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# DAILY LIF

## **LIFE AT CAMP**

Experiencing Overnight Camp for the first time is just the beginning of a new adventure. The excitement of meeting your cabin mates, the anticipation of finding out where your counselors are from and the chance to pick your activities are just the start. Your cabin will become your family, your counselors your mentors, and the activities will blow your mind. Everyone at Hazen is here to make sure you have the best experience possible. Come with an open mind and we'll help awaken your spirit!



# E & PROGR

Camp Hazen believes in offering progressive programming for our campers, giving them something to look forward to as they return each summer. Campers participate in activities with children in their own age group and choose from activities that are geared towards their skill and developmental level. This allows them every opportunity to succeed as they grow, and has proven to keep campers challenged with new and fun options each year. Each camper takes classes in our four program areas and has one period a day with their cabin group participating in Quest.

## **DAILY SCHEDULE**

7:00 am Sunrise Club Reveille - time to wake up 7:30 am

8:00 am Flag Rising & Med Call

8:15 am Breakfast

Cabin Clean-Up 8:45 am

9:15 am Skill Class 1 & 2

11:45 pm Quick Dip

Lunch, Mail Delivery, Siesta 12:30 pm

Skill Class 3 & 4 2:30 pm

4:40 pm Beach Party (Recreation Time)

5:40 pm Harambe (Village Meeting)

6:00 pm Dinner

Flag & Evening Program 7:00 pm

Showers, Cabin Chat 8:30 pm

9:00 + pm

Flashlight time, then bed!

### **WATER SPORTS**

Sailing • Kayaking Windsurfina Canoeing • Paddle Boarding Water Trampoline • Water Mat Snorkeling Swim Lessons

(in two week sessions)

#### CREATIVE ARTS

Drama • Guitar Radio • Jewelry Arts & Crafts Candle Making

#### **LAND SPORTS**

Archery Skate Park Tennis • Soccer Basketball • Gaga Hockey • Volleyball Pillo Polo

#### **OUTDOOR PURSUITS**

Mountain Biking Alpine Tower **Outdoor Survival** Climbing Wall **Outdoor Cooking** 

Anything is possible in this Cabin based program, the group decides how to spend their time, including: Team Building High Ropes Giant Swing

Zip Line



# TRADITIONAL CAMP

# TWO WEEK SESSIONS ENTERING GRADES 3-10

#### THE CULTURE

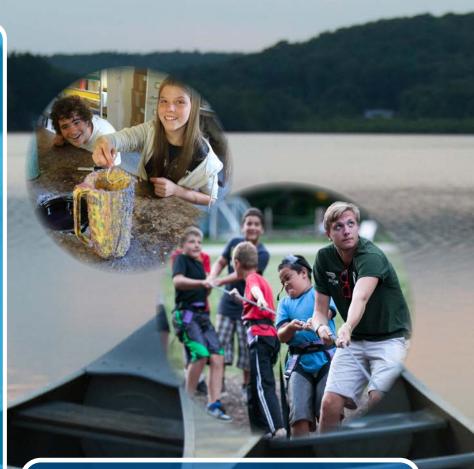
By developing a sense of belonging to our camp community, we help kids feel at home. In addition to the cabin group, one of the places this happens most is in our villages and village pride is at its best in a two week session. The dining hall comes alive with village cheers, as each cabin sits together in their own village section for every meal. Every day, each village has its own Harambe (Swahili: a coming together). It's a village meeting where announcements are made. accomplishments shared, and the village community grows. At the end of the session each village has its own closing ceremonies so each camper has the opportunity to spend one last night as part of their village.

#### **TRADITIONS**

We have many traditions at Camp Hazen YMCA, from our opening and closing campfires, daily flag ceremonies to our cabin overnights. Tradition is an important part of our two week program, especially when it comes to our mid-session All Camp Days:

Session A - The Hazen Series Session B - The Hazen Bowl Session C - The Olympics Session D - The World Cup

Each session the entire camp is split into teams and participate in friendly competition. Team loyalty is fierce; campers return to the same team each year. All Camp Days are a highlight for everyone.



## THE PROGRAM

For 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grade, our two week sessions are focused on skill development. Each camper will take 6 five-day skill classes, at least one of which will be in Water Sports and one in Outdoor Pursuits. Their personalized schedule will be completed based on their choices from the 'Program Preference Form'.

For 3rd-5th grade, classes are offered in bundles, similar to our 'Sampler Camp' program.

During each class, campers will be taught the basics and then given the opportunity to advance their skills through practice under the guidance of trained staff. In just five days, campers may develop an interest that will last a lifetime! A full program guide is sent out in the spring.

# SAMPLER CAMP



# ONE WEEK SESSIONS ENTERING GRADES 3-8 Session dependent

#### THE CULTURE

The cabin group is important in any camp experience, but in a one week session it is paramount. It is who you spend your time with; where friends are made. Building strong bonds in the cabin is our priority for our one week sessions to help first time campers get the best out of their time at Hazen.

#### **FIRST TIME CAMPERS**

We believe that it is so important to have a successful, fun experience the first time you are away from home. For us, this starts before you even arrive. We send all first time campers our 'Tinders' newsletter to help campers get excited, learn about cabin life, and meet the staff. To help parents feel at ease, there is a meeting on check in day with our Camp Director. A few days later, parents get a call from your child's Village Director to let you know how things are going. All of our Leadership Staff know who first time campers are, so they are able to ensure they are settling in and having the time of their lives.

## THE PROGRAM

Sampler Camp is so named because it gives kids a "sample" of what Hazen has to offer. In each program area, we have bundled together multiple activities. Campers can choose which bundle they would like. That means in each program area, such as Water Sports or Land Sports, they get to try a different activity each day. This is ideal for a first time camper so when they return for a two week session, they know which activities they want to specialize in.

"It was really fun,
everyone was so
nice, a really friendly
atmosphere. I loved trying
new things and bonding
with my cabin and I'm
excited to make more
memories next year."

Lily, first time camper

## THE PROGRAM

**ENTERING GRADES 1-7** 

#### THE GROUPS

Your child's group is the heart of their camp experience. It's who they will participate in activities with and where their friends will be made. Each group has their own counselor who leads them through the day's activities and ensures that each camper is getting the most out of their camp experience. Campers are grouped with children in a similar grade; younger campers have 7-9 in a group, older groups are slightly larger. In addition, we have program staff that help lead activities; our overall camper to staff ratio is 1 to 5.

#### THE ACTIVITIES

Every day is different, with countless activities in each of our four program areas: Creative Arts, Land Sports, Water Sports and Outdoor Pursuits. As campers get older, the program grows with them, offering more activities, greater skill development and more choice.

## THE DETAILS

**LUNCH** - Lunch is included in the camp fees. Meals are served in the dining hall and are skillfully prepared by our Food Service Director and staff.

**BEFORE & AFTER CARE** - Before and after care are available for a small fee. Before care is from 7:30am - 9:00am and breakfast is included if campers arrive by 8:00am. After care is offered from 4:00pm - 6:00pm.

**SNACK** - There is a time each afternoon where a healthy snack will be provided. In addition, there is a fruit bowl in the dining hall throughout the day.

**SWIM LESSONS** - All campers have a swim evaluation on the first day of camp. Swim lessons are provided on a daily basis for all Day Campers. We believe that due to the many activities that involve the lake, swim lessons are imperative for a child's safety.

**FAMILY NIGHTS** - The second Wednesday of each two-week session is Family Night. Join us for a hot dog roast and an evening of songs and skits.

