



WEST MICHIGAN ACADEMY  
OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

# SUMMER CAMPS

Camps run from 9:00 AM to noon, with registration and a light breakfast at 8:45 AM.  
Optional lunch follows at noon.

## ELEMENTARY SUMMER CAMPS:

### **July 15-17 - Basic Survival Camp** (Entering 5th-7th grade) - \$75

- Campers will dive into the art of survival, discovering how to harness the natural ecosystem to craft essential tools. They'll master fire-starting techniques using flint, steel, and ferro rods, as well as design and construct sturdy shelters. Navigation skills will be honed through map and compass training, and campers will even craft and practice throwing spears made from locally sourced materials. But the ultimate test? The mysterious water challenge! What could it be? You'll have to wait and see!

### **July 22-24 - Nature Art Camp** (Entering 2nd-4th grade) - \$75

We will use the 62 acre campus to create art from nature. A few exciting art projects to expect:

- Make a nature paint brush! We will paint the prairie using water colors and pond water
- Collect natural materials and create a nature picture frame. You could put your water color in your nature frame
- Harvest and use plants to make natural dyes and dye a bandana with nature's colors
- Use recycled materials and nature to make a journal
- We will gather flowers on the first day and press them for our final project-nature candles

## MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAMS:

### **June 23-28 - Deep Dive Summer Camp** (Entering 8th-12th grade) - \$350

- Embark on an unforgettable adventure with our exclusive summer camp experience designed for 8th to 12th-grade students! Immerse yourself in a unique blend of history, science, and outdoor exploration. On the first day, delve into the past at the Pigeon River Country Discovery Center, and uncover the mysteries of geological wonders like the sinkhole lakes connecting the Pigeon River Country State Forest to Lake Huron. The second day is a hands-on experience with a DNR wildlife biologist, studying forest management and the PRCSF Elk herd. Participate in a habitat management service project and explore the many trails of the PRCSF. The third and fourth days are spent at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center, exploring the nationally protected shipwrecks along the shores of Lake Huron and building marine ROVs. The grand finale awaits on the fifth and sixth days, as you paddle along the scenic Au Sable River, starting at Alcona Dam and ending at Thompsons Landing. Don't miss out on this unparalleled summer camp experience! Tailored for adventurous students, this 6-day extravaganza promises an unforgettable experience under the stars. Campers will spend all five nights camping, fully equipped with top-notch gear provided, leaving students responsible only for their clothing and personal items. Elevate your summer with thrilling outdoor escapades and create memories that last a lifetime!

### **August 11-15 - Backpacking the Manistee** (Entering 8th-12th grade) - \$200

- Join us for an unforgettable 5-day, 4-night backpacking adventure along the Manistee River Trail, designed for students entering 8th-12th grade! Trek through scenic forests, waterfalls, and suspension bridges, building self-reliance, teamwork, and outdoor skills while camping under the stars. No experience needed—we provide the gear and guidance! Students are only responsible for providing their clothing and personal items. If you're ready to challenge yourself, explore Michigan's wilderness, and bond with fellow adventurers, this is your chance. No transportation to or from the Red Bridge River access will be provided. There will be a short orientation at WMAES the week before camp and parents are encouraged to organize a carpool plan.