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# YOUR SUMMER ONLY BETTER

**YMCA CAMP EBERHART**

**2012 Summer Camp**

Three Rivers, Michigan



# A TYPICAL DAY THAT'S ANYTHING BUT TYPICAL

## DAILY SCHEDULE:

7:00	Wake Up
7:45	Flag Raising
8:00	Breakfast
8:30	Cabin Clean-Up
9:15	Chapel Talk
9:30	1st Program
10:55	2nd Program
12:05	Open Program
12:45	Benches
1:00	Lunch
1:45	Rest Period
2:40	3rd Program
4:00	4th Program
5:20	Benches
5:30	Dinner
6:15	Cabin Time
8:30	Taps
10:00	Lights out

Campers' days are full of fun! At the same time, your child is growing in confidence, building self-esteem and independence. You will see the difference!

- Kids learn to ride a horse, and about compassion and patience.
- Taking to the high ropes, children face their fears, and learn to encourage, trust and cooperate with each other.
- Sailing is a sport that can be enjoyed for life, and helps campers to develop the skills of problem solving and how to handle difficult situations.

Campers choose from a wide variety of programs, including:

Archery	Land Sports
Crafts	Nature
Astronomy	Photography
Boats, Canoes & Kayaks	Riflery
Ceramics	Rocket Building
Challenge Course*	Sailing
Drama	Swimming
Fishing	Trail Biking
Horseback Riding*	Water Skiing*

\*Specialty programs incur additional fees and are quite popular. Visit [www.ymcacampeberhart.org](http://www.ymcacampeberhart.org) for specific program information.

"Kids today, more than ever, need an escape from the pressures of everyday life, school, cell phones, video games, the internet – and so do their parents." – Fourth generation camper

"I make new friends every year, and see old friends from years past, spend time on beautiful Corey Lake. I fall asleep exhausted each night to the sounds of mosquitoes outside the screens and croaking bullfrogs off in the distance."





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# INDEPENDENCE ADVENTURE DISCOVERY

At **YMCA CAMP EBERHART**, we know that kids need to test the boundaries and try out new interests. We provide a safe environment for your child to experience independence, adventure, and discovery.

**We're here for your kids, making sure they don't give up on trying, making progress toward new skills, and stepping confidently out of their comfort zone.**

For more than 100 years—with many families in their fourth generation of involvement with **YMCA CAMP EBERHART**—we have been teaching kids the values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

Campers make life-long friends, develop connections which stretch around the world, explore the outdoors, build self-esteem and create lasting memories.

We know that it can be difficult for parents to find balance between letting kids go and the desire to keep them safe.

## **OUR PROMISE TO PARENTS:**

- Four-to-one camper to staff ratio, exceeding the standard for resident camps and ensuring that your child's physical, social and emotional needs are met.
- We have a licensed nurse on staff each week to administer medication and first aid.
- Our menus are "kid-friendly" and healthy, with options for the pickiest eater or those with food allergies and other specific dietary needs.
- We're happy to report on your child's progress during the week and will pass on your encouragement.





# GROWTH THROUGH EXPERIENCE

A child's intellect, emotions, impulses, intuition and imagination need to be activated for learning to be effective. When your child experiences the lesson through hands-on activities, the skills are cemented in fond memories.

We believe that all kids deserve the chance to discover who they are and what they can achieve. When kids spend a week (or more) at **YMCA CAMP EBERHART**, they cultivate the values, skills and relationships that lead to positive behaviors, better health and educational achievement.

Our theme weeks and specialty camps further develop your child's individuality and interests.

Themes for 2012: Pirates, Carnival, Western, Renaissance, and Harry Potter.

Though not a "theme week," Week 5 (July 15-22) is our Astro Week. Your child will learn from astronomy scientists from around the county, using high-tech telescopes to discover and explore the universe.



# GROWTH IN SPIRIT, MIND AND BODY

**Raggers Program.** While spending one-on-one time with their counselor, your child works on personal goal setting and communication skills. Our camp traditions are shared through these mentoring sessions.

**YMCA CAMP EBERHART is for teens too!**

We coach, encourage, and develop leadership skills in our Counselors In Training (CIT) program. For many CITs, this on-the-job training sets them up for summer employment for years to come.

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# **CHILDREN ARE MIGHTY POWERFUL**



# CABIN MATES FOR SUMMER, FRIENDS FOREVER

The friendships built at **YMCA CAMP EBERHART** will be the most important bonds your child creates outside of your family – friendships that truly last a lifetime!

We know that it can be intimidating coming here the first time, without a familiar face. We encourage campers to register with friends from home!

Please visit [www.ymcacampeberhart.org](http://www.ymcacampeberhart.org) for information about our **Bring-A-Buddy** program. You may qualify for savings, camp store dollars and other gifts.



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NEW IN 2012:  
ART DISCOVERY!



NEW FOR 2012:  
TRAIL BIKING!





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# PLAYING LEARNING GROWING



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