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WELCOME TO THE BEST SUMMER YET

MCGAW YMCA CAMP ECHO 2012



The McGaw YMCA's 113th season of overnight camping, the 89th season on Ryerson Long Lake in Fremont, Michigan.



KIDS, GET READY FOR THE BEST SUMMER YET.

An epic ton of fun – Camp Echo comes complete with so many different activities to choose from you'll have a hard time deciding what to pick. Archery? Tubing? Dance? Sailing? Music? Hey, why limit yourself? You can do all of these and more every day at Echo.

All friends, all the time – You may well already know someone at camp, or you may not – it really doesn't matter because either way with our team building and group activities it will be impossible to leave camp without making new friends. At Echo, summer cabin mates might just become friends for life.

Freedom to be yourself – Sometimes it's good to just get away and be yourself in your own space. Camp is all about being who you are and discovering new things about yourself – even if it may just be a little goofy.



“My son loves Camp Echo more than any place on earth.” – ECHO PARENT, 2011



KNOW THAT YOUR KIDS ARE IN GOOD HANDS

Our exceptional staff goes through rigorous training to meet the very highest standard that we require at Echo. Most counselors have American Red Cross CPR/AED and First Aid Certification. Counselors who work on the waterfront have Lifeguard Certification. Trip Guides are 21 years old or older, have an additional eleven days of training at Camp Echo, and are certified as Wilderness First Responders.



PARENTS, HAVE EASE OF MIND

It's the place where your kids want to be – After a summer of Echo, your kids will be asking to return again and again.

Safe & nurturing – Camp Echo is ACA accredited, meaning that it has met or exceeded Michigan's highest standards for summer camp.

Growth in character – Echo counselors are trained to always remember that they are role models. Every camper gets the chance to practice the values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility with guidance from their counselors.

Experience fresh air – With nearly 500 acres of horse, bike, and nature trails and over 7,000 feet of shoreline along Ryerson Long Lake, your child will have a chance to unplug from city life and connect with the outdoors.

Fostering independence – Not only will your child come home from camp with new friends, an appreciation for nature, and memories to last a lifetime, they will have a chance to grow up and be independent while being a kid at camp.



“The people I met there will surely be some of my best friends forever! The second we came to camp, we all became a little family. Thank you, Echo, for giving me a place to call my home away from home.”
 - ECHO CAMPER, 2011

TRADITIONAL CAMP: ENTERING GRADES 3-8

PATHFINDERS: GRADES 3-5

A great first-time camp experience, with the support of counselors specially trained to meet the needs of young campers. Cabins have 10 or 11 campers and at least two counselors.

MAIN CAMP: GRADES 6-8

Fun, friendship, and character development, guided by positive role models in a safe and fun outdoor environment. Cabins have 10 or 11 campers and at least two counselors.

SESSION 6 (NEW): GRADES 4-10*

The perfect back-to-school activity! Campers will have the opportunity to take advantage of earlier sunsets with night sky activities and an all-camp outdoor movie night. As an added bonus, every Session 6 camper will receive a unique T-shirt.

*\$150 (\$180 non-member) discount if returning from Sessions 1-4, free layover from Session 5.



HORSEBACK RIDING LESSONS OPTION

Enhance your experience by signing up for lessons ahead of time during registration (\$75 for 5 days of lessons for Sessions 1-5 and \$60 for 4 days of lessons for Session 6, payable with camp fee). At camp, any camper may sign up for trail or ring rides (\$12 per ride, deducted from camper's store account).

LAYOVER OPTION

During the time between two consecutive sessions and under the supervision of our seasoned staff, take advantage of the program areas of camp and enjoy going to Michigan's Adventure Amusement Park. Laundry service and admission to the amusement park are included in the fee.

RANCHERS OPTION

For Main Camp and Voyager participants entering Grades 6-9 with at least 3 summers of Echo horseback riding lessons or the equivalent. Spend all morning receiving riding instruction during one of the weeks.

10 spots during Sessions 2-5 • \$195

SAILING CAMP

Prior sailing knowledge is not required. Spend each morning receiving sailing instruction during both weeks. Learn to sail every boat in the area and go on a day-long off-camp sailing excursion. 10 spots during Sessions 3 & 5 • \$295

CAMP OFFERINGS

- ◆ Archery
- ◆ Arts & Crafts
- ◆ Basketball
- ◆ Biking
- ◆ Boulderling
- ◆ Canoeing
- ◆ Carpetball
- ◆ Dance
- ◆ Drama
- ◆ Four Square
- ◆ Fishing
- ◆ GaGa
- ◆ Horseback Riding*
- ◆ Kayaking
- ◆ Music
- ◆ Ping Pong
- ◆ Sailing
- ◆ Soccer
- ◆ Softball
- ◆ Swimming
- ◆ Tennis
- ◆ Tubing
- ◆ Wakeboarding
- ◆ Water Skiing

*Extra fee and advance registration required.



“Camp Echo has a good reputation so we felt we were [putting] our kids in ‘good hands.’”

– ECHO PARENT, 2011

ON-SITE TEEN CAMPS: ENTERING GRADES 8-11

TAKE YOUR CHOICE: GRADES 8 & 9

Customize your schedule for each day by choosing among 3-4 different activities on camp. There’s also a mid-session day trip to Craig’s Cruisers for go-karts, mini golf, and lots more fun.

EXPLORERS: GRADE 8

Living in platform tents at Outpost, merge the best of Main Camp with a more rustic outdoor experience.

VOYAGERS AT OUTPOST: GRADE 9

Enjoy one week of Main Camp activities supplemented with challenging on-camp teen activities. During the other week, go on a three-day, two-night camping trip on the Manistee River.

VOYAGERS AT THE VILLAGE: GRADE 9

Living in cabins in the Village, enjoy one week of Main Camp activities supplemented with challenging on-camp activities and a two-night overnight. The other week features off-camp service projects and aquatic fun.

VOYAGERS AT BIRCHES: GRADES 9 & 10

Older one-week campers will have a more challenging experience living in platform tents at Birches. The group will participate in a service project, experience Echo’s Challenge Courses and canoe the perimeter of Long Lake. Session 1 participants will go go-karting and Session 6 participants will canoe down the Pine River mid-week.

RANGERS AT BIRCHES: GRADES 9 & 10

Explore cooperative living and personal responsibility with a flexible schedule. Enjoy a three-day, two-night canoe trip on the Pine River, experience Echo’s Challenge Courses, and go on an optional solo overnight experience.

LEADER-IN-TRAINING (L.I.T.): GRADE 10*

Part one of a two-year leadership program. Strengthen relationships, self-confidence, and leadership skills through team-building experiences with your peers.

COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING (C.I.T.): GRADE 11*

Part two of a two-year leadership program. Become an integral part of a cabin counseling team while supported by veteran staff members and your peers.

***Initial L.I.T. and C.I.T. registration is limited to one session. Previous completion of L.I.T. is not required for C.I.T. registration.**

WRANGLER-IN-TRAINING (W.I.T.): GRADES 10 & 11

Take the first steps to becoming a member of Echo’s Barn Staff. Learn what it takes to work with the horses and the campers who come for lessons and trail rides, while also strengthening relationships and leadership skills through team-building experiences with your peers in the L.I.T. and C.I.T. programs.

LIFEGUARD PLUS: GRADES 11 & 12

Staff members who are lifeguard-certified earn an extra \$25 per week. This is an opportunity to obtain American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification and experience a taste of the C.I.T. program before your C.I.T. session. American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification is valid for 3 years.

ECHO ADVENTURERS (NEW):

GRADE 10

For those who have “done it all.” While based at Outpost, go zip lining, set up and participate in an adventure race, learn orienteering skills (compass and GPS), go geocaching, and explore Echo like never before.



ADVENTURE TRIPS: ENTERING GRADES 7-12

TRAILBLAZERS (BEGINNER): GRADES 7 & 8

Learn the basics of paddling, backpacking, and wilderness living while at Camp Echo, then journey to Michigan’s Upper Peninsula for seven days of canoeing and hiking. It’s the perfect first-time adventure trip!

BACKPACKING IN THE PORCUPINE MOUNTAINS (BASIC): GRADES 8 & 9

While hiking the Porcupine Mountains of Michigan, view amazing wildlife and scenery, including the coastline of Lake Superior, countless waterfalls, and acres of old-growth forests. Past Trailblazers participation is required for 8th grade participants.

MINNESOTA BOUNDARY WATERS CANOE TRIP (BASIC): GRADES 8 & 9

Spend eight days canoeing in a protected watershed with over 1,000 lakes and streams, and enjoy the rugged beauty of waterfalls, rocky cliffs, picturesque sunsets and abundant wildlife, including moose and turtles. Past Trailblazers participation is required for 8th grade participants.

MICHIGAN BIKE TRIP (BASIC): GRADES 9 & 10

Experience a fantastic introduction to bicycle touring. Travel along the scenic Lake Michigan shoreline from just below the Mackinac Bridge back to Camp Echo, spending nights in state parks and forests along the way. Bikes and pannier bags are required; loaners are available for trippers on scholarship.

TRIP LEVELS

Beginner: Introductory wilderness skills for first-time trippers.

Basic: More challenging settings. Participants have more independence in choosing daily activities.

Intermediate: Prior wilderness experience required. A different tripper leads the group each day.

Advanced: Includes strenuous physical activity and demands increased personal responsibility.



“Fabulous trip leaders. The [Georgian Bay Sea Kayak Trip] introduced my daughter to the almost completely unfamiliar world of camping and wilderness activities. Somehow, her trip leaders instilled in her the confidence that she could handle it all, no problem.” - ECHO PARENT, 2011

“Echo is a 5-star experience at a 3-star price. My child has 8 years at Echo. Each year she returns healthier, happier, and a better daughter and person.”

- ECHO PARENT, 2011



ADVENTURE TRIPS: CONTINUED

**GEORGIAN BAY SEA KAYAK TRIP (INTERMEDIATE):
GRADES 10 & 11**

Launch into an eight-day paddle through the crystal blue waters of Lake Huron’s Georgian Bay, and camp on some of the many picturesque islands.

**BACKPACKING IN THE ROCKIES (INTERMEDIATE):
GRADES 10 & 11**

Enjoy eight days of hiking, and a day of rock climbing with the Colorado Mountain School, in the majestic Rocky Mountains.

**CALIFORNIA BIKE EXTRAVAGANZA (INTERMEDIATE):
GRADES 10 & 11**

Bike along the Pacific Coast from southern Oregon to San Francisco, and enjoy a two-day surfing layover in Bodega Bay. Bikes and pannier bags are required; loaners are available for trippers on scholarship.

**TASTE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA (ADVANCED):
GRADES 11 & 12**

Journey into the stunning Pacific Northwest and spend 12 days backpacking in North Cascades National Park, highlighted by clear lakes, snowy peaks, and glaciated landscapes. Next, spend 8 days kayaking off the west coast of Vancouver Island – complete with potential whale sightings, white sand islands, and magnificent sunsets, followed by a day of caving.

FAMILY CAMPS & FALL PROGRAMS:

Strengthen family ties, become part of a community of families, and make memories that will last a lifetime. Enjoy archery, arts and crafts, biking, fishing, water skiing, canoeing, nature walks, land sports, relaxing on the beach, sailing, and Echo’s Challenge Courses. Activities for the whole family are supplemented by separate programming for adults, teens, children, and pre-schoolers.

MEMORIAL DAY & LABOR DAY FAMILY CAMPS

May 25-28 / August 31 - September 3

Kick off or close out the summer with a fun-filled family weekend at Echo. Enjoy quality family time while experiencing the full range of activities and programs that Echo offers.

FULL-WEEK FAMILY CAMPS

August 19-24 / August 25-30

A full week offers ample time to experience the full range of activities and programs Echo offers. Swim, sail, do arts and crafts, water ski, ride horses, relax on the beach, square dance, experience Echo’s Challenge Courses, and join a mid-week trip to a local paintball course.

ECHO EXTRAVAGANZA: GRADES 3-11

September 7-9

A final weekend exclusively for 2012 campers to enjoy Camp Echo. An invitation to sign up will be sent in August.



“Family camp gives us opportunities to converse and spend quality time with each [other]. Activities open the door to expressing praise, encouragement, and feelings and discussing hopes, fears, goals, and ideas.”

- ECHO FAMILY CAMPER, 2011



2012 PROGRAMS AT CAMP ECHO

TRADITIONAL SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS

Camp	Session	Entering Grade	Dates	Non-Member / Member
PATHFINDERS	1	Grades 3-5	June 10 - 16	\$805 / 670
	2	Grades 4-5	June 17 - 29	\$1365 / 1135
	3	Grades 4-5	July 1 - 13	\$1245 / 1035
	4	Grades 4-5	July 15 - 27	\$1365 / 1135
	5	Grades 3-5	July 29 - August 10	\$1185 / 985
	6	Grades 4-5	August 12 - 17	\$805 / 670
MAIN CAMP	1	Grades 6-7	June 10 - 16	\$835 / 695
	2	Grades 6-8	June 17 - 29	\$1425 / 1185
	3	Grades 6-8	July 1 - 13	\$1305 / 1085
	4	Grades 6-8	July 15 - 27	\$1425 / 1185
	5	Grades 6-8	July 29 - August 10	\$1245 / 1035
	6	Grades 6-8	August 12 - 17	\$835 / 695
	6*	Grades 6-8	August 12 - 17	\$655 / 545

PATHFINDER/MAIN CAMP SPECIALTY ADD-ONS

Horseback Riding Lessons	Sessions 1 - 5	MC/PATH/VOY/EXP	5 Days	\$75 / 75
Horseback Riding Lessons	Session 6	MC/PATH/VOY/EXP	4 Days	\$60 / 60
Ranchers Add-on	Sessions 2 - 5	MC/VOY/EXP	5 Days	\$195 / \$195
Sailing Camp Add-on	Sessions 3 & 5	MC only	2 Weeks	\$295 / 295

* Campers returning to Session 6 from Sessions 1, 2, 3, or 4 will receive special discounted rates

ON-SITE TEEN PROGRAMS

Camp	Session	Entering Grade	Dates	Non-Member / Member
EXPLORERS	2	Grade 8	June 17 - 29	\$1135 / 945
	4	Grade 8	July 15 - 27	\$1135 / 945
TAKE YOUR CHOICE	1	Grades 8-9	June 10 - 16	\$775 / 645
	6	Grades 8-9	August 12 - 17	\$775 / 645
	6*	Grades 8-9	August 12 - 17	\$595 / 495
VOYAGERS AT BIRCHES	1	Grades 9-10	June 10 - 16	\$495 / 395
VOYAGERS AT OUTPOST	3	Grade 9	July 1 - 13	\$1245 / 1035
VOYAGERS AT VILLAGE	4	Grade 9	July 15 - 27	\$1365 / 1135
VOYAGERS AT VILLAGE	5	Grade 9	July 29 - August 10	\$1245 / 1035
VOYAGERS AT BIRCHES	6	Grades 9-10	August 12 - 17	\$775 / 645
VOYAGERS AT BIRCHES	6*	Grades 9-10	August 12 - 17	\$595 / 495
RANGERS	2	Grades 9-10	June 17 - 29	\$895 / 745
	3	Grades 9-10	July 1 - 13	\$1245 / 1035
	4	Grades 9-10	July 15 - 27	\$1365 / 1135
	5	Grades 9-10	July 29 - August 10	\$1245 / 1035
ADVENTURERS	5	Grade 10	July 29 - August 10	\$1510 / 1260

* Campers returning to Session 6 from Sessions 1, 2, 3, or 4 will receive special discounted rates

LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

Camps	Session	Grade	Dates	Non-Member / Member
L.I.T. (LEADER-IN-TRAINING)	2	Grade 10	June 17 - 29	\$955 / 795
	3	Grade 10	July 1 - 13	\$1390 / 1160
	4	Grade 10	July 15 - 27	\$1510 / 1260
	5	Grade 10	July 29 - August 10	\$1510 / 1260
	W.I.T. (WRANGLER-IN-TRAINING)	5	Grades 10-11	July 29 - August 10
C.I.T. (COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING)	2	Grade 11	June 17 - 29	\$710 / 590
	3	Grade 11	July 1 - 13	\$650 / 540
	4	Grade 11	July 15 - 27	\$710 / 590
	5	Grade 11	July 29 - August 10	\$620 / 515
LIFEGUARD PLUS	1	Grades 11-12	June 10 - 16	\$295 / 195

Layover

Camp	Session	Entering Grade	Dates	Non-Member / Member
LAYOVERS	Between 1 & 2	ALL	June 16 - June 17	\$120 / 100
	Between 2 & 3	ALL	June 29 - July 1	\$180 / 150
	Between 3 & 4	ALL	July 13 - 15	\$180 / 150
	Between 4 & 5	ALL	July 27 - 29	\$180 / 150
	Between 5 & 6	ALL	August 10 - 12	FREE!

ADVENTURE TRIP PROGRAMS

Camp	Session	Grade	Dates	Non-Member / Member
Girls Trailblazers	2	Grades 7-8	June 17 - 29	\$1595 / 1345
Boys Trailblazers	3	Grades 7-8	July 1 - 13	\$1595 / 1345
Porcupine Mts	4	Grades 8-9	July 15 - 27	\$1795 / 1545
Porcupine Mts	5	Grades 8-9	July 29 - August 10	\$1795 / 1545
Minnesota Canoe	2	Grades 8-9	June 17 - 29	\$2295 / 2045
Minnesota Canoe	5	Grades 8-9	July 29 - August 10	\$2295 / 2045
Michigan Bike	5	Grades 9-10	July 29 - August 10	\$1795 / 1545
Georgian Bay	3	Grades 10-11	July 1 - 13	\$2495 / 2245
Georgian Bay	4	Grades 10-11	July 15 - 27	\$2495 / 2245
Backpack Rockies	4	Grades 10-11	July 15 - 27	\$2695 / 2445
California Bike Extravaganza	2 & 3	Grades 10-11	June 17 - July 13	\$3845 / 3595
Taste of British Columbia	4 & 5	Grades 11-12	July 15 - August 10	\$3845 / 3595

FAMILY CAMPS

Camp	Dates	Adult (19+)	Youth (6-8 yrs)	Preschooler (1-5 yrs)
Memorial Day Weekend	May 25 - 28	\$195	\$130	\$45
Family Camp Week 1	Aug 19 - 24	\$450	\$300	\$100
Family Camp Week 2	Aug 25 - 30	\$375	\$250	\$85
Labor Day Weekend	Aug 31 - Sept 3	\$195	\$130	\$45

View website for cabin fees

FALL FUN

Camp	Dates	Entering Grade	Price
Echo Extravaganza	September 7 - 9	Grades 3 - 11	\$195 / 155

IMPORTANT DATES:

CAMP REGISTRATION DATES:

Registration forms can be mailed or dropped off starting **November 14, 2011**. Processing for returning 2010 & 2011 campers & siblings will begin **November 16**, December 5 for new campers who are McGaw YMCA members, and December 19 for members from other YMCAs and non-members.

SESSION 1: June 10 through June 16

SESSION 2: June 17 through June 29

SESSION 3: July 1 through July 13
*Fireworks show on July 4

SESSION 4: July 15 through July 27

SESSION 5: July 29 through August 10

SESSION 6: August 12 through August 17



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To print a registration packet and get full details on camp programs, visit YMCACampEcho.org/register.html. To have a registration packet mailed to your home, please email info@mcgawymca.org or call 847.475.7400 ext 236.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND MONTHLY PAYMENT PLANS

Scholarships are awarded for one session per camper on a first-come, first-served basis. Scholarship amount is determined according to our sliding scale. For example, a family of 4 with a household income of \$72,900 per year would qualify for a 15% adjustment.



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