ Motrin ___ Saline Eye Drops ___ Aloe Gel ___ Hydrocortizone Cream

Screening Record (Camp use only):

Observer's Name: _____
 Screener's Name _____
 Date ___/___/___ Time _____
 Health Form Completed ___
 Medication Intake Record ___
 Lice Check ___
 Screening ___



Parent/Guardian Authorization(s):

-Photo and Video-
I, the undersigned, grant permission to the Michigan United Conservation Clubs and the Michigan OUTofDOORS Youth Camp the right and permission to use pictures of _____ (camper) in which the minor may be included in conjunction with camp activities in photographs, videos, and printed materials.

Parent/Guardian Signature

-Transportation-
I, the undersigned, give permission for _____ (camper) to ride in a vehicle provided by the Michigan United Conservation Clubs.

Parent/Guardian Signature

-Hunter Education-
Does your child currently hold a Michigan Hunter Education certificate?
___ Yes ___ No
I, the undersigned Parent/Legal Guardian, hereby give _____ (camper) to participate in the Hunter Education course at the Michigan OUTofDOORS Youth Camp.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Registration available through print or Online at

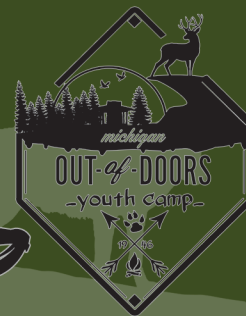
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-Registration and Release Form-

*Completion of this form is required for registration. This information is not part of the acceptance process, but is gathered to assist us in identifying appropriate care. Please check appropriate spaces and fill in all information as completely and accurately as possible.

General Information:

Camper's Name _____ Male or Female _____ Birth Date ___/___/___ Age at Camp _____

Parent/Guardian Contact _____ Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Parent Email _____ Full Address _____

House # _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Sponsoring Club (if applicable) _____

Cabin Partner Preference _____

Release of Campers:

I, the undersigned, authorize the following person or people to pick up the above named child at the Michigan OUTofDOORS Youth Camp:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

The following ARE NOT ALLOWED TO REMOVE MY CHILD FROM CAMP under any circumstances:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Parent/Guardian Initials

Release, Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement:

In consideration of participating in sports camp activities, and for other good and valuable consideration, I hereby agree to release and discharge from liability arising from negligence Michigan United Conservation Clubs and its owners, directors, officers employees, agents, volunteers, participants, and all other persons or entities acting for them (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Releasees"), on behalf of myself and my children, parents, heirs, assigns, personal representative and estate and also agree as follows:

I acknowledge that participating in sports camp activities involves known and unanticipated risks which could result in physical or emotional injury, paralysis or permanent disability, death, and property damage. Risks include, but are not limited to, broken bones, torn ligaments or other injuries as a result of falls or contact with other participants; death as a result of drowning or brain damage caused by near drowning in pools or other bodies of water; medical conditions resulting from physical activity; and damaged clothing or other property. I understand such risks simply cannot be eliminated, despite the use of safety equipment, without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity.

I expressly accept and assume all of the risks inherent in this activity or that might have been caused by the negligence of the Releasees. My participation in this activity is purely voluntary and I elect to participate despite the risks. In addition, if at any time I believe that event conditions are unsafe or that I am unable to participate due to physical or medical conditions, then I will immediately discontinue participation.

I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless Releasees from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action which are in any way connected with my participation in this activity, or my use of their equipment or facilities, arising from negligence. This release does not apply to claims arising from intentional conduct. Should Releasees or anyone acting on their behalf be required to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to indemnify and hold them harmless for all such fees and costs. I represent that I have adequate insurance to cover any injury or damage I may suffer or cause while participating in this activity, or else I agree to bear the costs of such injury or damage myself. I further represent that I have no medical or physical condition which could interfere with my safety in this activity, or else I am willing to assume - and bear the costs of - all risks that may be created, directly or indirectly, by any such condition. In the event that I file a lawsuit, I agree to do so solely in the state where Releasees' facility is located, and I further agree that the substantive law of that state shall apply. I agree that if any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

By signing this document, I agree that if I am hurt or my property is damaged during my participation in this activity, then I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against the parties being released on the basis of any claim for negligence. I have had sufficient time to read this entire document and, should I choose to do so, consult with legal counsel prior to signing. Also, I understand that this activity might not be made available to me or that the cost to engage in this activity would be significantly greater if I were to choose not to sign this release, and agree that the opportunity to participate at the stated cost in return for the execution of this release is a reasonable bargain. I have read and understood this document and I agree to be bound by its terms.

Parent Signature and Printed Name _____ Date ___/___/___

Address _____ Phone _____

House # _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Parent/Guardian Additional Agreement:

*Must be completed for participants under the age of 18

In consideration of _____ (camper) being permitted to participate in this activity, I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless Releasees from any claims alleging negligence which are brought by or on behalf of minor or are in any way connected with such participation by minor.

Parent Signature and Printed Name _____ Date ___/___/___

*If notarization is necessary, please sign and stamp this form



Please Send All 3 Completed Forms (red, green and yellow) to:

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Thanks to our Sponsors!



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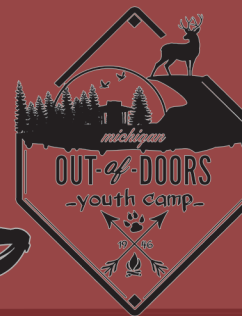
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Payment Information and Standard Agreement

*Completion of this form is required for registration. This information is not part of the acceptance process, but is gathered to assist us in identifying appropriate care. Please check appropriate spaces and fill in all information as completely and accurately as possible.

Payment Information:

Camper's Name _____ Male or Female _____ Birth Date ___/___/___ Age at Camp _____

Parent/Guardian Contact _____ Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Parent Email _____ Full Address _____
House # _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Sponsoring Club (if applicable) _____

How I Heard about Camp _____

*Select Camp: Indicate the camp that your camper is interested in attending below by circling the date underneath the themes. Please understand that many times our camps fill to capacity quickly. If the camp you have chosen is full, someone from MUCC will contact you with suggestions for an alternative camp during a different week or to add you to the wait list.

Day Camp (ages 5-8) \$180 June 25th-29th	Hunting Heritage (ages 12-14) \$380 July 15th-20th
Conservation Connection (ages 9-11) \$380 June 24th-29th	Fur Harvesters (ages 12-14) \$380 July 29th-August 3rd
Fishing Camp (ages 9-11) \$380 July 8th-13th	Primitive Skills (ages 12-14) \$380 July 15th-20th
Wetland Wonders (ages 9-11) \$380 July 22nd-27	Stewards in Training (ages 14-16) \$425 July 15th-20th
Fantastic Forests (ages 9-11) \$380 June 24th-29th	Counselors In Training (ages 15-16) \$400 July 29th-August 3rd
	July 8th-13th

*I would like to add \$10 to my registration cost to support the Michigan Out-of-Doors Youth Camps Scholarship Fund _____

Total Weeks Selected _____ Total Cost of Camps Selected and Donations _____ T-shirt Size _____

*Adult Sizes S-3XL

Payment Method: _____ Check _____ Visa _____ Mastercard _____ Discover _____

*Checks Payable to MUCC

Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: ___/___/___ CVV#: _____

Signature _____

Camp must be paid in full to reserve your campers spot. If you have questions about payment, please contact Sue Pride at (800)777-6720.

Standards and Agreement:

*PARENTS/GUARDIANS: Please review the following standards agreement with your camper. By signing your child up for camp, you and your child agree to the rules listed below. MUCC and the Michigan OUTofDOORS Youth Camp staff take the responsibility of providing a safe and fun place for children to learn and explore while at camp.

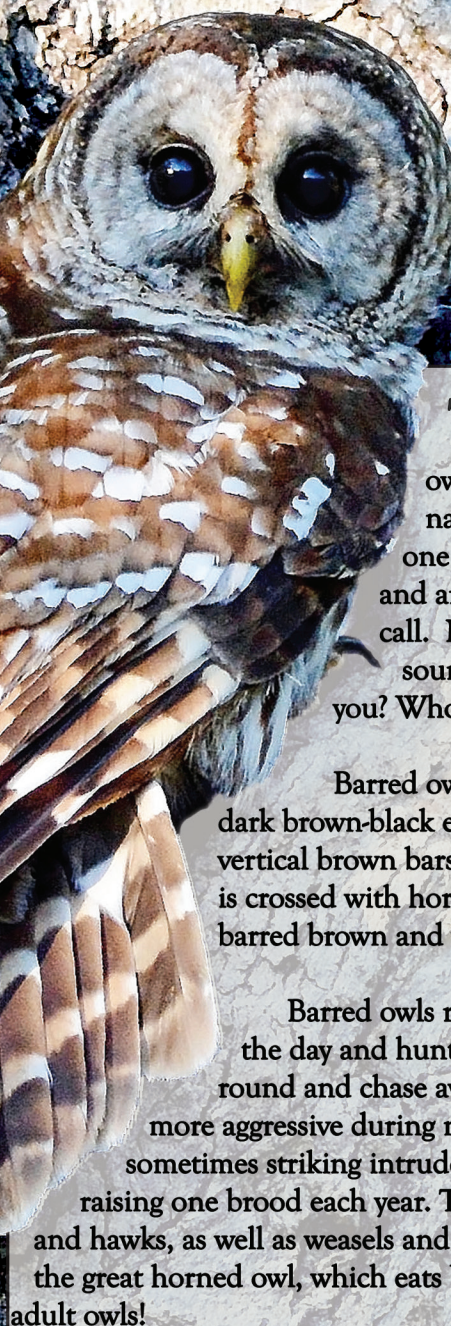
1. Do not ask your camper to call home during his/her stay at camp. Most often, camper's "homesickness" intensifies after calling home and can usually be resolved on site. If the issue cannot be resolved in a reasonable amount of time the Director will call your home.
2. Do not allow your camper to bring candy, chips, cookies etc. This is for the benefit of all campers. Any of these items found in bunks will be confiscated.
3. Electronic devices such as Ipods, handheld game systems, and CELL PHONES are not allowed at camp. YOUR CHILD IS NOT ALLOWED TO KEEP THEIR CELL PHONES FOR ANY REASON. THESE ITEMS WILL BE CONFISCATED AND RETURNED AT THE END OF THE CAMP WEEK.

In addition, there are several things that WILL NOT BE TOLERATED at camp for the safety of all.

1. Consumption or possession of alcohol, drugs or tobacco.
2. Foul, offensive, or abusive language to another camper or staff member.
3. Discrimination, harassment, or cruelty to another camper or staff member.
4. Theft or damage to property belonging to another camper, staff member or facility.
5. Physical relationships between any camper/camper or camper/staff.
6. Bodily harm of violence or any kind to another camper or staff member.
7. Consistent disregard for safety rules or disruption of camp activities.
8. Possession of any weapon, including pocket knives.

IF A CAMPER IS FOUND TO HAVE VIOLATED ANY OF THE ABOVE RULES, THE CAMPER WILL BE REQUIRED TO LEAVE CAMP. THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN WILL BE CALLED AND WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR REMOVING THE CAMPER IMMEDIATELY. THERE WILL BE NO REFUND OF ANY CAMP FEES.

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Camper's Signature _____



For Kids!

The Barred Owl

The barred owl is one of the more common owls you will find in Michigan. The scientific name for a barred owl is *Strix varia*. They are one of the larger owls you will find in Michigan and are very vocal. They are best known for their call. Many people would say the barred owl call sounds as if the bird is asking, "Who cooks for you? Who cooks for you aaalll!"

Barred owls are mottled brown and white overall, with dark brown-black eyes. Their underparts are mostly marked with vertical brown bars on a white background, while the upper breast is crossed with horizontal brown bars. The wings and tail are barred brown and white – this is where they get their name.

Barred owls roost on branches and in tree cavities during the day and hunt by night. These owls are territorial all year round and chase away intruders by hooting loudly. They are even more aggressive during nesting season (particularly the females), sometimes striking intruders with their feet. Pairs probably mate for life, raising one brood each year. Their nests are preyed upon by other large owls and hawks, as well as weasels and raccoons. Their most dangerous predator is the great horned owl, which eats barred owl eggs, young owls and occasionally adult owls!



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