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# IT'S YOUR SUMMER TO DISCOVER

2011 Resident Camp  
**YMCA CAMP EBERHART**  
Three Rivers, Michigan



# WELCOME TO THE MOST FUN YOU'LL EVER HAVE

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## YOU'LL DO THE MOST AMAZING THINGS!

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.

For more than 100 years—with families now in their third and 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 to find balance between letting kids go explore and our desire to keep them safe. That's why we maintain a **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 are fully accredited by the American Camp Association and follow all health, safety and program standards. 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 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.**



# SAY HELLO TO FUN



Parents, we're here for you too! We're happy to report on your child's progress throughout the week and will pass on your encouragement.

A child's intellect, emotions, impulses, intuition and imagination need to be activated for learning to be effective. Through creative arts, land sports, science programs, or any of more than 20 specialty programs which challenge and engage campers, your child's specific interests and skills can be enhanced tremendously at YMCA Camp Eberhart with our holistic approach.

## Campers choose from a wide variety of activities, including:

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| Archery           | Land Sports     |
| Arts & Crafts     | Nature          |
| Astronomy         | Photography     |
| Boats & Canoes    | Riflery         |
| Ceramics          | Rocket Building |
| Challenge Course* | Sailing         |
| Drama             | Swimming        |
| Fishing           | Water Skiing*   |
| Horseback Riding* | Wakeboarding*   |

\*Specialty programs incur additional fees and are quite popular. Indicate your child's preferences at registration to ensure placement. Visit [www.ymcacampeberhart.org](http://www.ymcacampeberhart.org) for specific program information.

**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.

YMCA Camp Eberhart is for teens too! Every summer, we coach, encourage, and develop leadership skills in our Counselors In Training (CIT) program.



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# YMCA CAMP EBERHART PREPARES ME FOR THE UNEXPECTED...



# DISCOVER ACHIEVE GROW



"Camp EB is where I learned to make friends with kids of all ages, sometimes in tight quarters, sometimes under the stars, sometimes swamping a canoe or sailboat in the lake. At camp, I learned to stand up on a dining hall table to make an announcement or belt out a song at the top of my lungs or tell stories around a campfire. It was on Corey Lake where I learned to sail, to teach, and in many ways, to love and believe in myself. The place seems to have a certain magnetism for good people. My camp friends remain some of the most interesting, funny, generous people I've ever met. They've always felt like family.

"I tell stories on paper now instead of around a campfire. I am the editor of a sailing magazine. All those years of singing silly camp songs and hamming it up at skit night gave me the confidence to stand up and speak in front of big groups of people, as I often do. That Master Sailor certificate earned in the 1980s, has served me well. I go sailing as often as I can, and I can even call it "work!" When I say that Camp EB changed my life, I'm not kidding."

Molly Winans  
Annapolis, MD

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.

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 our website for information about the Bring-A-Buddy program, and you may qualify for savings, Camp store dollars and other gifts.

Mentored by counselors from all across the country and overseas, kids learn they are part of much larger world and they can make a positive difference in the true spirit of **paying it forward**.

Our counselors incorporate growth in spirit, mind and body through our **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.

The friendships your child builds at YMCA Camp Eberhart will be the most important bonds they create outside of your family – friendships that truly last a lifetime!



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like this one?

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