



Camp McSauba started in 1976 as a boys and girls day camp and is run by the City of Charlevoix Recreation Department. The 80 acre natural setting of North Pointe Woods overlooks picturesque Lake Michigan. The City purchased the property that was formerly owned by Chief McSauba. The camp provides local and vacationing boys and girls with a quality program which offers the camping experience at a reasonable cost.

Camp McSauba is geared to provide each camper with new experiences. Campers ages 5-13 try their hand at archery, BB gunnery, field sports, campfire programs, sand castle building, swimming, arts and crafts and many other activities. Children also get to experience the camaraderie that camp establishes. Several day-to-day activities are scheduled by the campers and their counselors on a small group level to encourage participation and decision making by all involved.

At the overnight, the kids enjoy roasting hot dogs around the fire. The younger kids make s'mores and the older kids have the option of visiting the Charlevoix Area Community Pool. Then it's time to settle in their sleeping bags and dream about the pancake breakfast rustled up by the Counselor's on Friday morning. After the kids pack up and find their lost items, every child receives an award at the Awards Ceremony held at 11:00 with friends and family to appreciate their accomplishments.

The counselors work hard to provide many activities and adventures for the children. Weekly themes that appeal to kids are planned. Still on tap for the season are "Native American week", "Aloha" Camp Hawaii, "Camp Olympics" and a camp favorite, "Wacky Week",

Sessions are five days, running Monday to Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Friday, with Thursday as the overnight. Before and After care is available for an additional cost from 8 a.m. to 5:10 p.m. each day.

## Frequently asked questions

### WHO FURNISHES THE TRANSPORTATION?

The camper's parents are responsible for providing transportation to and from Camp. We encourage car pools and use of the County Transit System. Also, in order to alleviate some of the congestion problems during drop-off and pick-up times, please ENTER at the Mt. McSauba road entrance and EXIT at Pleasant Road.

### WHAT CLOTHING SHOULD MY CHILD WEAR?

Dress your child(ren) in something that can get dirty. We suggest you dress them in layers. Long pants, shorts, T-shirts, tennis shoes, plus swim suit and a towel are necessary. Do not assume the weather will remain consistent throughout the day. Also, tennis shoes, water shoes, or sandals are required for the beach. PLEASE BE SURE ALL PROPERTIES ARE CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR CAMPER'S NAME! We will provide 45+ SPF sunscreen for each child. If you prefer to bring your own, please label it. Each camper will receive a Camp McSauba T-shirt on Wednesday!

### WHAT TYPE OF SACK LUNCH SHOULD MY CAMPER BRING?

Please pack a regular school lunch for your camper(s), but due to many of our campers having a peanut allergy, we ask that if you send anything in your camper's lunch that has peanuts in it (peanut butter, cookies, trail mix, etc) that you let your child's counselor know. We have refrigeration space available. Please refrain from sending items that need to be heated. **All lunches should be labeled with the camper's name.** Campers should bring their own beverage or water bottle. Please do not send excessive sweet treats with your child.

### HOW DO I REGISTER FOR MORE SESSIONS?

If you decide later in the summer that you want your child(ren) to attend more sessions at Camp McSauba, you DO NOT have to fill out another application. Simply go to City Hall and pay for the other session(s) you want your child(ren) to participate in.

### OVERNIGHT/AWARDS

Thursday is the camp sleepover. If your camper is not planning to stay overnight, please let their counselor know what time you will be picking them up. If your child does not stay overnight, they are welcome to come back to camp at 9 a.m. for our delicious and famous pancakes and receive their awards at the ceremony. Thursday night activities are dinner and dessert at the campfire, games and activities from 6-8 p.m. (feel free to stop by and visit your camper at this time), then Campfire activities for the younger groups and the older groups can leave to swim at the Charlevoix Community Pool. At 9 p.m. is a bedtime snack, then some stories, songs and jokes at the campfire and lights out around 10 p.m..

The awards ceremony will begin promptly at 11 a.m. on Friday morning. Parents and friends are invited and encouraged to come. All campers will be receiving at least one award. Parents not able to attend the ceremony should plan to pick-up their camper by 11:30 a.m.



Thursday Night Campfire-  
singing songs, telling jokes and roasting marshmallows



Madeline Hanchin receives her "Dancing Queen"  
award from Camp Director Leslie Hoffman

## 2010 SESSION(S): 9 One-week sessions

Session I : June 14- June 18

Session II : June 21- June 25

Session III : June 28- July 2

Session IV : July 5- July 9"

Session V : July 12- July 16

No Camp: July 19-23 Charlevoix Venetian Festival

Session VI : July 26- July 30

Session VII : August 2- August 6

Session VIII : August 9- August 13

Session IX: August 16- August 20

## Typical Day at Camp:

9:00 a.m. Large group game

9:30 a.m. BB Gun, Archery, Crafts

11:00 a.m. Games and Lunch, get ready for beach

12:30 p.m. Lake Michigan Beach, Sand Castle contest

2:45 p.m. Pack up and walk back to Camp

3:15 p.m. Dismissal and After Care begins

## **Directions to Camp**

From US-31 (north of the drawbridge), turn south on Burns Street. Burns Street will turn into McSauba Road. Follow McSauba Road to the camp entrance on the left just before Pleasant Street.

## **Employment Opportunities**

The camp typically employs 6 full-time, seasonal Camp Counselors and a part-time seasonal Day Care Assistant. If you would like to be considered for these positions, please watch the City of Charlevoix website in early Spring for job announcements.

## **Scholarship Opportunities**

A limited number of scholarships are available to allow area children the opportunity to attend camp despite financial hardship. Camp cost for 2009 was \$85 per week with Before and After Care an additional \$30 per week.

The City of Charlevoix and Camp McSauba Staff would like to thank the Charlevoix County Community Foundation along with the Rainbow Shoppe, Inc., American Legion Auxiliary, Captain's Corners, LLC, the Charlevoix Elk's Lodge and the individual donors who have provided area children with this wonderful scholarship opportunity to attend camp for the 2009 season.

If you would like to register for camp, inquire about scholarship eligibility or make a tax-deductible donation, please contact the Charlevoix Recreation Department at 231.547.3253 or email [ikeb@cityofcharlevoix.org](mailto:ikeb@cityofcharlevoix.org)

Thanks for checking out our website. Hope to see you at camp soon!