

THE ONE AND ONLY CAMP WESTMINSTER ON HIGGINS LAKE.

Summer 2012



For 86 summers, Camp Westminster on Higgins Lake in northern Michigan has provided a serene and safe place for children of all ages to have adventures, one after another. Adventures such as learning new skills like paddling a kayak or climbing or building a fire. Adventures in watching mudpuppies in Higgins Lake or finding creatures under a log. Adventures like trying new foods and new sports from around the world. Adventures making friendships with kids in their wakeya or swim class. Adventures such as experiencing the quiet of a starry sky or walking the labyrinth. Adventures like hiking the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in the Upper Peninsula or paddling down the Au Sable River or rock climbing in Devil's Lake, Wisconsin. Adventures in leadership.

Looking for an adventure this summer? Welcome to Camp Westminster!

MORE THAN WEEKS ON YOUR SUMMER CALENDAR.

Weeks of unforgettable fun and growth.

2012 DATES	Completed grades 1-5 by June 2012 AGES 7-11	Completed grades 6-9 by June 2012 AGES 12-15	Completed grades 10-11 by June 2012 AGES 15-17	Completed grades 11-12 by June 2012 AGES 17+
June 17-23	First Timers	South Manitou Island Trip	Leadership Development Training	Westminster to the World (June 28- July 13)
	Free to Be	Free to Be		
June 24- 30	MaD	Performing Arts		
	Pioneer Heritage	Worldwide Sports		
July 1-6	Family Camp (ends 9:30am Friday)			
	Alumni Workcamp			
July 8-21	Just Camp	Just Camp Plus	Senior Just Camp	Westminster Service Corps I
		Devil's Lake, Wisconsin Expedition	Devil's Lake, Wisconsin Expedition	
		Sailing I & II		
		Pre-Leadership Development (completed gr. 9)		
July 22-28	Aqua Mania	Wet'n Wild	Sailing Regatta	Westminster Service Corps II (choose 1 or 2 weeks)
	Day Camp (July 23-27)	Sailing Regatta		
		Outdoor Cooking		
July 29- August 4	Adventure First: A ministry of the First Presbyterian Churches of Ann Arbor and Northville, Michigan			WSC II
		UP Expedition: Pictured Rocks		
August 5-11	Sae Jong Camp (www.saejongcamp.com)			
August 10-14				Adult Expedition: Au Sable Paddle and Camp
August 16-19	Family Mission Weekend			

Camp sessions begin with check-in at 3:30 pm on Sunday and end with a short closing program at 9:30 am on Saturdays, except where noted. A stayover option between sessions is available June 23-24 and July 28-29. Bus transportation roundtrip from Detroit is available. Please check www.campwestminster.com for fees, discounts and payment plans. We want to make it possible for many children, youth and families to experience the life-changing community at Camp Westminster. A campership application is online; print out and mail in.

Completed grades 1-5 by June 2012:

Each session for this age group is designed to allow campers the opportunity to be exposed to a little bit of every activity. Under the careful guidance of loving and well-trained counselors, younger campers will participate in arts and crafts, Red Cross swim lessons, sports, ice cream churning, canoeing/kayaking, hiking and archery. Making friends and learning to live and work with others are important life skills gained at camp.

Completed grades 6-9 by June 2012:

There are many options! Choose from **Performing Arts, Worldwide Sports, Wet'n Wild, Sailing, Outdoor Cooking** or an outright. Junior high campers can climb the Lighthouse and tackle the High Ropes course; paddle down the Au Sable River; learn to sail and participate in teambuilding activities in new ways as they explore friendship with staff and peers- very crucial at this age. Every outright or expedition includes opportunities to develop outdoor living skills such as cooking and basic survival, as well as caring for group and personal gear.

Every session for every age includes the best of Westminster's worship, Bible Quest, games, water activities, campfires, time at the Camp Store, FOB (rest hour), and exploration in nature.



Completed grades 10-11 by June 2012:

New options this summer to work on sailing skills (**Sailing Regatta**) or just enjoy all that is Camp: **Senior Just Camp**. Or develop those leadership skills through one of the options on the leadership development track! Community service is also available... **Westminster Service Corps I or II.**



TAKE AN EXPEDITION TO THE TOP OF PICTURED ROCKS. *And to the sandy clear bottom of Higgins Lake.*



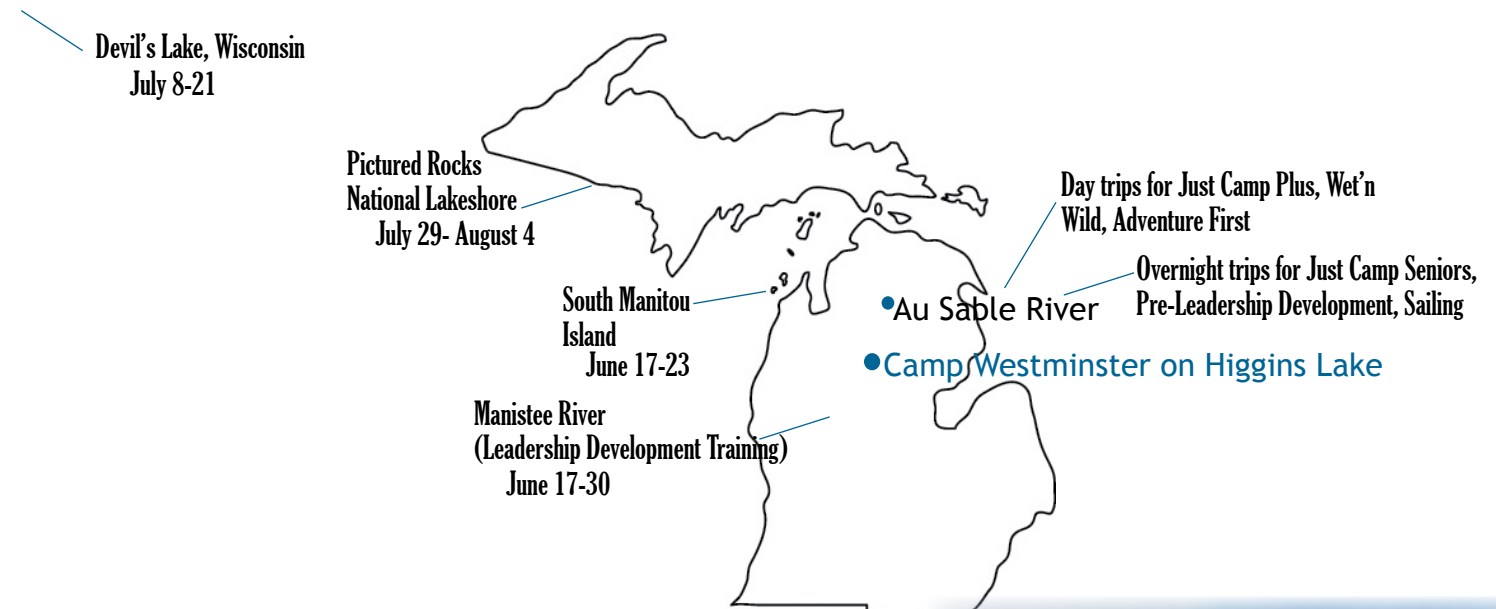
Amazing advanced leadership training during Westminster to the World, Isle of Iona, Scotland

What is an outtrip or an expedition? For some campers, it may be a **one-day canoe trip on the Au Sable River**. For others, it may be a ferry ride and 3 days camping on **South Manitou Island** (a favorite for first-time trip participants). For others, it may be hiking along the **Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore** or rock climbing and hiking in **Devil's Lake, Wisconsin**.

Camp Westminster has trained leaders to guide youth on trips since 1925. Packing, caring for gear, hiking, climbing, paddling, cooking and basic outdoor survival may not appear to be useful skills for navigating social media or banking online or completing international business deals. However, we know that basic skills such as confidence, communication, positive attitude and problem-solving are useful in any life situation. Want these skills? Sign up for an expedition or a leadership training session today.

(Note: All leadership sessions provide the experience for campers to plan and implement an outtrip.)

register online at www.campwestminster.com





SHARED EXPERIENCES -
EXCELLENT FOR UNITING PEOPLE.

Like your camper and their new friends.



Year after year we hear from our campers: they feel included at Camp Westminster. From the moment they come to camp, they have friends and know they can be themselves - no fake personality here! Staff work hard to enable real communication and friendship between campers- in their wakeyas, during games, in the lake, and around the dinner table. This is valuable in a digital age. Kids need to know there are other people who love them for who they are!

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A PLACE SO RICH IN HISTORY.

It invites your camper to create their own.

After 86 summers, we have lots of traditions. Traditions like eating family style to build community and singing after every meal. Traditions like Lumberjack Day and Thomas Doggett Day and a Closing Councilfire. Traditions like respecting nature and listening to it. Traditions like worshipping by Higgins Lake.

We have learned that every camper wants to be a part of a community that values traditions. They want to feel a part of something bigger than themselves, a part of something stable, wonderful and loving. A part of Camp Westminster.



Every camper makes choices. Cabin Choice allows them to choose activities as a wakeya each morning; Chooselt! provides the chance to work on a skill all week that they find interesting and earn an award on their canoe patch; visiting the Camp Store allows kids to make choices about money. Participation is encouraged but not forced at any activity.

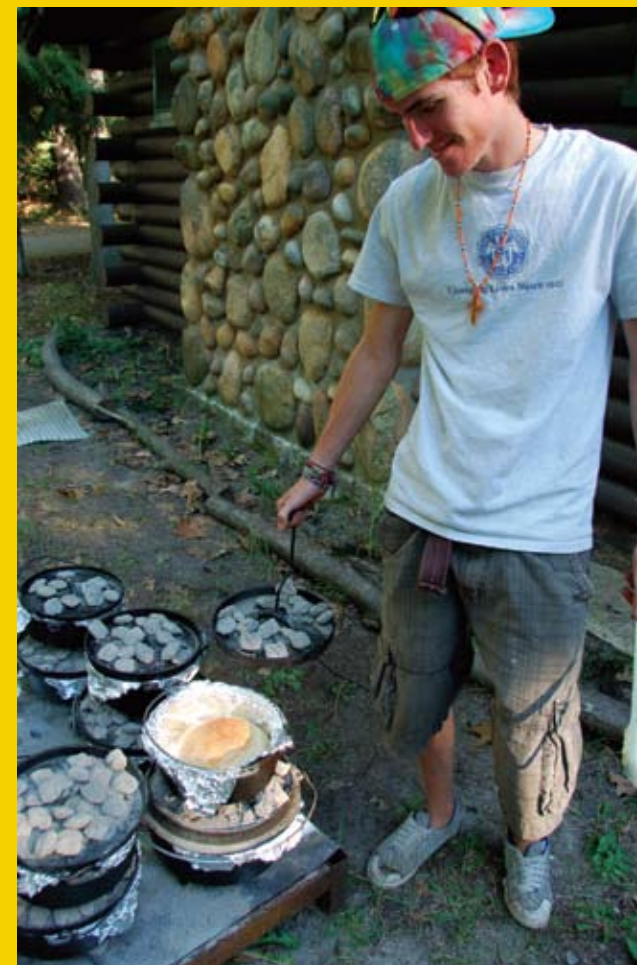


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OF ALL THE REMARKABLE ACTIVITIES TO EXPERIENCE.

We suggest the mealtimes.

Mealtimes have always been an important part of any community. It is no different at Camp Westminster. We just might prepare food a little differently... cooking an egg on a stick over an open fire... making pizza or enchiladas in Dutch Ovens... melting s'mores in a solar oven... joining together for an old-fashioned cookout... or baking bread in an underground oven. Helping to get the food ready provides time to contribute to the community, learn healthy eating habits and open minds to new ways of making and tasting food. Eating together encourages manners and conversation. *"Camp Westminster is an absolute treasure - a safe and fun place for kids to grow spiritually and personally! We can't wait until our youngest is old enough to attend!" - Michelle, parent of 2 campers*



Every day's menu is carefully planned, including healthy snacks in the afternoon. Westminster has served children with every dietary need for many years. We want your camper to have a safe and tasty experience when they come to Camp!

Campers with food sensitivities and allergies are encouraged to register for **Free To Be** - time away that allows your child to not worry about food and enjoy being a kid! If your camper wants to learn to cook in a rustic setting, sign up for **Pioneer Heritage** or **Outdoor Cooking**. Outtrips and expeditions also provide ample opportunities for kids to learn to prepare food (and eat it!).

Hungry for the annual Fish Fry? Attend camp from July 8-21. Want to help harvest from Camp's container gardens and prepare salsa? Come any session. S'mores are served weekly at the opening campfire!

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After another.

