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YOUR GUIDE TO CAMP MICHIGANIA
A LETTER FROM MITCH

Michigania Campers,

On behalf of the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan, I am pleased to welcome you to the world of Michigan alumni camping! We are delighted that you have chosen to spend a week with us at Camp Michigania on the shore of beautiful Walloon Lake.

Our goal, when preparing this booklet, is to provide information to help you plan for and take full advantage of your time at Michigania. I encourage all family members to become familiar with the material contained in the pages that follow, especially those of you that are long time campers!

Alumni-owned since the summer of 1963, Michigania has provided a unique opportunity for thousands of U-M Alumni Association members and their families. This year we look forward to making your experience one that you will enjoy and remember for many years to come.

Truly Blue,

Mitch Rosenwasser
Director, Michigania
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A description of Michigania programs follows. Morning class schedules and information regarding special events can be found in your Blue Book, distributed at check in, and on the posters and whiteboard in the Dining Hall. Any schedule changes will be noted on the whiteboard. Please consult your weekly Blue Book schedule for specific times of events, and consult the program insert for information specific to the current summer.

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ARCHERY

SIGN UP PROCEDURES
Check the schedule to be sure that Archery is open for your age group—otherwise, no sign-ups are necessary.

TARGET RANGE
The archery target range is open daily for scheduled classes only.

Classes cover basic archery skills and safety. Each afternoon, the range is open and campers seven years and older (or entering 2nd grade) are welcome to shoot. Children ages 5 and 6 may shoot only during designated times and if accompanied by an adult. Please see Blue Book for a detailed schedule.

FIELD ARCHERY RANGE
To shoot on the field range, archers 13 years and older must be able to hit a target at 20 yards with five consecutive shots in the black ring or better (Field). Archers ages seven (or entering 2nd grade) to 12 years old must be able to hit a target at 15 yards with five consecutive shots in the black ring or better (Junior Field), and must also be accompanied by an adult. Please allow approximately 45 minutes before programming closes to complete the field range. Reference the Blue Book for detailed schedule and special events.

789s Programs
(For 7, 8 & 9 Year Old Campers)

789s get to experience Camp in more independent ways. For morning classes, 789s should meet their group at their first class location (found in the Blue Book on the Kids Grid/Morning Activity schedule). A dedicated staff member will guide the group between classes, but parents should talk with their kids about what to do when the third class ends at 11:35 AM. Often parents ask their kids to meet them at their cabin or near the Dining Hall for lunch.

In the afternoons, 789s can do any age appropriate activities listed in the special events schedule. Most afternoons, to encourage 789s engagement in camp programs and interactions with their peers, a dedicated staff will facilitate short activities to begin each afternoon (anchor activities) - culminating with a 789/Pre-teen Talent Show & Awards Ceremony on Friday. 789s seeking structure for their afternoon endeavors may pursue the 789 Challenge Program under a theme unique to the summer. To receive this award, 789s must complete challenges in at least 5 program areas and at least one 789 afternoon anchor activity (listed in the Blue Book) by 4:30 PM on Thursday. 789s who complete all 10 program areas and a 789 anchor activity will qualify for a Maize Medal. This afternoon 789 program should help provide some structure and guidance for 789s without sacrificing the increasing independence they gain in this age group. Please check the Blue Book for a schedule of 789s’ activities.
BOATING

SIGN UP PROCEDURES
Sign-up sheets are posted in the Boathouse each morning for that day and the following day.

CHILDREN’S CLASSES
Every morning, children’s classes are held according to the schedule in the Blue Book. Generally, if there is wind, children will sail on an Ensign. If there is insufficient wind for sailing, canoeing and other activities are organized based on the weather and the size and skill level of the group.

SAILING LESSONS
Sailing instruction at Michigania is available on four levels: Beginning, Intermediate (Butterfly), Advanced Intermediate (Skipper), and Advanced (Admiral). In addition, lessons in sailing hobies and windsurfing are also available.

• **Beginner/Introduction to Sailing**
  Designed for campers 13 years (or going into the 8th grade) and older with minimal sailing experience, this lesson will familiarize the student with the basics of sailing and provide hands-on experience in a staff-supervised setting. This lesson will take place on a keelboat. No rating is earned.

• **Intermediate/Butterfly**
  Designed for campers 13 years (or going into the 8th grade) and older with beginner-level sailing knowledge, this lesson gets students sailing on their own in our smallest boats (Butterflies). The “Butterfly” rating is earned upon completion.

• **Advanced Intermediate/Skipper**
  Offered to sailors 16 years (or going into the 11th grade) and older with a “Butterfly” rating looking to step it up a bit. Students will learn how to rig, sail away from a mooring, sail back onto a mooring, and properly de-rig the boat. The lesson takes place on a flying scot and the “Skipper” rating is earned upon completion.

• **Advanced/Admiral**
  Offered for proficient sailors with “Skipper” rating of our moored boats, this lesson focuses on the additional knowledge required to rig and sail the Ensigns, our largest, keeled boats, and provides a good deal of practice on the water. The “Admiral” rating is earned upon completion.

• **Walloon Lesson**
  Come learn to sail a boat built for Walloon Lake. “Admiral” rating is required to sign up for this lesson.

HOBIE SAILING
To use Michigania’s Hobies, campers must take a Hobie check-out or a Hobie lesson.

• **Hobie Check-Out**
  Hobie check-outs are offered for campers 18 and older who have earned their “Skipper” rating and are familiar with Hobie sailing.

• **Hobie Lessons**
  Hobie lessons are offered for campers at least 18 years and older who have earned their “Skipper” rating and are interested in learning to sail a Hobie. Lessons take one hour and cover how to rig a Hobie Cat, and the differences between sailing a Hobie and sailing other boats.

WINDSURFING
Several windsurfers are available for use throughout the week. If you already know how to windsurf you can take out a windsurfer during “open windsurfing.” Lessons are also available for those who would like to learn how to windsurf.

• **Open Windsurfing**
  Michigania’s windsurfers are available on a first come, first serve basis, any time during daytime open sailing that they are not being used for windsurfing lessons. Evening windsurfing is not permitted due to the limited number of staff on duty.

• **Windsurfing Lessons**
  Windsurfing lessons are offered for campers who have earned a “Butterfly” rating, are 16 years of age (or going into the 11th grade) or older, and scheduled upon request.
“BUTTERFLY” CHECK-OUTS
Campers interested in sailing beginning boats such as Butterflies or Laser must first pass a “Butterfly” level check out.

“SKIPPER” CHECK-OUTS
Campers interested in sailing intermediate boats such as Flying Scots, must first pass a “Skipper” level check-out. The skipper check out consists of a written exam and being able to demonstrate controlled sailing in front of a member of the boating staff.

REGATTAS
Camp Michigania Classic Regattas are held Thursday afternoon (Heat #1 from 1:30-3 PM and/or Heat #2, 3-4:30 PM). Regattas are open to all campers, provided they have the necessary rating to sail the desired boat. In order to participate in one or both of the regattas campers must attend the Boat Draw on Thursday, 9-9:30 AM on the boating beach.

FUN REGATTA
The Fun Regatta is held on Friday afternoon. The Boating staff provides unique and exciting courses for racing with a twist. Boats are assigned.

ENSIGN RIDES
Tours of Walloon Lake aboard one of Michigania’s Ensign sail boats are offered for campers 16 (or going into the 8th grade) and older, Monday through Friday. Campers are welcome to bring snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. Please dress appropriately for the weather. On windy days the lake is about 10 degrees cooler than the land, and on calm days, the lake is about 10 degrees warmer than the land. Space is limited to 8 passengers per ride.

SAILING EXCURSION
An opportunity for campers with an Admiral rating to take centerboard boats and keelboats to sail outside of the normal Michigania boating boundaries. If the weather and wind conditions are perfect, these boats will be allowed out of bounds with a boating staff member on a rescue boat.

PONTOON BOAT RIDES
Adults, ages 18 years and older, are invited to cruise Walloon Lake aboard our pontoon boat. Cruises are offered throughout the week. check your Blue Book for a detailed schedule.

CANOES AND ROWBOATS
They are available for use throughout the week on a first-come, first-serve basis.

STANDUP PADDLEBOARDS
They are available to check out from Boating.

KAYAKS
Kayak excursions will be offered upon request. Kayaks are also available for use whenever boating is open and they are not being used for the excursions. Please check with a staffer before using the kayaks to see that they are not reserved for a lesson. The kayak boundaries are the same as the canoe boundaries.

BOATING SAFETY RULES
It is the responsibility of those who use Michigania-owned vessels to comply with Michigan State law and Michigania’s rules and policies.

LIFE JACKETS
All campers must wear a life jacket in any Michigan-owned boat.

0-9 year-olds (or children in 4th grade and under) must wear a life jacket when on the boat docks.

Michigan law requires that one life jacket per person be on board every boat. The sheriff patrols the lake regularly and will not hesitate to give you a ticket if you violate this law. Michigania’s life jackets are for everyone’s use. Please return them to the boathouse when you are finished.

SWIMMING/WADING
Swimming and/or wading in the boating area is prohibited. Please use the swimming area, during open hours.
SIGNAL FLAGS
Located on the flagpole next to the boathouse.

• **GREEN** indicates that the boating area is open.

• **YELLOW** indicates abnormal conditions and restricted sailing (check with staff for details).

• **RED** indicates the boating area is closed due to normal schedule or hazardous weather conditions. Please bring your boat in immediately.

PRIVATE BOATS/WATERCRAFT
Small boats may be launched at Michigania’s boating area. Larger boats may be launched at the Sumner Road public access. Private boat owners are expected and required to:

• Register their boats/watercraft with a boating staff member.

• Not make a wake within 100 feet of a sailboat.

• Not make a wake within 100 feet of the mooring area.

NAME TAGS
Please leave your name tag on the appropriate hook in the boathouse so that if staff needs to reach you, they can locate you on the water.

BOATING BOUNDARIES
(for Michigania-owned boats)
Canoes, Kayaks and Rowboats: within 100 feet offshore and view of boat docks.

Sailboats and Windsurfers: Generally, within view of the boat docks.

Specific Boundaries:

• **To the North:** Do not go through the narrows.

• **Lily Pad Bay:** Do not go so far into Lily Pad Bay that you cannot see the boat dock.

• **To the Southeast:** Do not cross the imaginary line between the yellow boathouse on the east shore and Sumner Road.

CERAMICS, ARTS & CRAFTS
Ceramics, and Arts & Crafts (CAC) is the place at Camp where you can create stunning artwork for your home, thoughtful gifts for your friends and family, and tangible memories to remind you of your time here. Come join us and be inspired!

If you think that you might have a creative side that you’ve never explored or if you are an experienced artist who doesn’t have time in your normal life to indulge your creative side, CAC is for you!

• The Kids’ Rooms are available for kids of all ages to spend time crafting with our nearly infinite supply of craft items and making art by drawing or painting on paper, canvases, ceramics, or even your own craft creations! Bring your own ideas or your Pinterest inspirations and let us help you create!

  » **MORNING:** Reserved for scheduled kids’ classes.

  » **AFTERNOON:** Open for all (under 7 with adult, please!). Closed Tuesday.

• The Adult Room is available for ceramics, glass, and other advanced craft projects. Only campers who are officially categorized as Maize Teen, Blue Teen, or Adult may work in the Adult Room. This guideline has been established for safety and capacity reasons and will be strictly enforced; no exceptions will be made.

  » **MORNING:** Open Crafting for Maize Teens, Blue Teens, and Adults!

  » **AFTERNOON:** Open Crafting for Maize Teens, Blue Teens, and Adults!

  » **EVENING:** Check your Blue Book for Adult-Only special events!

  » **Note:** Watch your Blue Book for occasional extended or evening hours!

SIGN UP PROCEDURES
Open Crafting: Check the schedule to be sure that the CAC rooms are open for your age group—otherwise, no sign-ups are necessary to visit Open Crafting.
**Adult-Child Classes:** You may sign up for Adult-Child classes on the CAC Porch.

**Canvas and Cocktails:** You may sign up for Canvas and Cocktails on the CAC Porch.

## PROJECTS

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### AGE LIMITS

The Adult Room is reserved for campers who have been officially categorized as Maize Teen, Blue Teen, or Adult. This guideline has been established for safety and capacity reasons and will be strictly enforced; no exceptions will be made.

- All Adult Room crafts are available to all Maize Teens, Blue Teens, and Adults.
- Fused glass is available ONLY in the Adult Room and thus is available only to campers in Maize Teen group and older.
- Some Adult Room crafts are available to younger campers under direct supervision of a responsible adult on the CAC porch. Ask CAC Kids’ Side staff for details.
- Glass (fused, stained, or mosaic) MAY NOT be taken on the porch for safety reasons.

Kids’ Arts and Crafts Rooms are available to all campers within the following guidelines:

- Campers in the 0-6 year old groups must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- Lanyard crafts are strictly reserved for 7+ and only recommended for 10+. Lanyards are complicated and tedious so direct adult supervision is suggested for campers under the Pre-teen age group to avoid frustration. Staff members are typically not available to provide the constant one-on-one engagement necessary for satisfactory completion of lanyard crafts by younger kids.

*These age limits are designed to prevent accidents as well as frustration among young artists.*

### DEADLINES

All purchases must be recorded by 4:30 PM on Thursday afternoon.

All glazed ceramics must be placed on the **To Be Fired** shelf by 11:30 AM on Friday morning.

All fused glass must be placed on the **To Be Fired** shelf by 11:30 AM on Friday morning.

Finished pieces not picked up by 10 AM on Saturday morning will be given away or recycled.

### CHARGES

There are additional charges for most ceramics, and arts and crafts projects (except morning kids’ classes).

Prices are posted in CAC and charges will appear on your final bill. No cash is accepted at CAC.

Thursday is the last day to purchase materials.

Parents may wish to limit the amount their children may charge; please speak to a staff member for details.

### FINISHED PROJECTS

Most projects may be taken to your cabin as soon as paint or glue is dry. Ceramic projects must be fired overnight and will be available after lunch the following day.

Pieces fired on Friday will be available at CAC on Saturday morning after 8:30 AM.

Don’t forget to pick up your masterpieces! Finished pieces not picked up by Camp departure time of 10 AM on Saturday morning will be given away or recycled.

*Firing takes 20-24 hours to complete and is done overnight, so please be patient.*

*SAFETY: Due to potential hazards, please wear shoes or sandals at all times in CAC.*
FIELD SPORTS

SIGN UP PROCEDURES
Sign-up sheets for tournaments are posted on Saturday in the North Lounge of the Dining Hall.

MORNING CLASSES
Morning field sports classes meet at the softball field. In case of inclement weather, classes will meet in the long barn. Activities and instruction vary according to age group.

TOURNAMENTS AND CLINICS
In addition to morning classes, several clinics and tournaments including basketball, bocce, golf chipping, and table tennis are scheduled. Sign-up sheets are in the Dining Hall North Lounge. Check the special events schedule in your Blue Book for specific times and locations. Please refer to your Blue Book for a detailed schedule of Field Sports activities. Other sports/games can be played through the self-service Pick-up Game program; reference the bulletin board near the Camp Store in the North Lounge of the dining hall (where sign-up sheets are) for more information.

FITNESS

SIGN UP PROCEDURES
Reference the fitness sign-up area on the sign-up bulletin board in the North Lounge of the Dining Hall for information about which fitness classes require sign-ups. Actual sign-up sheets for classes will be located on the Fitness room exterior door. Offerings change summer to summer and class size limitations may also change.

FITNESS CLASSES
We offer fitness classes for beginners and the more advanced health enthusiasts. There are lots of new offerings throughout the day for our Fitness program! Please see your Blue Book for a detailed schedule of classes and times. Full descriptions of each class can be found on the Fitness Room door.

Offerings include:
- **Yoga** - a variety of yoga classes are offered throughout the morning for adults and Blue Teens and throughout the day for varied age groups and levels.
- **Water Fitness** - including stand up paddle board classes and other water fitness possibilities like aerobics, kayaking, aqua Zumba, etc. Take advantage of waterfront and fitness opportunities in Walloon!
- **TRX & Strength Training** - the addition of TRX straps to the fitness room has expanded the possibilities for classes focusing on strength training at camp. Additional guidance may be offered during open gym times as well.
- **Cardio & Running** - from traditional programs like the Michigania Mile and Zumba classes to 5K runs and circuit and interval classes, take advantage of classes that are sure to get you pumped up. Keep an eye out for new and unique classes every summer for all ages from the Fitness staff-class descriptions are posted on the Fitness room door.

KIDS PROGRAMS

Camp Michigania offers facilities and programs for infants (ages 0-2 or still in diapers), and a special day camp type program for toddlers (ages 3-4, not in diapers), and 5-6’s. Please bring your kids to the programs only if they are healthy. If you’re unsure, please check with our camp nurse. Please note we may ask you to pick up your child if our nurse determines they should not be around other kids for health reasons. Be aware that your kids may come back messier than when they were dropped off due to arts and crafts projects or outdoor activities.

0-2’s
The Nursery is located west of the softball field. Morning and afternoon activities include supervised play, feeding, snacks, naps, etc. Additional exciting and engaging activities will be planned for older children in the 0-2 program.
GENERAL PROCEDURES & INFORMATION (0-2’s)

- Complete and return a Child Information Card for each child (now available online in advance).
- Please sign your child in and out, indicating cabin number and where a parent will be.
- Parents must provide diapers and formula for their children. Each child will be assigned a drawer where diapers, plastic bottles, extra clothes, etc. may be stored.
- Individual routines for napping and feeding will be followed to the best of our abilities.
- Frequent diaper checks are made so that children are not in soiled diapers.
- On M-F, please drop off your child after 8:30 AM for the morning and 1:15 PM for the afternoon and pick up your child at or before closing times (11:45 AM and 4:45 PM), except on Friday morning, when pickup is right after the Unicorn in front of the CAC building.
- If your child cries when you drop him/her off, please let a staff member interest him/her in an activity. We will reassure the child and explain that you will be back later.
- Sorry, 3-4’s do not have diaper changing facilities.

3-4’s

Kids Camp is located west of the softball field.

NOTE

Children should be dropped off and picked up at the building except on Friday. Friday mornings they should be picked up from the Unicorn in front of the CAC building, and Friday afternoon outside the North Lounge of the Dining Hall at 2:45 PM. The awards ceremony, which you’re invited to attend, runs from 2:45-3 PM on Friday.

DAILY SCHEDULES

Morning activities will be posted in the 3-4’s, including short walks to other areas of Camp to pet a horse, build a sand castle, and search for the wizard and the unicorn! In the afternoon, 3-4’s will play at North Beach. Children should be wearing their swimsuit when they arrive at Kids Camp after lunch, and should have a change of clothes in their backpack. Children receive a snack each morning and afternoon. Special activities include: learning about and meeting horses, exploring the nature center, organized field sports activities, tie-dying at CAC, daily arts and crafts, and going on an Ensign sailboat ride.

GENERAL PROCEDURES & INFORMATION (3-4’s):

- Complete and return a Child Information Card for each child (now available online in advance).
- Please sign your child in and out, indicating cabin number and where a parent will be.
- If your child cries when you drop him/her off, please let a staff member interest him/her in an activity. We will reassure the child and explain that you will be back later.
- Sorry, 3-4’s do not have diaper changing facilities.
- On M-F, please drop off your child after 8:30 AM for the morning and 1:15 PM for the afternoon, and pick up your child at or before closing times (11:45 AM and 4:45 PM).

5-6’s

The 5-6 year olds meet at the flagpole every day at 8:30 AM and 1:15 PM. Staff members remain with the children at all times and escort them from one program area to another for morning sessions. 5-6’s visit North Beach in the afternoons, and should have swimsuits on under their clothes when they arrive at the flagpole after lunch. 5-6’s should bring a change of clothes in their backpacks if they plan on participating in the afternoon activities.

On M-F, children should be dropped off at 8:30 AM for the morning and 1:15 PM for the afternoon and be picked up promptly at 11:45 AM and at 4:45 PM at the afternoon activity. Children must be signed out by a parent/adult guardian. You will have the choice to pick up your child at 3 PM after swimming at North Beach or allow Kids Camp staff to accompany them to their planned afternoon activity where you are encouraged to spectate.

On Sunday, if you feel that your child can be left on his/her own at the end of the morning or afternoon session, please ask a staff member to mark an “H” (for “Home”) on the back of your child’s nametag and on their Child Information Card. Please alert staff members if you decide to give your child the “H.” This will indicate that the child is permitted to leave the group alone at the end of the day. Otherwise, staff members will remain with the children until they are picked up. Please send a snack with your child if you would like him/her to have one during the day.
NATURE

The Nature Center features many programs and activities for campers of all ages! Staff members are knowledgeable about natural resources and environmental education, and are very excited to share their enthusiasm for the beauty and wonders found at Michigania! A visit to the Nature Center offers displays on animals, habitats, recycling, and more. In the morning, kids can enjoy scavenger hunts, meeting and feeding the resident creatures, learning about the outdoors, and many more surprises. Guided and self-guided hikes allow exploration of Michigania’s nature trails with posted signs identifying trees and vegetation, and offering information about the area. Come visit us in the beautiful Resnick Family Nature Center!

SPECIAL EVENTS
Refer to your Blue Book for a detailed schedule.

BIRD HIKE
Meet at flagpole. Come join us in a morning walk around camp to identify birds!

LEAF PRINT T-SHIRTS
Design your very own t-shirt with the beautiful leaves you collect!

ADULT CANOE LUNCH
What a great way to spend a lunchtime canoeing down the lake and enjoying a delicious sack lunch followed by a brief nature hike. Sign up in the North Lounge.

TOP ‘O THE MORNING HIKE
A brisk morning hike along the lakeshore for all of you early hikers. Let nature make your morning the tops!

TREEMENDOUS HIKE
Join us for a walk through the woods and learn about the wonderful variety of trees in our backyard.

STAR LAB
Explore the stars inside the nature center in an amazing, inflatable star lab.

ASTRONOMY TALK
Get a little starry-eyed as you gaze up at the stars and learn about the constellations and their mythology. (Make sure to check whiteboard daily, as rain date may be as early as Monday or anytime after Tuesday).

WILDFLOWER HIKE
Come walk and learn about the beautiful wildflowers of Michigania!

GALACTIC SPACE ODYSSEY
Take a walk through the entire solar system in less than a mile as we learn about the world without.

NATURE CRAFTS
Make dreamcatchers, recycled paper, eco-art, and many other nature crafts.

TWO LAKES MEADOW HIKE
Enjoy the breathtaking view of Lake Charlevoix and Walloon Lake atop a meadow.

LAKE SHORE HIKE
Michigania has a beautiful lakeshore, no doubt about it. Come and learn more about the history and ecology of Walloon Lake.

WILDERNESS SURVIVAL SEMINAR
Come learn some basic wilderness survival skills in this fun and interactive workshop.

EXPLORERS HIKE
Adventure off the trail to discover the untouched parts of the Michigania forest. Search for interesting plants and animals alike.

ECOLOGY ENSIGN RIDE
Join us for this collaboration with the boating area where we experience Walloon from a different viewpoint while discussing how the lake was formed and its ecosystem.

WET ‘N’ WILD HIKE
Venture into the waters of Walloon to explore the coast from the lake’s view and see what surprises are waiting in the water.

*SAFETY: WATER SHOES ARE REQUIRED

STONE SAFARI
Travel to the shores of Lake Michigan to hunt for Petoskey stones to polish at Rock Polishing.
RIDING

SIGN UP PROCEDURES
Sign-up sheets for afternoon lessons and trails will be available at 8:30 AM every morning from Sunday to Thursday. Sign-ups for rides that day and the next will be posted. In an attempt to give everyone who is interested a chance to ride, campers are permitted to sign up one person for one lesson/ride at a time. They must return to the end of the line if they wish to sign up for a second person or ride. In order to allow for all campers to have an opportunity to ride, campers may only ride once each afternoon, unless there is space available after all riders have arrived for the lesson/trail. If a rider has signed up for a secured space in a lesson or trail for one day, that rider may only sign up for an alternate space on the following day. All of the sign-up procedures have been designed to ensure fairness to all riders. Our goal is to help all campers enjoy the opportunity to ride during the week.

Camp Michigania’s riding program is designed to offer individuals a chance to experience the enjoyment of being on horseback. Our primary concern is for the safety and overall enjoyment of our riders. While some may feel Camp’s riding rules are restrictive, we assure you they were established to ensure the safety of all. Your understanding and cooperation will help make our program a safe and fun one.

RIDING ATTIRE
Please wear comfortable slacks or jeans, and closed-toe/closed-heel footwear, such as hard-heeled boots or sturdy well-fitting shoes (absolutely no sandals, crocs, keens, “five fingers” shoes, or bare feet; tennis shoes are permissible). Name tags should be placed on the fence hook before mounting a horse. To ensure the safety of those who ride, safety helmets are required, and provided by camp.

LEVELS OF ACHIEVEMENT
Several fun achievements can be earned on your name tag at riding, including a blue and gold pony. These achievements are for participation and do not indicate a skill classification.

• A “BLUE-M” rider is a Pre-teen or older and one who is capable of handling a horse at a walk. To earn a Blue-M, a rider must be able to control their horse at a walk, including circling, changing direction and halting, while maintaining a reasonable position. The rider must also have exposure to trotting in the ring. A Blue-M enables the rider to go on walking trail rides.

• A “GOLD-M” rider is a Pre-teen or older and one who is capable of handling their horse at a walk and trot, including circling, halting, and changing direction, while maintaining a reasonable position. The rider must also have exposure to cantering in the ring. The requirements for attaining this level are a bit more challenging, and not everyone receives a Gold-M. Our goal is to maintain the highest standards of rider safety. A Gold-M enables the rider to go on trail rides that include both walking and trotting.

CLASSES & SPECIAL EVENTS

• Morning Classes
Morning classes (depending on the age group involved) cover the basics of horseback riding. On the rare occasions when we cannot ride (i.e. inclement weather), the children will meet at the stable for lessons on horsemanship including grooming, care, feeding, etc. No advance sign-up is required for morning classes for children.

• Afternoon Classes
Classes are offered in the afternoons for riders in 789s and older and are separated by level. Please check the Blue Book and at Riding for the specific schedule. Riders must be present to check in 10 minutes prior to the lesson’s start time or they may forfeit their spot.

• Trail Rides
Trail rides are offered in the afternoons for riders in Pre-teen or older who have earned a Blue or Gold-M. We have found that returning campers benefit from a refresher lesson. Therefore, all campers are required to earn their Blue/Gold-Ms each year. Blue-M trail rides are walking rides. Gold-M trail rides include both walking and trotting. Canter is not permitted on any trail rides. Riders must be present to check in 10 minutes prior to the trail’s start time or they may forfeit their spot.
• **Check-Outs (Sunday only)**
  For those Adults and Blue Teens who have the basics of horsemanship, a check-out will be conducted on Sunday. The check-out is an opportunity for riders to briefly demonstrate the basics of riding so that they may earn a Blue or Gold M without taking a full lesson. Those who attempt to check-out, but would benefit from more instruction will be advised to take a lesson. This is the only time for such a checkout.

• **Adult and Teen Trail Ride**
  These trail rides are reserved for teens and adults who have earned a Blue or Gold M in the current year. The trails are offered at 10:45 AM Wednesday morning and 6:30 PM Thursday evening.

• **Lead Line**
  Lead line provides an opportunity for 3-6 year olds to ride a horse led around the ring by the staff (parents/other adult also able to walk alongside/lead should they want to). All children must be accompanied by a parent or other adult. Adults must wear closed-toe hard-soled shoes (absolutely no sandals, keens, crocs, “five fingers” or bare feet permitted). No advance sign-up is required.

• **Steak Ride (Adults only, Monday, 5-7:30 PM)**
  This is a walking trail ride, requiring a Blue or Gold-M. This includes a stop for a steak, chicken or veggie burger dinner along the trail. Advanced sign-up is required. We ask that you sign up only yourself and/or your spouse for this ride. Riders who cancel from the Steak Ride after 12 PM Monday will be assessed the full fee, unless a substitute rider can be found. Please be prompt! To participate in the Steak Ride you must be an adult who has earned at least a Blue M rating. Competent riders may take a skills test to earn their Blue M during the Adult check-outs on Sunday. Check outs cannot be conducted at any other time. If you miss the check-out you may sign up for a lesson.

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### LESSON DESCRIPTIONS

• **789 Year Old Lesson**
  This half hour lesson concentrates on basic riding skills as well as incorporating fun and games to horseback riding.

• **Pre-Blue M Lesson**
  Open to all Pre-teens and older. Intended for those who have not ridden before or have limited experience. If a rider has not yet earned his or her Blue M in the current summer, they must take the Pre-Blue M lesson or attend the check-out before advancing to other classes.

• **Blue M Lesson**
  Open to all Pre-teens and older who currently have a Blue-M.

• **Gold M Lesson**
  Open to all Pre-teens and older who currently have a Gold-M.

• **Blue M Trail**
  Open to all Pre-teens and older who currently have a Blue-M. This is a walking only trail.

• **Gold M Trail**
  Open to all Pre-teens and older who currently have a Gold-M. This is a walking and trotting trail.

• **Drill Team Lesson**
  Open to all Maize Teens and older who currently have a Gold-M. Allows riders to partake in Drill Team exercises on horseback. Please ask any riding staffer for more information.

• **789 Special Activity**
  A special event for 789 year olds only. Learn to rope, play horseshoes, ride a horse and do a fun activity centered on riding. Advanced sign-up required.

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### GROUND LESSONS

• **789 Activity**
  For 789s only. Spend time with the horses in the barn and have fun doing cowboy and cowgirl chores! No advance sign-up required.
RATES
Please remember that children are NOT charged for their morning classes.

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Private lessons and trail rides may be available depending on the availability of the Riding staff and facilities. Please inquire at the barn for more information.

CANCELLATIONS
In certain weather conditions, the riding area will be partially or completely closed to protect the safety of the riders and the horses. Such conditions include extreme heat, heavy rain, thunder, lightning, and high winds. We will offer alternative scheduling in cases of extreme weather whenever possible, and will post this information on the whiteboard in the dining hall.

We ask your cooperation in not talking to or otherwise distracting those participating in a riding lesson. Each rider's attention should be focused on his or her horse and instructor.

When driving past a trail ride, please DO NOT honk your horn or stop your car. Loud noises and unfamiliar objects can frighten the horses and distract the riders. Thank you for driving slowly.

*IMPORTANT***
- ENTERING THE STALL AREA WITHOUT STAFF SUPERVISION IS PROHIBITED!
- TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF RIDERS, ASSIGNMENT OF HORSES IS AT THE DISCRETION OF STAFF MEMBERS.
- THE HORSE PASTURE IS SURROUNDED BY AN ELECTRIC FENCE THAT SHOULD NOT BE TOUCHED. FOR CAMPER AND HORSE SAFETY, WE ASK THAT YOU DO NOT ENTER THE PASTURE OR FEED THE HORSES.

RIFLERY

SIGN UP PROCEDURES
No signup necessary at Riflery. Please note the minimum age for Riflery is the 789 group.

Michigania’s rifle range is equipped with .22 caliber rifles and 12 and 20 gauge shotguns. All semi-automatic firearms are prohibited. Campers who wish to bring their own .22 caliber rifles and/or shotguns (12 or 20 gauge) are required to check in their firearms and ammunition at the office upon arrival at Michigania. The guns and ammunition will be available for use during regularly scheduled periods. All handguns and firearms of different caliber are prohibited.

SAFETY RULES
Range rules are designed, most importantly, for safety. Therefore, they must be strictly observed. The complete set of range rules is posted at Riflery. If you have any questions, please see a Riflery staff member.

- MUST CHECK ALL PERSONAL FIREARMS AT THE OFFICE UPON ARRIVAL SATURDAY!!
  All Firearms will be locked in the riflery blockhouse Sunday morning and will be available for use only during scheduled periods. Firearms can be picked up from the Education Center as you are leaving camp on Saturday.
- ALL SHOOTERS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR EYE AND EAR PROTECTORS.
- VISITING THE RANGES WHEN THEY ARE CLOSED IS PROHIBITED.
- WASH AND RINSE HANDS THOROUGHLY AFTER HANDLING AMMUNITION.
- DO NOT HANDLE CLAY PIGEON FRAGMENTS.

MORNING CLASSES (8:45-11:45 AM)
Open for scheduled classes (times listed in your Blue Book). Instruction in safety and shooting techniques will be stressed. Please note children are NOT charged for morning riflery sessions.

AFTERNOON OPEN SHOOTING
Campers can use this time for individual rifle and shotgun target practice and recreation. Campers must be Pre-teens or older to shoot rifles, and Blue Teens or older to shoot trap.
The 789 group will be permitted to shoot rifles during afternoon family times. Shotgun demonstration and instruction is provided for the trap and skeet range. Both ranges will be closed during periods of significant rain, or if thunder and lightning are present, to protect the campers as well as the guns.

**NOVICE SHOOTERS**

Guns 101 is offered at specific times during the week. All beginners are strongly encouraged to attend a lesson before coming to an open shooting period. Please do not attend beginner classes if you are not a true beginner, you will not be allowed to shoot.

See the Blue Book for a detailed schedule of open shooting times. Note that Sundays are reserved for beginners ONLY.

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**ROPE COURSES**

Michigania has both low ropes activities (challenge games, group initiatives that don’t typically involve actual ropes) and a high ropes course (12 traversing elements and several vertical elements) that provide an opportunity for fun and adventure!

Success comes with the willingness to challenge oneself and take risks within the course’s safe and supportive environment. We maintain a challenge-by-choice philosophy, and the participant decides the degree to which he/she challenges him/herself. Groups are supervised by trained staff facilitators.

**LOW ROPE & CHALLENGE GAMES**

Michigania’s low elements ropes course offers participants a unique opportunity to challenge themselves and experience success through cooperation with others. A group of 10-12 people is presented with an “obstacle” or challenging problem. Their goal is to find a solution using different problem-solving techniques, group coordination, and creativity. The course includes group initiatives and elements such as the Whale Watch, Spider’s Web, and more.

**HIGH ROPE COURSE**

Michigania’s high ropes course offers participants a chance to challenge themselves in a high adventure setting. While securely fastened in a safety harness, participants climb, swing, jump, and zip through high ropes course elements such as the Climbing Wall, the Leap of Faith, the Zip Lines, and many more.

Observers are not permitted at the high ropes course. It is important that participants remain focused on their task. If you would like pictures, please send your camera with your child and the ropes staff will do their best to get pictures.

Please refer to your Blue Book for the high course schedule.

Children under 10 years old (or entering fourth grade or lower) are not permitted to use the high ropes course. Pre-teens meet at the Nature Center front porch for their morning Ropes classes. 789s are guided to the course by their dedicated staff member. Adults and Teens meet out at the Course.

**SUSTAINABILITY**

At Camp Michigania, we are committed to maintaining and improving sustainable living for our campers and staff. In order to inform environmentally engaged campers about these ongoing efforts, we will host tours, film screenings, and workshops for your benefit. Focusing on our beautiful garden, tree planting, forestry, composting, and more, we encourage every camper to get involved and check the Blue Book for times and locations of these environmental programs.

**GARDENING ROUNDTABLE**

Meets at the garden (next to the Dining Hall).
SUSTAINABLE MICHIGANIA TOUR
Meets at the Nature Center.

MICHIGANIA FORESTER -- TREE PLANTING & STEWARDSHIP
Meets outside CAC.

INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL WORKSHOP
Meets at the Nature Center.

GARDEN FRESH WORKSHOP
Meets at the garden (next to the Dining Hall).

SWIMMING

SIGN UP PROCEDURES
Sign up at Swimming for swimming lessons, Lake Swim, or to track your laps for Swim and Stay Fit.

OPEN SWIMMING
The swimming area is open daily from 11:45 AM to 5:15 PM except Sunday, when the open hours are 12:45 to 5:15 PM.

MORNING CLASSES
Classes include aquatic games and activities that challenge and entertain children of different swimming abilities. The activities are designed to include all the children in the class regardless of ability. During inclement weather, alternate land games will be scheduled.

AFTERNOON SWIM LESSONS
We suggest children sign up for instruction on Sunday and plan to attend regularly Sunday through Thursday in order to get the most out of the lessons. Sign-up sheets will be posted outside the Swimming office.

KIDS SWIM INSTRUCTION
Offered Sunday through Thursday for varying ability levels aimed at the 5-6 and 789 groups.

A) For those children not yet at ease in the water. This class will help to introduce them to the water with instruction and games.

B) For children who would like to learn the basics of the front and back crawl.

C) For children who would like to improve technique on their front and/or back crawl. This class can improve breaststroke, butterfly, and diving skills. Instruction will be modified to fit the children in attendance.

INSTRUCTION FOR TEENS AND ADULTS
Teens and adults do not have scheduled swimming lessons. However, if you are interested in swimming instruction, we will be more than happy to work with you. Such assistance could include competitive swimming strokes, water treading, or flip turns, depending on the interest of the individual.

Days and times for all swim classes and events are listed in your Blue Book.

SWIM AND STAY FIT
One lane will be open each morning, 8:45 to 11:45 AM, for adults only wishing to swim lengths.

One length = 35 yards, 44 lengths = 1 mile

TESTING
To enter into the second swimming area, children must demonstrate an ability to swim the distance between the two swimming docks without stopping. Children under 5 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

To swim in the raft area, swimmers must swim two lengths (one length of front crawl and one of back crawl) non-stop between the swimming docks, with good, strong strokes. Children must be in the 789s or older to take the “Fish” test.

SAFETY
While swimming and other water activities may be fun, there are hazards associated with the water. We ask your cooperation in using common sense and following the lifeguard’s commands. The swimming area rules have been established to insure the safety of all.

*NO SWIMMING ALLOWED WHEN THE AREA IS CLOSED!! DO NOT ENTER THE WATER UNLESS A LIFEGUARD IS ON DUTY.*
LIFEGUARD SIGNALS

In a safe swimming area, all swimmers should be familiar with the guard’s signals. They are as follows:

| 3 short blasts | EMERGENCY! - Clear the water immediately! |
| 1 short blast   | REPRIMAND                                    |
| 1 long blast    | AREA CLOSED - Please clear the water        |

TEEN PROGRAM

This program provides fun, supervised activities for all teens and pre-teens ages 10-17. Teens will be divided into 3 groups, with some activities separate and others together with all teens.

Schedule:

- **8:30 PM**: Pre-teens meet in the Long Barn to discuss the night’s activities. On Saturday, parents are invited for first 15 minutes.
- **9:00 PM**: Maize and Blue Teens meet in the Long Barn and Teen Lounge, respectively.

Pre-teens (10-12 years)

Will meet in the Long Barn every evening at 8:30 PM for their activity, which may include hayrides, campfires, capture the flag, ropes course. Staff will walk Pre-teens back to their side of camp after their evening activity, and staff supervision of teens ends each evening at approximately 10 PM. Additional programs will take place on some afternoons; check the Blue Book for details.

MAIZE Teens (13-14 years)

Will meet in the Long Barn every evening. Evening activities for teens begin in the Long Barn at 9 PM and last until approximately 11 PM. Activities may include a hayride, campfire, ropes course, and dance. Staff supervision of teens ends each evening at approximately 11 PM.

BLUE Teens (15-17 years)

Will meet in the Long Barn. Evening activities for teens begin in the Long Barn at 9 PM and last until approximately 11 PM, except for the Blue Teen Overnight that begins Thursday at 7:30 PM and last until breakfast (approximately 8/8:30 AM) on Friday morning. Evening activities may include a hayride, campfire, ropes course, and dance. Staff supervision of teens ends each evening at approximately 11 PM, aside from the overnight. *An emergency card/permission form is required for participation that must be signed by a guardian/adult and the teen participant- this can be done in advance online.

TENNIS

SIGN UP PROCEDURES

Court sign-up sheets are posted Saturday in the North Lounge of the Dining Hall.

Sign-up sheets for Tournaments are posted in the North Lounge of the Dining Hall.

Please sign up for tournaments by Sunday night at 7 PM.

INSTRUCTION

Tennis instruction for children (by age group) is scheduled several afternoons throughout the week. Check the special events schedule in your Blue Book for specifics.

Adult tennis instruction will take the campers through a progression of all major components of tennis. Lessons include basic tennis technique and strategy. Rackets and balls are provided for morning instruction. Morning instruction is for adults only. Except where noted, all lessons will be held on the center courts.

TOURNAMENTS

Those wishing to play in the men’s and women’s singles, doubles, men’s and women’s doubles, mixed doubles, teen, and parent/child tournaments must sign up NO LATER THAN 7 PM SUNDAY. Tournament sign-up sheets will be posted in the North Lounge of the Dining Hall. All tournaments are randomly drawn. Pairings for tournaments will be posted Monday by the end of lunch and a meeting will kick-off the tournament at 1:30 PM.
at the main courts. Be sure to note your cabin number so you and your opponent can find one another easily.

Each player/team is responsible for finding their opponents and completing their matches by the deadline given on the brackets. All matches must be completed before finals Friday morning. Failure to arrive within 30 minutes of a set tourney match will result in forfeiture by the player/team and will advance the opposing player/team. Matches are 8 game pro sets; finals are best 2 out of 3 six set games. There are not to be line judges; players call their own lines, foot faults and their own points. Upon completion, results for matches must be posted in the North Lounge. Tournament players must provide their own tennis balls for all matches, except for finals.

**COURT SIGN-UP PROCEDURE**

Sign-up sheets for reserving court time are located in the North Lounge of the Dining Hall until 8:30 AM on the day in question. At 8:30 AM they will be moved to the various courts. Unreserved courts are considered open. Center courts will be unavailable for matches during lesson times.

**CARDIO TENNIS**

Twice a week cardio tennis will be offered. No skill is required. This is a great time to get some intense cardio workouts in along with practicing tennis. High-level music is played, the atmosphere is great and you won’t even know you are getting a workout!

**PICKLEBALL**

Comparable to a combination of tennis and ping pong, pickleball is the new craze! Learn the basics of this trendy sport, play with fellow campers and leave the tennis program learning something new.

A detailed schedule of tennis lessons and activities is included in your Blue Book.

**PRIVATE LESSONS**

Private lessons are available in most program areas at the discretion of the staff in that area. This is an optional activity for staff and is not a mandatory service. Private lessons can only be done during times when the program area is closed. These lessons are for recreational purposes, so no awards or enhanced achievement levels will be granted. Schedule and wages should be worked out in advance with the staff members providing the lesson.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

- **Camper Introductions:** On the Saturday night of your arrival, campers will gather on Flagpole Hill located on the lakeside of the Dining Hall. Here, the Director will outline some of the programs that you need to know about, followed by a representative from each family introducing the family to the rest of the campers. Ice cream social immediately follows.

- **Staff Skits & Introductions:** On Sunday morning, bring the kids out to Flagpole Hill to see hilarious skits written and performed by staff members for your enjoyment. See the staff dress up in silly costumes and have a fun time putting on a show. All staff members will introduce themselves to the campers, giving you a feel for our diverse group of personalities.

- **Campfire Sing-Along:** On Monday night, join the staff at the swimming beach as they lead the kids (and adults) in some of Michigania’s favorite camp songs. Following the singing, staff will assist you in roasting marshmallows for the yummy goodness of s’mores!

- **North Beach Bonfire:** If you’re looking for a more mature campfire, you can join staff at North Beach for s’mores and a sing-along of whatever songs you can come up with – as long as you know the words!
• **Family Olympics:** On Tuesday night, down at the softball field, the staff lead campers 3 and up in various games and activities that have proven to be family favorites. Games include the 3-4 magic rock hunt, the hula hoop race, and the water balloon toss just to name a few! If you don’t want to participate, come on down and grab a seat on the hill and get a bird’s eye view of the fun!

• **Volleyball:** Get ready for the rivalry of the week as the campers take on the staff for a year’s worth of bragging rights in the Wednesday night volleyball game. First, the women take the sand filled court, then immediately following that is the men’s game. Don’t worry about your skill level here, all are welcome to play and it is all in good fun.

• **Softball:** It’s North Camp vs. South Camp in this weekly camp tradition. After dinner on Thursday, come to the softball field to see the kids play. Next, the adults take the field for a friendly game.

• **Water Carnival:** Friday afternoons, the swim staff hosts a water carnival for the entire family. Including a sand castle competition, water balloon toss, tug of war in the shallows and many more games for kids and adults of all ages.

• **Keg & Koke:** Got talent? Don’t worry, you don’t need it! On Friday nights, adult campers perform skits and songs and any other talents they want to display for each other. Popcorn, beer and other beverages will be available. See the Keg & Koke emcee (a fellow camper) for details on how to sign up. Ages 18 & older please.

• **Late evening events for adults:** We offer a series of events in the late evening for adults looking to have a little fun after Faculty Forum. These events include Euchre tournaments, Night Zipline, a hayride and more! Check your Blue Book schedule for details.

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**READERS & BEST**

The Readers and Best camper-led book discussion, held Wednesday morning at 9 AM in the Education Center, features a title chosen by camper vote. Check your Michiganual insert for this year’s book!
THE DETAILS
WHAT TO PACK

With the wide range of activities available at Michigania’s family camps throughout the year, it’s hard to know just what to bring. To make life a little easier, here are some thoughts and a checklist to get you started, created by your camps council representatives. For those at Michigania-Walloon, the Michigania Store will be open during your visit and offers a variety of convenience items and souvenirs.

Clothing
Informality is the key at Michigania. Bring both heavy and lightweight clothing with rain gear. Be sure to bring clothes for swimming, horseback riding (including closed-toe shoes), hiking, tennis and other sports-related activities.

Coin laundry facilities are available at Camp Michigania during the summer sessions. Detergent (a green brand that is friendly to our septic system) is provided free of charge.

Helpful Hints
- Pack clothes in laundry baskets. Unpack when you arrive, then use the empty baskets for dirty clothes.
- Label everything! Bring a marker to label items purchased at the camp store.

CHECKLIST

Food/Drink
Refrigeration is not available in the cabins. Bring at least one cooler as well as a smaller one or a bucket for transporting ice.

- Drinks (best bet are cans or pouches, as juice boxes tend to get soggy in the coolers)
- Snacks (bags of chips, cookies, granola bars, trail mix) Please be mindful of cabinmates’ food allergies.
- Jug(s) of water to refill your bottles (some love our well water, others not so much)
- Refillable water bottle
- Cooler(s) (with wheels is helpful)
- Roll of paper towels
- Solo cups (reusable preferred)

Bedding and Towels
Cabin units are equipped with a queen bed and twin bunk beds. Cabins have blankets and pillows, though you are welcome to bring your own. You may bring your own sheets and pillowcases, or we provide fitted and flat sheets and pillowcases at no charge. Michigania does not provide towels or washcloths. Cribs are provided at no cost and will be set up for you; please request prior to your week. Kids Camp has playpens and cribs, but you are encouraged to bring a playpen for use at the beach or in your cabin.

- One bath towel for each person
- One beach towel for each person
- One hand towel to dry hands at sink
- Washcloths
- Extra bathmats
- Blankets (camp will provide if requested)
- Outdoor blankets
Toiletries and Medication
Remember to bring medication that you may need during your visit. There are several pharmacies in Boyne City and Petoskey in case additional prescriptions are necessary. A refrigerator in the infirmary or Ed Center is available for medications that must be kept cold.

- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Hand soap for sink (pump is best)
- Hand sanitizer
- Shampoo, conditioner, soap or body wash
- Box of tissues
- Baby wipes (great for wiping sandy feet at the end of the day before getting into bed!)

Recreation
Michigania has a good supply of equipment for all activities offered. However, you may prefer to bring your own sports equipment, including:

- Yoga mat
- Tennis racket
- Baseball glove
- Fishing pole (We don’t have a fishing program, but some campers head out on their own)
- Riding helmet
- Pickleball Paddle

Michigania-Walloon maintains a fleet of approximately 50 sailboats, canoes and kayaks, but you are also welcome to bring your own vessel. Launching and mooring facilities are available. Boat registration and fishing licenses are required. Bait is not available at Michigania but is sold at nearby shops.

Most campers love to have activities available for quiet afternoons and evenings at their cabins. Ideas include:

- Balls, frisbees, etc.
- Board games
- Cards
- Art supplies (coloring books, markers, crayons)
- Books and magazines
- Stationery and writing materials

Shoes
- Fitness shoes (indoor)
- Closed-toe shoes/boots with heels for horseback riding
- Rain boots
- Flip flops
- Hiking shoes/sneakers for outdoor activities
- Water shoes for hikes and rock polishing

Other Useful Items
- Box fan
- Radio or Bluetooth speakers
- Alarm clock (if you are completely unplugging and won’t have your phone)
- Sharpie (to label clothing/other items)
- Highlighter (to highlight activities in the program guide)
- Flashlights
- Nightlight
- Binoculars
- Camera
- Beach toys
- Tote bag
- Back packs for kids to carry towels, sunscreen, etc.
- Eye covers (if one adult wants to go to bed while the other is reading)
- Musical instruments for Keg & Koke or kids talent show - we have a piano and drums
- Extra socks
Directions

Google Maps QR Code:

Directions to Michigania:
1. Follow I-75 north to Gaylord (exit 282).
3. Turn right onto US-131 and follow it to Boyne Falls.
4. Turn left onto M-75 and follow it to Boyne City.
5. When you reach Boyne City, go through town to the second stoplight. (Lake Charlevoix will be straight ahead.)
6. Turn right onto Lake Street and follow it around Lake Charlevoix. Lake Street curves left and becomes W. Michigan Street as you continue around the lake. As you leave town, W. Michigan Street curves to the right and becomes Boyne City – Charlevoix Road.
7. Follow Boyne City - Charlevoix Road to Sumner Road. (The distance from Boyne City to Sumner Road is approximately 4 miles.) There is a Michigania sign at this intersection!
8. Turn right onto Sumner Road and follow it to the flashing light (approximately ½ mile). There is no Michigania sign at this intersection!
9. Turn left onto Camp Daggett Road and follow it approximately 1 mile to Camp Sherwood Road. (Camp Sherwood Road is the first road on the right, just past the crest of a very high hill.)
10. Turn right onto Camp Sherwood Road and follow it approximately 1 mile. You will see the Michigania entrance on the right.
11. Follow the dirt road and soon you will see the breathtaking sight of Walloon Lake on the horizon. Stay to the right to reach the Education Center for check-in.

If you are coming from the south:
Follow US-31 north through Charlevoix (toward Petoskey) to Camp Daggett Road and turn right. Follow Camp Daggett Road approximately 4 ½ miles to Camp Sherwood Road and turn left, and follow it approximately 1 mile. You will see the Michigania entrance on the right. Follow the dirt road and soon you will see the breathtaking sight of Walloon Lake on the horizon. Stay to the right to reach the Education Center for check-in. Travel time from Ann Arbor to Michigania is approximately four and one-half hours.

If you are coming from the north:
Follow US-31 south out of Petoskey 4 ½ miles (toward Charlevoix). Turn left onto Camp Daggett Road. Follow it approximately 4 ½ miles to Camp Sherwood Road and turn left, and follow it approximately 1 mile. You will see the Michigania entrance on the right. Follow the dirt road and soon you will see the breathtaking sight of Walloon Lake on the horizon. Stay to the right to reach the Education Center for check-in.

HAVE A SAFE JOURNEY!

CHECK-IN TIME

Check-in time at Michigan is 3 PM to 5 PM on Saturday. We are set up during that time specifically for the registration process.

Please schedule your arrival accordingly, as we are not able to check in campers prior to 3 PM. Campers bringing private boats are able to unload their boat beginning at 2 PM, prior to checking in at the Education Center.

Please come right to the Education Center when you arrive. Check in remains open until 9:30 PM, and we will post cabin assignments and deliver linens for those campers arriving after 9:30 PM.
MEALS

Dining Hall Hours

Breakfast: 7:45 AM – 9 AM
Lunch: 12 PM – 1:00 PM
Dinner: 5:30 PM – 7 PM

The bell atop the Dining Hall rings three times each day announcing the opening of each meal. We would appreciate families going through the line for meals together so parents can help their children take only what they will eat. We also ask that everyone take their dishes to the designated area following each meal. Please do not remove eating utensils from the Dining Hall.

Lunch Service

In addition to the service in the Dining Hall, grill items and other lunch items will be available outside the Dining Hall on Flagpole Hill. Please feel free to take your meal down to the Swimming beach to eat by the lake.

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, ETC.

If you or a family member will celebrate a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion at Michigania, the kitchen staff will prepare a special cake for the occasion if given 48 hours advance notice. A fee of $7.00 for a 9-inch round, $12.00 for a half sheet cake or $15.00 for full sheet cake, will be charged to your account. To request a cake, please talk to any member of our food service staff and they can assist you in completing a cake request form.

If you will need a cake during the first two days of your stay, please call ahead to Jeff Sisson, our Food Service Director to place your order.

If you have special dietary needs/food allergies, please see Jeff Sisson, our Food Service Director and/or Jen Hoig, our Dining Room Manager, for your arrival. They’ll work with you to make sure you have a great mealtime experience at Camp.

NUT ALLERGIES

Camp Michigania is not a nut free facility. However, to ensure that all campers have a safe and wonderful mealtime experience please contact Jeff Sisson, our Food Service Director, and/or Jen Hoig, our Dining Room Manager, upon your arrival and notify them of any nut allergies. We will have nut free products onsite, but please make sure to check in with Jeff upon arrival to discuss any additional needs, and feel free to ask to see any labels.

Coffee is available in the Education Center Sunday through Thursday, 8:30 AM – 10:30 PM, Friday 8:30 AM – 8 PM, and in the Dining Hall North Lounge from 7 AM – 8:30 PM.
**CAMPS COUNCIL**

The Camps Council Advisory Board consists of representatives from each week at camp and are a valuable resource for you during your stay. They provide direction and recommendations to the Camp Michigania professional staff, sharing your feedback throughout the summer and at two annual meetings. Check your Michiganual insert to for your current Camps Council reps.

**CAMPER BEHAVIOR STATEMENT**

As your Camp Michigania Council Representatives, our hope is to sustain and enhance the camp experience for all our family members attending camp now, and in the future. We would like to remind all our campers that Camp Michigania represents a special place for all of our families and we hope it always remains a welcoming, safe and enjoyable place for our families. Your Camp Council fully supports the Camp policies regarding appropriate behavior and expectations of our campers throughout their week at camp, and would ask that each family review these expectations. Please feel free to contact your Week’s representative if you have any input or concerns.

**ALCOHOL AND DRUGS**

Michigania’s policy with regard to alcohol and drugs is consistent with state law. In Michigan, the legal age for the purchase, distribution, and consumption of all alcoholic beverages is 21. Those campers of legal age who choose to consume alcoholic beverages while at Michigania must only do so with proper and lawful regard for the rights and safety of others.

It is the responsibility of those who have alcoholic beverages at Michigania to make certain they are not available to minors at any time including making certain that all alcoholic beverages are stored securely inside their cabin unit (not in common rooms, on front porches, etc.) Michigania is a family camp and should be treated as such at all times. Consumption in program areas and other common areas should be kept to a minimum. Campers choosing to drink should do so responsibly, with an awareness that inappropriate, alcohol impaired behavior that is dangerous to themselves or dangerous/disruptive to others may result in the camp administration intervening, and possibly asking them to forego the balance of their week at Michigania. In addition, future attendance at Michigania may be denied.

Use, possession, or distribution of illegal drugs is strictly prohibited. Campers are also responsible for properly handling and securing prescription medications. Those who violate the law will be held legally responsible for their actions and required to forego the balance of their week at Michigania. In addition, future attendance at Michigania may be denied.

**AUTOMOBILES**

To ensure the safety of all campers, and enhance the “Camp” atmosphere, use of vehicles in Camp is severely restricted. After unloading belongings at their cabins, campers should park their car in one of Michigania’s parking lots. Unless authorized by the administration, cars should not be driven in cabin and program areas again until the end of the week. Campers who leave Michigania mid-week should walk to and from the parking lots. Pull carts will be provided at each lot to aid those who need to transport items between their cabin and their car during the week.
BICYCLES

Bicycles may be ridden only in designated areas at specified times. These include the Camp road, west of the North Camp parking area, and MORNINGS ONLY on the South Camp trails. Campers are requested to walk their bicycles to and from their cabins. Please ride slowly and use extreme caution at all times!

COURTESY FOR OTHERS

Respect for the rights of others is essential if everyone is to enjoy the Camp Michigania experience. We remind you that sound carries at Michigania (more than you may realize) and many children and adults attempt to sleep early in the evening. If you are being disturbed, we encourage you to make your concern known. We expect that an appeal for quiet will generate a positive, cooperative response. Excessive inappropriate behavior, as determined by the camp administration, may require campers to forego the balance of their week at Michigania. In addition, future attendance at Michigania may be denied.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

We encourage all campers to take advantage of the unique natural environment at Michigania as well as the opportunity to interact with other campers. Therefore, we ask your discretion with electronic devices (such as iPods, handheld gaming devices, tablets, and cellphones). Electronic devices should not be brought to morning kids’ activities or during workshops.

DRONE POLICY

Operation of a UAS by anyone on other U-M affiliated properties, such as Camp Michigania in Boyne City, MI; is prohibited unless the use is approved by the IASC. The process for obtaining approval is initiated through submission of an application to the IASC, along with written permission from the Operating Site Property Manager. After review of the application and any supplemental information provided or requested, the IASC will either approve or deny the requested permission. If the IASC grants permission, it will be valid for a specific use and time period. If the IASC or Operating Property Site Manager denies the request, the use will be prohibited.

GLASS BOTTLES

Due to the hazards associated with broken glass, we urge you to bring all beverages to Michigania in recyclable aluminum cans or plastic bottles. If you do find the need to have glass bottles, please be very careful with them, and remember to dispose of all containers in the proper recycling receptacles. Glass bottles are not permitted in the swimming or boating areas.

PETS

Some of our best friends walk on all fours, but we simply don’t have accommodations for them at Michigania. Please leave your pets at home with a friend, or at one of our local kennels. Information on these local kennels can be found online or by contacting the camp office.
**RECYCLING & TRASH**

It is the responsibility of all who enjoy Camp Michigania’s facility to help maintain its beauty. We ask that you help us be better environmental stewards by ensuring that your trash is placed in proper receptacles in your cabin and throughout camp, and by picking up any litter you may see.

Camp Michigania continues to enhance our recycling and composting programs. **Trash, recycling, and composting bins will be available in several areas around camp, including program areas, the Dining Hall, and the Education Center.** There will also be a recycling bin located in your cabin’s common area for easy transport to one of the designated locations around camp. Detailed recycling and composting information is also in your blue books and posted in cabins. If you have additional questions, please ask the staff.

**MIXED RECYCLING** includes all plastics, clear and colored glass, and metals. These black bins in blue racks are located wherever there is a trash bin throughout camp.

**RETURNABLE** cans belong in marked bins at CAC, Nature, the North Lounge, Education Center, North and South Laundry.

**PAPER AND CARDBOARD** can be recycled in marked bins in CAC, the Nature Center, Education Center, North and South Laundry and North Lounge.

*Michigania* staffers sort through the recycling by hand. Please make sure all items are clean and empty!

**SERVICE DOGS**

The Alumni Association of the University of Michigan (AAUM) recognizes the increased prevalence of service dogs in society. The US Department of Justice Civil Rights Division, Disability Rights Section, under ADA requirements, defines a service animal:

*Service Animals are defined as dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. Examples of such work or tasks include guiding people who are blind, alerting people who are deaf, pulling a wheelchair, alerting and protecting a person who is having a seizure, reminding a person with mental illness to take prescribed medications, calming a person with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) during an anxiety attack, or performing other duties. Service animals are working animals, not pets. The work or task a dog has been trained to provide must be directly related to the person’s disability. Dogs whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals under the ADA.*

Per ADA and Department of Justice guidelines, The Service Dog policy for Camp Michigania is as follows:

*A written request from a camper to bring a service dog to Camp must be submitted no later than 30 days prior to the start of the week the camper will be attending camp. The letter must answer the following questions:*

1. Is the dog a service animal required because of a disability?
2. What work or task has the dog been trained to perform?
3. The dog shall wear a Service Dog vest at all times when outside the cabin.
4. The dog should be on a leash at all times, be under the control of the owner and not be allowed to run loose. This includes the entire Camp grounds, hiking trails, beaches and roads.
5. The dog shall not threaten or disturb (including barking) any other person, or persons, nor any camp program.
6. The owner must immediately pick up after the dog and properly dispose of any waste.

The Director of Camp Michigania shall have the authority to ask that a Service Dog be removed from Camp Michigania if the terms of the above policy are violated.

SMOKING

Because of the serious dangers associated with fire, we ask all campers to be especially careful with matches, cigarettes and other flammable materials. **SMOKING IS PROHIBITED except for in designated areas. Those areas are the hill to the west of the Education Center and the Staff parking lot to the west of the dumpsters.**

STORE CHARGES

Items in the Camp Store may be paid for by check, cash or charged against your account. You may establish a policy with your family, limiting daily charges, with the store staff. **Please note: store charges cannot be made after 2pm on Friday. Cash and checks will still be accepted.**

VALUABLES

Campers may check valuables at the Michigania office for safekeeping. Items in the safe can be reclaimed any time during regular office hours.

YOUR CAMP ACCOUNT

PROGRAM AREA CHARGES

Additional charges for materials and other expenses are assessed in the following program areas:

- Horseback Riding
- Riflery
- Nature
- Ceramics/Arts & Crafts

Children’s groups in the morning will not be charged program fees. Exact amounts for the above-mentioned materials/activities are available at those program areas. Charges incurred in program areas are added to your Michigania account and are payable at Friday night checkout in the Dining Hall.

CHECK OUT

Program area and store charges are payable on Friday from 5:30 – 7 PM on the Dining Hall deck. If you are unable to settle your account during that time, please make alternative arrangements at the office in advance. Michigania accepts cash, checks and credit cards (Visa or MC only) for program areas, store expenses, golf carts and raffle tickets. Outstanding registration fees may be paid by check. Records of charges from each area will be available for you to review. Please keep in mind that all families are expected to pay their charges from 5:30 - 7 PM Friday.

GUEST CHARGES

All guests must check in at the office at the beginning of their visit. For details concerning guest meals, daily guest rates to participate and other charges, contact the office. Guests visiting just for a meal can pay for that meal at the store.
SAFETY AT MICHIGANIA

SAFETY POLICIES

There is a sense of security and well-being at Michigania. Camp provides many opportunities for personal growth and development. Children in particular are often given more freedom and less supervision than usual. While we all would like the Camp environment to be worry-free, there are risks present. **Children must not be left unsupervised, for instance, to play on the docks or in the water when the boating and swimming areas are closed, or left unattended to visit the riding stable and venture into the horse stalls.** These are but two examples of activities (both in violation of Camp rules) with potentially serious consequences. It is the responsibility of parents and guardians of minors to supervise the children under these and similar circumstances and times. Everyone, and in particular adults attending with children, should be cognizant of and obey Camp rules (provided in each cabin unit and available at the office) and use common sense to avoid potential hazards. Parental/adult supervision of children is needed at Michigania, just as much, if not more than at home.

FIRST AID

The Michigania infirmary is located on the lower level of the Education Center and is staffed by a medical professional during posted hours. In case of a medical emergency during the day, report to any staff person and a medical professional will be contacted. In case of an emergency during the night, you may choose to go directly to Northern Michigan Hospital’s emergency room, (Located in Petoskey, approximately fifteen minutes from Michigania; directions are in your Emergency Action Plan, located in your cabin) or you may contact the camp administration per the information posted in your cabin. In order to help minimize the potential for accidents please obey Michigania’s safety rules, which have been established for everyone’s safety and well-being.

BABYSITTING OPTIONS

BABYSITTING PATROL

For your convenience, a babysitting patrol is offered Friday, 8:45 PM to 11:30 PM.

Two staff members in North Camp and two in South Camp circulate in the cabin areas, checking each cabin every 15-20 minutes until the parents return.

To be included on the patrol route:

- You must sign up Friday evening, no later than 8:30 PM (in Dining Hall, outside the store).
- All children must be at least five years old.
- You must be attending Keg & Koke.
- A fee of $3.00/hour/family is charged and should be paid in cash to the staff members when you return to your cabin.

PRIVATE BABYSITTING

Staff may be asked to babysit for any age children throughout the week. They can only babysit when they are not on duty and hours and wages should be worked out in advance directly between you and the staff member.

Adults must arrange to have a private babysitter for Keg & Koke if they:

- have children younger than five
- wish to leave Michigania

We suggest you make arrangements with a staff member early in the week. Hours and wages should be worked out in advance with your sitter. Staff may be asked to babysit for any age children throughout the week in addition to Keg & Koke on Friday.
OTHER DETAILS

GOLF CARTS

A limited number of golf carts are available for campers who have difficulty walking. If you would like to reserve a golf cart, please contact the Michigania office at 231.582.9191, ideally at least 2 weeks prior to your arrival. Golf cart rates can be found online.

BEDDING

Cabin units are equipped with a queen bed and/or bunk beds. Blankets and pillows are furnished by Michigania. You may wish to bring a sleeping bag, comforter, or electric blanket. You may bring your own sheets and pillow cases, or we will provide sheets pillowcases, and a bathmat, free of charge. Michigania does NOT provide towels and washcloths.

ICE MACHINES

Ice machines are located outside the North and South Camp laundromats.

LAUNDRY

Laundromats are located in North Camp and South Camp. Each laundry has coin-operated washing machines and dryers, and a change machine is available. Please visit the office for bill exchange or quarters. To assist in environmental stewardship, low phosphate detergent is furnished by Camp, and we ask you to only use our detergent. As a courtesy to others, please remove your clothing as soon as the cycle is completed.

LOST AND FOUND

Check the lost and found area in the Dining Hall North Lounge. A lost and found box can be found in each program area, but are all brought to the Dining Hall North Lounge at the end of each week. If you cannot find an item in the area you lost it or in the Dining Hall North Lounge, check with the office. Valuable items (wallets, watches, cameras, jewelry, etc.) are taken to the Main Office and a loss report can be made in the office. Unclaimed items are given to charity 14 days after the end of each week. If you arrive home and realize you are missing an item, please contact Michigania as soon as possible. If your item is found, we will ship it to you at your expense.

MAINTENANCE AND HOUSEKEEPING

Cabins are cleaned every Saturday during our “changeover” between 10 AM and 3 PM, so it’s important campers depart by 10 AM and arrive no earlier than 3 PM. During the week, housekeeping supplies, including garbage bags, light bulbs, and basic cleaning supplies are available at the Education Center. If you have a maintenance issue (torn screen, broken door hinge, etc.) please add it to the maintenance request list located in the office, and we’ll take care of it.
MAIL AND PHONE MESSAGES

Outgoing mail may be left at the office, placed in the mailbox west of the Education Center, or placed in the “outgoing mail” box located outside the store. Stamps may be purchased in the Camp store. A notice of incoming mail and phone messages is posted in the servery during each meal. The actual messages or mail are held in the office. If you are expecting a phone call or mail, please check at the office during office hours.

Mail sent to you during your visit should be addressed as follows:

Your name
c/o Michigania
03006 Camp Sherwood Road
Boyne City, MI 49712-9361

CAMPER TELEPHONE

We have a phone available for camper use located near the lower entrance of the Education Center, please follow the posted signs to the camper work area.

COMPUTER AND INTERNET ACCESS

Computer access is available in the camper work area in the lower level of the education center, including a printer for Keg & Koke documents. Please limit usage to 30 minutes if others are waiting.

Wireless access is available in the Education Center for campers with laptops, tablets, or other devices with wireless connectivity.

A nominal charge of $10 per family per week will be added to your account. Please sign up at check-in or at the office. We ask that children not be online in public areas, as many families are “disconnecting and reconnecting” during the week.
THE MICHIGANIA STORY

Michigania is owned and operated by the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan. It is the home of Michigan alumni camping in the summer, and a variety of educational and recreational programs throughout the fall, winter, and spring.

The Alumni Association began its camping program in August 1961. Two one-week sessions for Alumni Association members and their families were offered at the University’s Biological Station on Douglas Lake (approximately 45 miles north of Michigania).

The following summer, the Association leased the facilities of two children’s camps during their post-camp seasons: Camp Charlevoix on Lake Charlevoix, and Camp Huntingdon/Sherwood on Walloon Lake. Both camps filled quickly and it became apparent a permanent site was needed.

In the fall of 1962, following an extensive search, the Association learned that the owners of Camp Huntingdon/Sherwood were retiring and wished to sell their camp. Assuring the owners that it would continue to operate a camping program on the 377 acre site, the Alumni Association purchased Camp Huntingdon/Sherwood in December 1962.

In what can be called a Herculean effort, many alumni and alumnae donated time and materials to renovate the camp’s facilities prior to the 1963 season, in order to make them better suited to family camping. The first Memorial Day Work Weekend took place that year with a number of committed volunteers lending a hand to prepare camp for the approaching summer season, and this tradition continues today with 75-100 volunteers participating each year.

The 1963 camp season consisted of ten one-week sessions, each filled to capacity with an average of 50 families per week. In the years since, the popularity of alumni camping has grown steadily. Additional cabins have been built and the season has been extended to eleven weeks to allow more alumni, alumnae and their families to attend, with capacity over 100 families per week, and a wait list of over 100 families.

In addition to Michigania on Walloon Lake, the Alumni Association has operated an alumni camping program in upstate New York since 1973. Using the facilities of Pointe O’Pines, a private girl’s camp, Michigania East can accommodate approximately 50 families during each of its sessions at the end of August.