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Camp Michawana

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June 2022 Newsletter



SUMMER IS HERE!

We're preparing for our largest summer on record and we're on track for over 800 campers plus 300 Family Campers! We have 17 girl counselors,

12 guy counselors, and 10 event staff. In addition to our regular staff we have 7 RV programming staff!

What makes this possible are the 85 volunteers we have ready to come and make an impact on lives. They have already given over 3000 hours. \$18,000 in scholarships have already been given, plus 2 foundations that provide grants annually to the ministry.

Please join us in prayer as we take on the work that God has for us. RV Program Staff have already been trained, lifeguards come June 3 and the full Summer Staff on June 7.

Details are coming together, please pray for our Bible Hour teachers, counselors, and for safety throughout camp. Most of all, please ask God for many campers to choose to live OFF THE WALL for His glory!

Upcoming Events:

JUNE 7

Staff Training Begins

JUNE 19

First day of Summer Camp!

JULY 10-12

Mini Camp!

JULY 29

Family Camp Begins!

JULY 30th & AUGUST 6

Mini Triathlons & Softball Games

SEPTEMBER 3

Summer Celebration

MICHAWANA BIKE 45.5 WAS AMAZING!



Everyone from toddlers to grandparents biked with a 6-1 ratio of donors to riders!

So far over \$25,000 was given! The average scholarship is \$142 per camper; which means nearly 200 kids will be able to come thanks to the gifts from Michawana Bike!

Thank you to Calvary Church in Traverse City for allowing bikers to sleep in the church class rooms at no charge the night before pedaling 45 miles from Traverse City to Suttons Bay and back.

The bikers enjoyed the sunshine, snacks, and many pit-stops along the way to help get through 45 miles!

After the Bike Trip, we will still accept gifts for the Scholarship Fund. The Bikeathon goal was \$30,000 and to date we have received \$25,517.

Next year the Bikeathon is May 20, 2023. Through your support, you are helping share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with every camper. Campers who know Jesus are challenged to the next step in their Christian walk!





Experience Michawana

Friends, supporters, & staff alumni: You are invited to visit camp this summer!

Thursday Visits!

Tour, visit, and volunteer any Thursday in June or July!

Join a chapel
(11:30am and/or 7:30pm)
Enjoy a (free) meal!

Lunch @ 12:30, Dinner @ 6:00pm

Summer Celebration

September 3

Silent Auction, Fun,
Celebration, and more!
11:30am-4pm

Alumni Softball Game & Potluck August 6

Join or watch our annual Family
Camp game at 3pm followed by a
potluck and hymn sing at 6pm

Set up a personal
visit ANYTIME.
We've got a tour
guide ready for
you!

RSVP for any EXPERIENCE MICHAWANA at
michawanacamp.org/experience or by calling (269)623-5168

PROJECTS

PLANS

PARTNERSHIPS



Challenge Course

This year we have been making improvements to our Challenge Course, which is a part of our Team Building Curriculum. This curriculum is designed to help campers sharpen their cooperation and communication skills. We do this by putting them in situations to practice working as a team, and then evaluating what worked well and what could have been done better. This not only helps them become better teammates in a future job, but also in the context of working together in the Body of Christ.



Day Camps

Our Summer Staff is back on the road with three day camp locations during our Staff Training! We will be headed to Detroit (*Partnering with Lifebuilders*), Grand Rapids (*Partnering with Community Kids*), and right here at Michawana (*Partnering with the RV Park & Angel Tree*)! We have games, snacks and bible lessons with the kids. We bring camp to them with Archery, Inflatable Climbing Wall, Zorbs, skits, crafts, and more!



Guest Groups

We host groups of all kinds, this spring we had the opportunity to host everyone from the Calco Quilters Guild to the missionary training service Concilium. Whether you bring a pin cushion or your body armor for training, we'd love to partner with your group! Available year round! Visit our site for more information or call 269-623-5168

Guest
Group
Service



CAMP MICHAWANA MINI TRIATHLON

Come join us for a day of Family Camp fun!

Saturday July 30 & Saturday August 6

Check-in at 8:30 am

Adult course, youth course, individual, or relay!

\$17/person or \$25/team.

Camp Michawana

6475 Wilkins Rd

Hastings, MI

Stay for Family Camp!

**Activities happening all week and a concert
Saturday night!**

Additional info and registration:

michawanacamp.org/services/triathlon

Register for Triathlon

**Join us for Family Camp!
July 29- August 4 & August 5-11**

Family Camp Activities

Friday: Kick Off Chapel

Saturday: AM- Mini Triathlon

Sunday: Family Softball, Hymn
sing

Monday: Girls Night Out- Pontoon
Dessert Dash! Outdoor
Family Movie night

Tuesday: Date night and teen
bivouac

Wednesday: Skit night

Thursday: Pancake Breakfast

Every day- Chapel, Kids Games,
Adult Activities, Family Adventures,
Free time (Zipline, Climbing Wall,
Waterfront, Handcraft, Trading Post,
and more!

CLICK BELOW FOR INFORMATION ON COMING EVENTS:



Mini Triathlon
July 30, Aug 6



Camp Michawana
5800 Head Lake Road, 49058, Hastings

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Liz Stoutjesdyk (Guest Services Coordinator) Paul Marcus (Maintenance Director),
Andrew Rodd (Maintenance), Tom Hughes (Maintenance), Brett Birchard (Registrar),
Carm & Lysle Johnson (Development/Maintenance)

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