



## ACTIVITIES

The main objectives of camp are met through carefully planned activities for each camper's skill levels. Every day is filled with new activities to do with many exciting adventures. Campers are encouraged to help plan their own experience and partake in a wide range of events, including:

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| Swimming     | Boating      | Fishing      |
| Canoeing     | Paddle Boat  | Basketball   |
| Volleyball   | Hiking       | Nature Study |
| Arts & Craft | Sing-A-Longs | Dances       |
| Hayrides     | Water slide  | Camp Fires   |

The programs for each session are designed to meet the needs of each individual camper with a hands-on approach to allow for a heightened awareness of the senses. This stimulation helps accelerate learning and makes it fun. Separate one-week camp sessions begin in June and run through August with a maximum of 35 campers per week. Camp sessions begin Sunday afternoon and end on Friday morning when camp tours are conducted by campers to show family and friends what experiences they had and meet their new friends from *St. Francis Camp on the Lake*.



HEY WHERE'S THE HAY?

## St. Francis Camp on the Lake

DEDICATED TO ASSISTING THE  
DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED

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Camper Applications are available on our website. Feel free to download and print.



A SPECIAL CAMP FOR  
SPECIAL CAMPERS



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In 1984 the Caravans of the Great Lakes Region of the International Order of Alhambra jointly purchased a camp in the heart of the Irish Hill of beautiful Michigan, now called "St. Francis Camp on the Lake." The purpose of this very special camp is to provide children and adults with developmental disabilities an opportunity to experience summer camp in a safe and practical environment. Our 36 acres of pristine property include rustic woods, developed nature trails, and 195 feet of beautiful waterfront on the shores of peaceful Goose Lake.



**St. Francis Camp on the Lake** is the premier camping facility for God's special people. The camps' specially designed programs empower campers to be potent, loving, contributing human beings. We promote personal growth and social evolution by replacing ignorance and fear with awareness and love through fun daily activities.

**St. Francis Camp on the Lake** creates an environment where campers live and play together in dignity, respect & love, while creating the ultimate week long summer camp experience.



## CAMPERS & STAFF

**St. Francis Camp on the Lake** holds two licenses from the State of Michigan Health Department, which enables the camp to accept campers of all ages. The camp is staffed with a 3-to-1 camper-staff ratio to ensure campers' safety as well as personal attention at all times. Camp staff includes a full time Director, certified lifeguard, on site registered nurse, health officer, camp counselors and culinary staff. The enthusiastic staff may consist of college graduates and students in fields of interest and training with the developmentally disabled. The staff is required to complete a 30 hour training session prior to camp season. Specialized training includes CPR, First-Aid, waterfront and boating safety, camper care, communication skills with non-verbal campers, activities for autistic children and adults and much more!

Campers are encouraged to be as independent as possible. Camp staff emphasizes the importance of daily living skills, such as appropriate socialization skills, personal hygiene, making beds, kitchen help and other daily chores to each camper. This routine becomes an important part of the overall learning experience.

**St. Francis Camp on the Lake** welcomes campers regardless of age, race, sex, color, creed, religion, nation origin or sexual orientation.

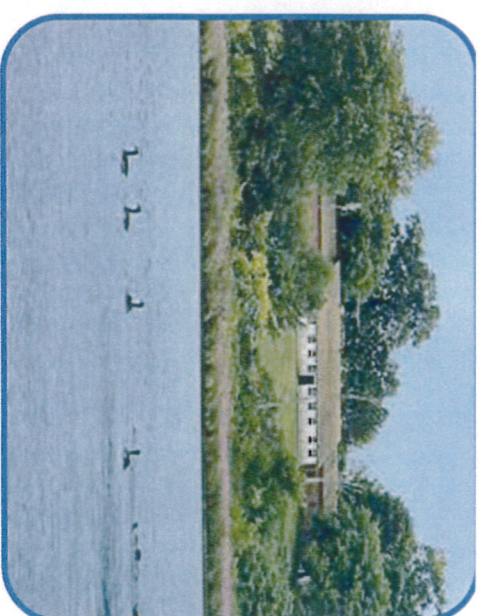


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## MEDICAL & DIETARY NEEDS

**St. Francis Camp on the Lake** offers individualized attention to our campers' medical conditions and specific dietary needs. Weekly menu plans follow the USDA "Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2010" and can be modified for specific campers' needs, such as a gluten-free menu, upon request.

We have a full time registered nurse on-site with an infirmary equipped to handle basic medical needs and the camp's physician is on 24 hour call. If there is an emergency, the hospital is only 15 minutes away.

