

ST FRANCIS CAMP ON THE LAKE
10120 Murrey Road
Jerome, MI 49249

Welcome All!!!

St. Francis Camp provides a personalized summer camp experience for Cognitively Impaired children and adults. Careful consideration is given to placement of each camper with the most suitable groups and activities. Age appropriateness is strongly upheld for all our campers throughout the week. Individualized attention will be used in all special medical and dietary needs.

St. Francis Camp's 36 acre site includes rustic woods, developed nature trails, and 19 acres of beautiful waterfront on the shores of Goose Lake. Campers are housed in 2 old-fashioned cedar lodges, fully equipped with modern bathrooms, kitchen, and living facilities.

An enthusiastic core staff of Director, Nurse, Water-front and Recreational Specialists, Cook, and counselors serve St. Francis Camp throughout the summer. These staff includes college graduates and students in the fields of Recreation, Social Work, Special Education, and other related fields of interest and training with the cognitively impaired. Camp staff dedicates their summers to ensure the best care for all of St. Francis Camp's Special Campers.

The main objectives of camp are met through careful planning of sessions. By modifying activities to meet the campers' needs, skills, and ages, we hope to achieve overall success. Campers are encouraged to partake in a wide array of activities which include: Boating; Arts & Crafts; Fishing; Hiking; Sing-a-Longs; Aquatic Games; Dances; Campfires; Volleyball; Basketball; plus much, much more! Each activity is taught with the hands-on approach, allowing for a heightened awareness of all senses. This stimulation helps accelerate learning and makes it FUN!

St. Francis Camp maintains a 3 to 1 campers/staff ratio in most instances. If behavior indicates a need for 1:1 care, please contact the Camp Office for arrangements. An additional charge will be added for this service. Camp is limited in size, only 35 campers per session. This small group assures individual attention throughout each camper's stay. **Camp sessions run Sunday 3 pm through Friday 11 am. Adherence to these times for dropping campers off and picking campers up must be strictly observed to allow for maximum staff availability. Campers who are picked up after 11 am on Friday may be charged an additional fee for every half hour after 11 am per camper. Enforcement of late fees began with the 2009 Camp Season.**

The cost per camper per session varies based upon week attending. See Camp Dates/Fees for weeks available and costs for these weeks. Additionally, any costs for property damage due to malicious intent to destroy by any camper will be charged to the camper/camper's parents/guardian. There is a requirement for a 50% deposit to reserve a camp week. Any reservation not accompanied with a 50% deposit by May 15th will not guarantee your reservation. Any camp fees not paid in full by the end of the camp week may result in additional fees being assessed. **NEW FOR 2012 – all pages of the application and Camp Dates/Fees must be initialed at the bottom right. Failure to initial any page will result in the forms being returned.**

Parents, family and friends arriving early on Friday morning will have the opportunity for a discussion with staff concerning the accomplishments of their camper during the camp week. Visits outside of Friday morning are discouraged since they disrupt campers and daily activities. We suggest cheerful letters to keep in touch with campers during their stay.

Thank You!

St. Francis Camp Staff

Day camp is available. See back for details.

ATTENTION

St Francis Camp on the Lake is now offering Day Camp on a limited basis. Due to fuel costs, Day Camp is only available to those campers coming from Lenawee, Hillsdale and Jackson counties. Transportation to and from the camp is the responsibility of the campers' family/caregivers.

Day Camp hours are from 8am to 3pm Monday through Thursday. 2012 Day Camp available weeks are June 17 – 22 and June 24 – 29, 2012. Day Camp fee is \$250.00 for the week.

Day Campers will enjoy all of the activities and benefits that St Francis Camp has to offer during these hours of operation. Special arrangements will be made to offer swim time and/or boat rides to Day Campers.

Day Campers who will receive medications while at camp should follow the same procedure as overnight campers with medications being checked in on Monday morning.

Day Campers will receive breakfast, lunch and a snack during their stay.

Day Campers should carry back and forth with them a bag (backpacks work great) that contains:

- Briefs (if needed)
- Sun Block
- Bathing suit
- Jacket
- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Towel
- Change of clothing

Day Camp is not suitable for all campers and does not have the same social and self esteem benefits that overnight camp does. Day Camp is most suitable for young campers and first time campers.

If you have any questions call the Camp Office for details.