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YMCA CAMP EBERHART

2021 ADVENTURE GUIDE



OVER 110 YEARS OF TRADITION

If you went to camp as a child, you know the excitement of counting down the days and noticing landmarks on the drive over, indicating how close you're getting to camp. You know how profound the positive experience has been in your life, even into your adult years. You know it's not "just camp." You want your kids to have the same great experience as you. That's where we come in.

Sending kids to YMCA Camp Eberhart gives them the opportunity to learn and grow in an extraordinary environment. The skills learned during their time at camp will be used throughout their lives and they will never forget the time they spend here. We hear it from campers old and new, there is no place like YMCA Camp Eberhart in all the world.

Though times and ways have changed, the goal is the same as it was at the turn of the century...to provide amazing opportunities to learn and grow, and we are proud that many thousands of children have passed through our gates to enjoy the experience of a lifetime.



For more information please call 269-244-5125, email us at office@ymcacampeberhart.org, or visit us at ymcacampeberhart.org.

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ABOUT CAMP

Core Values

YMCA Camp Eberhart is a values-based camp. Our Core Values of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility are integrated in everything that we do, from how we design our programs to how we interact with our campers each and every day. Our values help teach kids how to be their best selves, all while being inclusive with other campers.

Caring • Honesty
Respect • Responsibility

Our Staff

YMCA Camp Eberhart is dedicated to hiring only the most qualified and experienced counselors to care for our campers. Many have been with us since they were young campers themselves, embracing our history, culture and traditions. All of our counselors are at least 18, background and criminal history checked, and undergo extensive training that stresses health, safety, and camper well-being.

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SUMMER CAMP

2021 UPDATE

Which program is right for your child? The following choices of summer programs ensure that children of all ages and interests are provided a lifetime's worth of skills and experiences.

Resident Camp

Our time-honored program. Select from a variety of activities to give your camper the best experience possible. Camp runs Sunday through Friday.

**A \$100 non-refundable deposit is required to hold your reservation at the time of registration.*

Cost: \$725 Ages: 7-16

Session 1	June 20-25
Session 2	June 27-July 2
Session 3	July 4-9
Session 4	July 11-16
Session 5	July 18-23
Session 6	July 25-30
Session 7	August 1-6
Session 8	August 8-13
Session 9	August 15-20

3-Day Try-It Camp

A great way to give camp a try without committing to a full week. Campers wishing to extend their stay are allowed to telephone parents for permission early in the week. Camp runs Sunday through Wednesday.

Cost: \$495 Ages: 6-10

Sessions 1, 2, 3, 9

Service Crew

Get a glimpse of what happens behind the scenes and experience what it means to have a servant's heart and lead by example. Prepare yourself to be challenged as well as changed as you serve those around you.

Cost: \$475 Ages: 14-17

Sessions 1, 2, 3, 9

Keep reading to find more info on Team Programming.

Astro Camp

This unique program is designed for boys and girls who are eager to discover and ready to begin the great adventure of exploring the universe.

Cost: \$795 Ages: 9-15

Session 4

Ranch Camp

This special program is for riders with previous equestrian experience. Campers will have the opportunity to advance their horseback riding skills, expand their horsemanship knowledge, and enjoy riding with friends.

Cost: \$865 Ages: 9+

Sessions 1, 2, 3, 9

Leadership Core

Teens will gain experience and training in the areas of communication, leadership, and community service.

Cost: \$1,350 Ages: 16

Block 1	June 20-July 2
Block 2	July 4-16
Block 3	July 18-30
Block 4	August 1-13
EPIC Week	August 15-21 (\$500)

Staff-In-Training

A fantastic opportunity for youth to shoulder learn leadership and work with young children. (4 week program)

Cost: \$1,350 Ages: 17

Block A	June 20 - July 16
Block B	July 18 - August 13
EPIC Week	August 15-20 (\$500)

Sessions End on Friday Evening

We are thrilled to be offering resident camp in 2021! In doing so, we have worked hard to make the appropriate adaptations to ensure your camper's health and safety. **As we move forward, we will be ending each session on Friday evenings as opposed to Saturday mornings. We understand this is a big change, however, this will allow our staff to have the time to properly sanitize all bunks, cabins, common areas, program areas and equipment before the next session of campers arrive.** We also value your weekends and this opportunity will now allow you one weekend free of travel! Campers who are registered for multiple sessions or programs that run multiple weeks will continue to stay at camp over the weekend, enjoying fun activities specifically planned for the holdover, with accommodations being made to clean/sanitize their weekend lodging and program areas.

We require all international flights to and from camp to be scheduled for Saturdays. Saturday arrivals allow international campers to have an evening to rest before meeting their bunkmates at check-in on Sunday. There will not be additional overnight fees for these campers.

Checkout will be held from 4:30-6:00 PM in Klinger Hall on Friday evening. We will end each session with our dance party tradition, and all campers will receive a healthy and hearty snack before pick-up (perhaps a Bumblebee Tuna sandwich?). Many of our families are traveling from a distance and late pick-up arrangements for Friday night can be made through the camp office to accommodate all of our camp families.



Check-In/Check-Out

Check-In: Report to Klinger Hall between 2:00-4:00 PM EDST on Sunday.

Check-Out: Report to Klinger Hall between 4:30-6:00 PM EDST on Friday evening.

Be sure to bring a government-authorized photo ID.

CAMP PROGRAMMING

2021 UPDATE

Campers and parents select from a variety of programs prior to attending camp. Our trained staff will help campers not only have fun, but also gain proficiency in their activities and advance upon their mastery. This powerful, hands-on learning experience has a profound impact on our campers' lives, during and beyond camp. Inspired by their experiences at camp, our campers have become professional sailors, NASA employees, and Olympic athletes!

Programs at YMCA Camp Eberhart

- Archery
- Arts and Crafts
- Astronomy
- Fishing
- Equestrian*
- Boats, Canoes, and Kayaks
- Land Sports
- Music and Drama
- Nature/Outdoor Skills
- Outdoor Cooking - *NEW*
- Photography
- Rocketry
- Rock Wall
- Riflery
- Sailing
- Swim Lessons
- Swimming
- Endurance Swim
- Tower Challenge & High Ropes*
- Trailbiking
- Waterskiing/Wakeboarding*



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* Additional charges apply

Camp Activities

We are excited to announce that campers will pre-sign up for 3 activities instead of 4 this summer. The 3 activities they pre-sign up for will continue to be based on skill development and proficiencies in the same fun and traditional fashion we have always offered. The 4th activity will be a daily choice option for our campers. **This will give our campers a unique opportunity to experience more camp program offerings, explore camp and have time to connect with other campers outside of their cabin and program areas.** We strongly believe that children thrive when they have the freedom to make their own choices.

We have also made safe changes to our open swim period to **reduce the volume of campers enjoying the waterfront at one time.** Camper's swim period time will be based on their cabin and age. This will allow our campers plenty of time to enjoy the waterfront, which includes swimming, jumping off Coop's Tower, boats/canoes/kayaks and Hezekiah's Treasure Chest (snack store).

CAMPERS' DAILY SCHEDULE



7:45 AM	Flag Raising
8:00 AM	Breakfast
9:30 AM	Camp Activities
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	Rest Hour
2:00 PM	Open Period
3:15 PM	Camp Activity
4:30 PM	Open Choice
5:30 PM	Dinner/Open Play
6:45 PM	Chapel
7:00 PM	Evening Program
8:30 PM	Taps
9:00 PM	Devotional
10:00 PM	Lights Out

ASTRO CAMP

Session 4: July 11-16, 2021

YMCA Camp Eberhart enjoys one of the longest-running astronomy programs in the entire country, and has been visited by professional astronomers (including NASA employees) from coast to coast! Our dedicated resident astronomer has taught astronomy courses from beginner to collegiate level and gives campers the opportunity to discover the inner astronomer in themselves.

This premier program is designed for boys and girls ages 9 and older that are eager to discover and ready to begin the great adventure of exploring our universe!

With YMCA Camp Eberhart's high-tech equipment, campers can take an exciting journey through the universe. We are fortunate to enjoy an 18" Obsession telescope, an 11" C11 telescope, and a brand new fleet of 8" Dobsonian telescopes. Campers taking part in our astronomy program will see things in the night sky they have never seen before.



Experiencing Camp

Although their focus is astronomy, Astro Campers also get to experience traditional camp activities just like everyone else; swimming, archery, campfires, and of course, the opportunities to make lifelong friends!

The Difference Between Astro Camp and the Astronomy Program

You can sign up for 1 hour of astronomy all summer long, but true lovers of the stars should sign-up for Astro Camp, where they will receive many hours of astronomy all day and night.

Astro Camp is a week-long program with its main focus on the great adventure of exploring the universe. Campers stay up after dark, stargazing, telescoping, and looking at astrophotography.

Our goal at Astro Camp is to get kids to look up, to learn constellations and stars, and to find objects hidden in the deep by using telescopes that they control. The majesty of the firmament awaits, but don't forget the s'mores!



RANCH CAMP

Sessions 1, 2, 3, and 9

YMCA Camp Eberhart's equestrian programs combine safe and healthy horses, trained staff, and excellent facilities to create a positive atmosphere where campers can focus on horses. These programs allow our campers the opportunity to advance their horseback riding skills, expand their horsemanship knowledge, and enjoy riding with friends. Both Western and English riding styles are offered.

Ranch Camp is **all horses all day!** Campers will not only advance their riding skills in all areas but also learn how to care for their horse beyond the arena. This includes how the farrier, chiropractor, dentist, vet and our staff work together to maintain a strong, healthy herd. Campers must be a minimum of 9 years old and have prior riding experience.



EQUESTRIAN PROGRAMS

SUMMER RIDING

Summer Trail Rides

If a camper wants to add-on extra equestrian time or wants a simple way to try out horses for the first time, campers of all ages can enjoy staff-led **trail rides** for \$20 per ride. You can sign your campers up for one ride or a ride every day of the week at registration. Trail rides are offered during open swim.

The Difference Between Ranch Camp and the Equestrian Program

You can sign up for the 2-hour equestrian program all summer long, but true horse lovers should sign-up for Ranch Camp, where it's horses all day every day. All of our equestrian programs help develop and refine your personal horsemanship skills.

YEAR-ROUND RIDING

Non-Summer Trail Rides

Have a wonderful time riding on our many miles of trails while taking in the beautiful scenery. Individual or group trail rides are offered year-round.

Half-hour rides: \$15 per person

One hour rides: \$25 per person

Riding Lessons

Horseback riding lessons are offered year-round. Ages 7+ may take riding lessons for 30 minutes, and ages 10+ may take riding lessons for 60 minutes.

Private Lessons: \$25 per lesson

Semi-Private Lessons: \$20 per lesson

TEAM PROGRAMMING

Camp makes growing up fun for all ages, including teens. YMCA Camp Eberhart has three programs designed to prepare teens to become amazing leaders in all walks of life, and possibly even staff members. Participating in these programs will give your teenagers great experiences to list on their future resumes. With service projects, training, and leadership, their experience will be a step-up above the rest!

Service Crew

Sessions: 1, 2, 3, 9

Ages: 14-17

NEW

As a part of "the Crew," campers get their hands dirty, work hard, and get a glimpse into behind the scenes projects at camp. Paired with an afternoon of traditional camp activities, campers will experience what it means to have a servant's heart and lead by example. Campers can earn community service hours for their participation in this program.



Leadership Core

Block 1

June 20-July 2

Block 2

July 4-16

Block 3

July 18-30

Block 4

August 1-13

EPIC Week

August 15-20

Ages: 16

Formerly called "Counselor-In-Training," our Leadership Core program is for teenagers entering 10th grade and is designed to give them a camp experience tailored to youth in leadership. Campers will also enjoy an off-site adventure trip!

Leadership Core campers will complete an on-site service project, spend a day working with our local Habitat for Humanity, and experience hands-on training in the areas of communication, teen leadership, environmental stewardship, and community service.

The highlight of this amazing two week program is a 2-night, 3-day adventure trip exploring the beauty of Southwest Michigan! Space is limited and sessions will fill up.

Staff-In-Training

Block A

June 20 - July 16

Block B

July 18 - August 13

Epic Week

August 15-20

Ages: 17

Our Staff-In-Training (SIT) program is a fantastic opportunity for youth to shoulder responsibility, work with young children, and learn leadership. Days spent as a SIT will be packed with an exciting array of activities and unique challenges.

If you're interested in our Staff-In-Training program, be sure to download the application located on our website at ymcacampeberhart.org and return it to the YMCA Camp Eberhart office via mail or email. Spaces are limited, and sessions fill quickly!

CAMP LIFE

Cabin Life

Campers at YMCA Camp Eberhart get to unplug and stay in facilities ranging from traditional stone cabins to temperature-controlled lodges. There are typically 4-6 counselors per cabin providing leadership and friendship to our campers.

Dining Services

Our professional food-service team provides 3 healthy meals each day. We have a breakfast bar at every breakfast as well as a sandwich and salad bar at lunch and dinner. Our Food Service Manager has been with us for many years and has a passion for making healthy and delicious meals. We can accommodate most allergies, and we are also proud to be a nut-free facility.

Questions

If you have any dietary concerns or questions about food allergies, please reach out to our Food Service Manager at hwilcox@ymcacampeberhart.org. Please contact us at office@ymcacampeberhart.org for all other accommodations.

Health Services

Our "Say-Ahh-Inn" health facility employs a health officer that lives on-site and manages the health and medical needs of all campers; including bumps, bruises, and medication distribution. Our entire staff team is First Aid and CPR certified and trained in camp healthcare policies. We also have established health service policies that are reviewed annually by a certified medical professional.

Camp Store

Kids burn a lot of calories at camp and our camp store is a long-standing tradition. Campers can order snacks for rest periods, and ice cream during open periods, up to 4 total treats per day. During breakfast and lunch, our gift store is open to purchase camp apparel and other items. Purchases are made only through the camper's store account.

For more information please call 269-244-5125, email us at office@ymcacampeberhart.org, or visit us at ymcacampeberhart.org.



CONNECTING WITH YOUR CAMPER

Unlimited, One-Way Email (\$5)

We offer a great email service to make communicating with your camper easy. Emails are distributed just like traditional mail and are received Sunday-Thursday and distributed Monday-Friday. Emails can be sent through your online account created during the registration process.

Care Packages

If you would like to have packages delivered to your child, you are welcome to bring them at check-in or mail them to Camp. When you bring them at check-in, let us know who they are for and when you would like them to be delivered. All food should be in a lock-tight container. Please keep in mind we are a nut-free facility.

SmugMug

We provide access to our online photo album, Smugmug. This site allows better protection for our campers on the internet with password-protected albums. Parents will receive the password for their camper's session at check-in.

DAY CAMP

Looking for an alternative to traditional child care for the summer? Day Camp at YMCA Camp Eberhart is next to none, providing an amazing experience for children ages 4-12.

Our Day Camp consists of two tribes: Little Hawks, campers ages 4-8, and Thunderbirds, campers ages 9-12. Each tribe's programming is designed specifically for its age group. We then divide the tribe into smaller groups based on the ages of our campers each week.

Day Camp Activities

Each week every Day Camper experiences canoeing, equestrian, archery, climbing tower, fishing, arts and crafts, nature hikes, swimming, and more. In addition, Day Campers help tailor their schedule so that they have the opportunity to try other activities they may be interested in.

Day Camp at YMCA Camp Eberhart is also silly and fun - you may even see our campers searching for Big Foot!



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YMCA Camp Eberhart Day Camp

9:00 AM - 4:15 PM

Cost \$190 - Lunch Included

Ages 4 - 12

**A \$100 non-refundable deposit is required to hold your reservation at the time of registration.*

Session 1	June 21-25
Session 2	June 28-July 2
Session 3	July 5-9
Session 4	July 12-16
Session 5	July 19-23
Session 6	July 26-30
Session 7	August 2-6
Session 8	August 9-13
Session 9	August 16-20

Transportation

Transportation is available from Cassopolis and Granger for \$25 per week. The bus picks up and drops off at St. Pius Catholic Church in Granger and Sam Adams Elementary in Cassopolis.

Bus Times

	PICK-UP	DROP OFF
GRANGER	8:00 AM	5:30 PM
CASSOPOLIS	8:30 AM	5:00 PM

Meals

Day Campers enjoy a hot lunch, salad and sandwich bar, and afternoon snack each day, plus the opportunity to visit our camp store.

Before and After Care

Before and after care is available for \$25 per camper per week. Campers can be dropped off as early as 8:00 AM and picked up as late as 5:45 PM. LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE.

Thursday Overnight

Day Campers 9+ also have the option of staying overnight on Thursdays and experiencing a little bit of resident camp for an additional \$25. They will also participate in Resident Camp evening programming and campfire s'mores. Space is limited. Sign-up at registration as sessions sell out quickly and are not guaranteed.

YEAR-ROUND CAMP

YMCA Camp Eberhart is more than overnight and day camping. We're open year-round, offering programs and activities for everyone. Whether you're a family, a business, a church group, or a school, a visit to our camp can be an incredible event.

Outdoor Education

At YMCA Camp Eberhart, learning is experiential and often student-led as curiosities flourish and natural abilities burst forth. We invite you and your students to visit our outdoor classroom — the forest, fields, hiking trails, and lakeshore — where education lives and breathes.

Our trained staff will not only teach but can also help you design and conduct programs that meet the standards for Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois curriculum, inspiring students to become lifelong learners.

Additionally, we offer a wide variety of programs including equestrian and challenge courses. Outdoor Education serves all schools and ages with financial assistance available.

Corporate Events & Retreats

Our facilities are able to accommodate groups of all sizes. Postle Hall in Obenchain Lodge is fully equipped for your audio and visual needs, and can comfortably fit up to 80 people. Our professional food service team provides delicious and healthy meals that can be catered to your needs.

Team Building

From a class of 6th graders to a team of corporate professionals, our trained facilitators are prepared to challenge your team! Our high ropes, low ropes, and climbing tower set the stage to help make your team even stronger!



Family Camp

Family Camp removes distractions to allow families the freedom to focus solely on one another. Families get to know each other outside of homework, after school activities, technology, and day to day business. From sailing and canoeing to high ropes and archery, YMCA Camp Eberhart offers activities everyone in your family will enjoy. Meals, activities, and evening programs are all part of this wonderful family experience.

Memorial Day Weekend

Friday, May 28–Monday, May 31, 2021

Labor Day Weekend

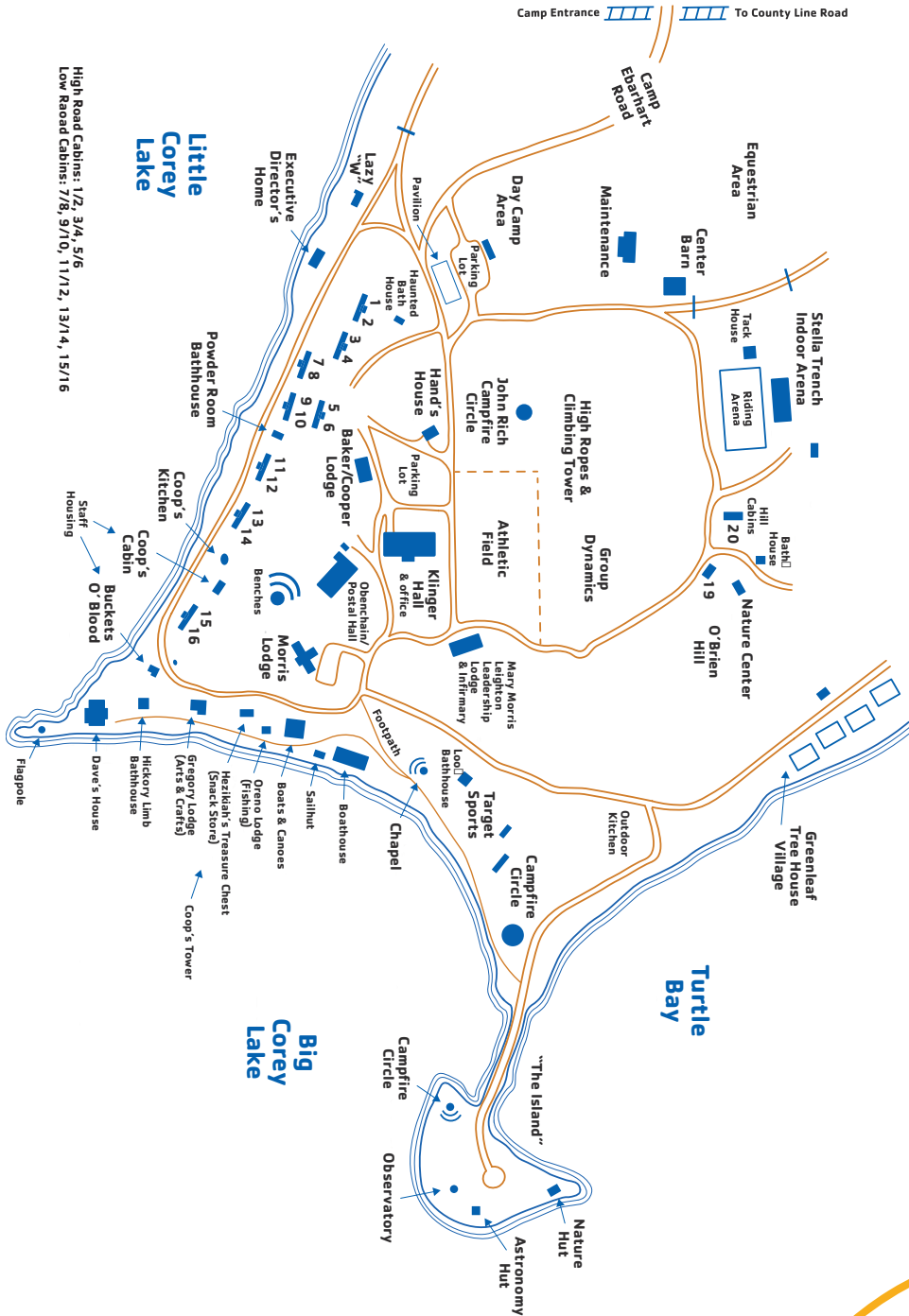
Friday, Sept 3–Monday, Sept 6, 2021

Follow us on Facebook to see when additional dates are added!

Group Camping

Similar to Family Camp, your group can reserve a weekend (or weekday) to enjoy the great outdoors and meet in a space outside of your normal routine. We host groups of all sizes, from YMCA Adventure Guides and Girl Scouts to family reunions, church, and business groups.

CAMP MAP



CAMP EBERHART ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

YMCA Camp Eberhart has a long, rich history of embracing our Alumni and working together for the betterment of camp. The Camp Eberhart Alumni Association (CEAA) is comprised of past campers, staff, and friends of Camp Eberhart who share the common goal of supporting Camp Eberhart through volunteering, mentoring, and financial contributions.

We offer two Alumni Reunion Weekends each year to provide an opportunity not only to return to camp, but build and rejuvenate friendships, give back to the place you love and have fun. We encourage all Alumni, of all ages, to join us for one (or both) weekends to reconnect, rejuvenate and spend quality time at the place we all have, at one time, called home! We also challenge our younger alumni community to become engaged members. You are the alumni of our future and your input, support and volunteerism will support Camp Eberhart for years to come.

Learn more about joining the CEAA at www.campebalumni.org

2021 Alumni Reunion Weekends

June 11-13, 2021

November 5-7, 2021



PROJECT 132

Project 132 is our commitment to bring 132 children to camp with the assistance of financial aid who otherwise might not be able to attend.

Campership

Financial Assistance

Every family's situation is different. Sometimes we need just a little help and other times circumstances lead us to need a whole lot more. Whatever your situation, we want to make sure that financial challenges do not get in the way of giving your child a Camp Eberhart summer experience. More now than ever, kids need camp and the opportunity to embrace the joy of childhood!

We are blessed to be able to offer financial aid – or “camperships” – to families who apply for all our programs. All applications and camperships are kept confidential ensuring that every camper has the same amazing experience.

To apply for a YMCA Camp Eberhart Campership, please find our campership application at www.ymcacampeberhart.org/financial-assistance

Donate

We believe that every child should have the opportunity to go to camp, but we can't do it without your help! When you donate to YMCA Camp Eberhart, you're building children's futures. You help them grow independence, build character and learn lifelong skills. Your donation gives a child the experience of a lifetime!

A donation of any size helps bring one more child to camp. Visit www.ymcacampeberhart.org/Project132 to donate.

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Despite not running Resident Camp in 2020, we made the best use of our time working on projects that will increase the quality of campers' experience and strengthen the character-building opportunities each child experiences at camp.

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1. Our new Day Camp Pavilion was made possible with a generous donation from Kathy and John Postle.

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2. The Camp Fire Circle, located by the Rifle Range and along the path to the Island, has received a long overdue renovation thanks to a generous donation by Valerie Tanke in memory of her late husband John.

3



3. We broke ground on both our new Powder Room Bathhouse and Day Camp Pavilion in October 2020.

4. We're very excited to replace the old Powder Room Bathhouse on the low road!

4



If you'd like to learn more about or donate to the Honoring the Past, Building the Future capital campaign, please visit www.ymcacampeberhart.org/capital-improvements