

About Us

Lions Bear Lake Camp is owned and operated by Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp Inc., a non-profit 501-C3 charitable organization. Our facilities and programs are licensed through the State of Michigan. We have provided a camping program for Blind & Visually Impaired youth for over 30 years.

We are proud to be accredited by the American Camp Association. ACA accreditation means that your child's camp cares enough to under go a thorough (over 300 health and safety standards) review of its operation — from staff qualifications and training to emergency management. Lions Bear Lake Camp has voluntarily submitted to this independent appraisal done by camp experts and has earned this mark of distinction.



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Through the generosity and financial support of Lions Clubs throughout Michigan, Community Foundations and caring individuals, we are able to offer our programs free or at reduced rates. In the fulfillment of our mission we are dependent upon the generosity of individuals and organizations that care enough to make a significant difference in the lives of others.



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Lions Bear Lake Camp



Summer Programs

Mission Statement

The Mission of Bear Lake Camp is to develop leadership skills, build confidence, and to provide a premier outdoor educational and recreational experiences year-round to all persons, regardless of ability.

Bear Lake Camp is a Summer Adventure for:

Blind & Visually Impaired

Bear Lake Camp offers a one-week session for youth with visual impairments. The session is developed and coordinated by a teacher of the blind and visually impaired. Key to the success of our program is having lots of fun. While they are having fun, they are developing self-concepts and social skills. The programs are also designed to support the development of orientation and mobility, independence with daily living skills. Campers are also introduced to outdoor recreation skills with a focus in independent mastery of skill. We welcome communication with parents to support or encourage specific skills and/or techniques they are currently focusing on.

Family Session is a weekend camp for families with a child or adult with visual impairments. For parents, relevant topics are provided by special presenters and opportunities to network with other parents while children are led by qualified staff. Every evening is full of fun family activities.

Leadership Development

This is a special program for both deaf & hard of hearing and blind & visually impaired youth, ages 15-16 who are past campers. Leadership abilities, skills and attitudes are explored relative to the camp experience. The program runs for two summers. Campers that are interested in becoming a staff member of Bear Lake Camp are highly encouraged to sign up.



Deaf & Hard of Hearing

These sessions are for children who use listening and spoken language as their primary mode of communication. Youth Session is a one week long for campers age 6-15. Campers will have fun, swimming, kayaking, canoeing, nature, outdoor games, archery, showtime, journal writing, overnight tent camping and the challenge course, while we build vocabulary and use good language to communicate with others.

Family Session is a weekend camp for families of deaf & hard of hearing youth. For parents, relevant topics are provided by special presenters and opportunities to network with other parents while children are led by qualified staff. Every evening is full of fun family activities.

Highlights

- Modern Dining/Meeting Hall - 250 person capacity
- 10 Heated Cabins with restrooms/showers - 160 person capacity
- Nature Center, Activity Center, Arts/Crafts Center, Health Center
- Tent Camping Area with restrooms/showers
- Athletic Field, Sand Volleyball Court
- Swimming/Boating
- Climbing Tower/Zipline, Low Ropes/Challenge Course
- Nature Trails, Accessible Play Area
- Campfire Ring

Challenge Course

Have fun while improving your groups communication skills and problem-solving techniques. We offer an emotionally and physically safe environment that challenges teams and the individual. Develop goal setting techniques, trust, support and leadership skills.

Conference/Retreats

Our facilities are modern, accessible and comfortable for use by community groups, agencies and schools. The facilities offer meeting space with peaceful surroundings. We have a rustic tent camping area with bathhouse for groups wanting to be closer to nature.

