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YMCA Camp Eberhart Alumni

Have you attended camp or programming at
YMCA Camp Eberhart? Then you're an alumnus!

A camp experience will stay with someone for their lifetime; the spirit they brought to camp stays forever. We are grateful to have a dedicated group of alumni who give back to camp through volunteering, mentoring, advocating, fundraising, and more.

Alumni Reunion Weekend

June 9-12, 2022

Reconnect with fellow YMCA Camp Eberhart alumni as we mentor summer staff, work on camp projects, and enjoy your favorite camp activities.

YMCA CAMP EBERHART

2022 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 and friendships 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.



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.

Financial Assistance

At YMCA Camp Eberhart, we believe every child deserves a summer camp experience. That is why we offer financial aid to families who qualify.

While a fair share of payment is expected, we understand that many families may be challenged with limited resources that make camp out of reach for their children. YMCA Camp Eberhart has donors with hearts for families like yours who support the Y's annual campaign to make financial assistance available. Pending eligibility, financial assistance is available to support a portion of the camp fees. The amount offered is based on family size, gross income, family circumstances and available funding.

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!



Scan to give online!



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 curriculums, 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.

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 27–Monday, May 30, 2022

Labor Day Weekend

Friday, Sept 2–Monday, Sept 5, 2022

Family Weekend

TBA

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.

Camp Team

Denise Peters

Camp Director

Michelle Holloway

Assistant Camp Director

Missy McGann

Summer Assistant Camp Director

Megan Costello

Seasonal Administrator of Staff Relations

Heather Wilcox

Food Service Manager

Clarissa Myers

Equestrian Director

Emma Ruppel

Office Manager

Leadership Team

Mark D. Weber

Chief Executive Officer

Denise Peters

Chief Operations Officer

Jill Haboush

Chief Development Officer

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Board President

ABOUT CAMP

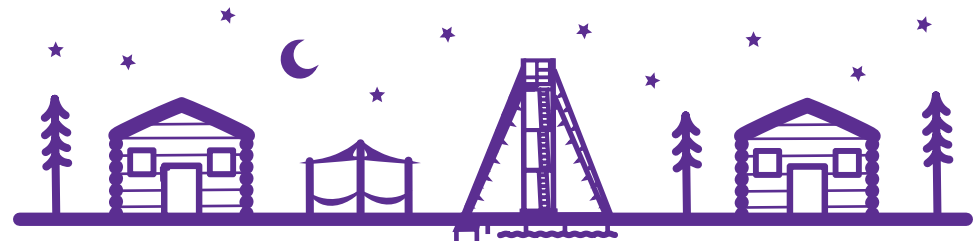
Core Values

YMCA Camp Eberhart is a values-based camp. Our Core Values of **Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility** are integrated in everything 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.



OVERNIGHT CAMP

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

**A \$150 non-refundable deposit is required to hold your reservation at the time of registration.*

Cost: \$785	Ages: 7-16
Session 1	June 19-24
Session 2	June 26-July 1
Session 3	July 3-8
Session 4	July 10-15
Session 5	July 17-22
Session 6	July 24-29
Session 7	July 31-August 5
Session 8	August 7-12
Session 9	August 14-19 (Ages 7-17)

3-Day Try-It Camp

Runs Sunday through Wednesday.
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.

Cost: \$530 **Ages: 6-10**
Sessions 1, 2, 3, 9

Service Crew

Service Crew will work on a camp project and enjoy much of the camp experience as they 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: \$525 **Ages: 14-17**
Sessions 1, 2, 3, 9

Astro Camp

Take an exciting journey across the universe through stargazing, telescoping, and astrophotography! This unique hands-on program is designed for campers who are eager to discover and see things they've never seen before.

Cost: \$800 **Ages: 9+**
Session 6

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: \$875 **Ages: 9+**
Sessions 1, 2, 3, 9

Leadership Core

Teens will gain experience and training in the areas of communication, leadership, and community service, as well as experience camp programs. *(2 week program)*

Cost: \$1,570
Teens entering 11th grade in fall 2022
Block 1 June 19-July 1
Block 2 July 3-15
Block 3 July 17-29
Block 4 July 31-August 12

Keep reading to find more info on each program!

Transportation

Transportation is available from Cassopolis and Granger for \$50 per week. The bus picks up and drops off at St. Pius Catholic Church in Granger and Sam Adams Elementary in Cassopolis.

	Pick-Up	Drop-Off
St. Pius Catholic Church 52250 Fir Road, Granger IN	8:00 AM	5:30 PM
Sam Adams Elementary 101 S. East Street, Cassopolis MI	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.



Day Camp Stay-Over

Campers ages 9+ have the option of staying overnight. On Wednesday night campers will stay in a lodge or cabin after an evening of full camp activities. Campers will have dinner, hang out in their cabin, participate in an evening program, and wake up to bugles and breakfast before day camp begins again on Thursday. Wednesday Stay-Over requires registration prior to start of your week of camp.

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.

2022 Day Camp

Cost \$220 - Lunch Included

Ages 4-12

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

Session 1	June 20-24
Session 2	June 27-July 1
Session 3	July 4-8
Session 4	July 11-15
Session 5	July 18-22
Session 6	July 25-29
Session 7	August 1-5
Session 8	August 8-12



9:00 AM - 4:15 PM

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.

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 of interest.

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

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!

Staff-In-Training

A fantastic opportunity for youth to shoulder responsibility, learn leadership, work with young children, and enjoy camp as they learn skills to become an effective camp staff. (4 week program)

Cost: \$2,000

Teens entering 12th grade in fall 2022

Block A June 19-July 15

Block B July 17-August 12



Programs at YMCA Camp Eberhart

- Archery
- Arts and Crafts*
- Astronomy
- Boats, Canoes, and Kayaks
- Fishing
- Horseback Riding*
- High Ropes Challenge*
- Land Sports
- Music & Drama
- Nature/Outdoor Skills
- Photography
- Rocketry*
- Riflery*
- Sailing
- Swimming
- Tower Challenge*
- Trail Biking
- Waterskiing/Wakeboarding*

* Additional charges may apply

Campers choose four activities each week!

ASTRO CAMP

Session 6: July 24–29, 2022 • Ages 9+

YMCA Camp Eberhart enjoys one of the longest-running astronomy programs in the entire country and has been visited by professional astronomers from coast to coast. The unique program is designed for campers ages 9–15 that are eager to discover, and ready to begin the great adventure of exploring the universe through stargazing, telescoping, and astrophotography.

YMCA Camp Eberhart is fortunate to enjoy an 18" Obsession telescope, an 11" C11 telescope, and a fleet of 8" Dobsonian telescopes. Combined with our top-notch astronomers, campers will take an exciting journey through the universe.

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.



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.**

Photos

We provide access to our online photo album, SmugMug, to those who attend camp. This photo-sharing site allows protection for our campers on the internet with password-protected albums. Parents will receive the password for their camper's session via email before the week begins.



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 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 director 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 director at hwilcox@ymcagm.org. Please contact us at campeberhart@ymcagm.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 through the camper's store account.



RANCH CAMP

Sessions 1, 2, 3, 9 • Ages 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.

Experiencing Camp

Although our specialty camps focus on astronomy and horseback riding, these campers also get to experience traditional camp activities just like everyone else; swimming, archery, campfires, and of course, the opportunities to make lifelong friends!



TEEN 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 Camp Eberhart staff. 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

Ages: 14-17

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 through identifying projects to better camp, such as repairs, painting, landscaping, etc., and working along side camp staff to create a plan and complete the task. Campers can earn community service hours for their participation in this program.



Leadership Core

Block 1 June 19-July 1

Block 2 July 3-15

Block 3 July 17-29

Block 4 July 31-August 12

Teens entering 11th grade in fall 2022

Leadership Core (LC) is for teenagers entering 11th grade and is designed to give them a camp experience tailored to youth in leadership.

Leadership Core includes off-site adventures where campers work to develop leadership and team building skills, as well as an on-site service project, and hands-on training in the areas of communication, teen leadership, environmental stewardship, and community service. **This is a 2-week program.**

Staff-In-Training

Block A June 19 - July 15

Block B July 17 - August 12

Teens entering 12th grade in fall 2022

Our Staff-In-Training (SIT) program is a fantastic opportunity for youth to shoulder responsibility, work with young children, learn leadership, and most importantly, begin training to become future YMCA Camp Eberhart summer camp counselors! Days spent as an SIT will be packed with an exciting array of activities and unique challenges. **This is a 4-week program.**

Those interested in this program should fill out an application on our website and return it to the camp office via email. Spaces are limited and fill quickly!