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May 30, 2024

Rebecca Getter
United in Christ Ministries
520 Diamond Ave
Grand Rapids, MI 46503

RE: Application #: CR640418245
Diamonds in the Rough
8401 W. Thomas Pike
Shelby, MI 49455

Dear Rebecca Getter

Attached is the Original Licensing Study Report for the above referenced facility. The study has determined substantial compliance with applicable licensing statutes and administrative rules. Therefore, original PROGRAM license has been issued.

Please review the enclosed documentation for accuracy and contact me with any questions. In the event that I am not available, and you need to speak to someone immediately, please contact the Grand Rapids licensing unit at (616) 356-0100.

Sincerely,

James VandenHeuvel

James Vanden Heuvel
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Grand Rapids, MI 49503
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CAMP ORIGINAL LICENSING STUDY REPORT

Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

PROGRAM License Number	PROGRAM (Camp) Name		Application Date		
CR640418245	Diamonds in the Rough		2/5/24		
PROGRAM Phone Number	**PROGRAM Applicant Address**		**City**	**State**	**Zip**
616-334-1635	520 Diamond Ave		Grand Rapids	MI	49503
SITE License Number	**SITE Name**	**Camp SITE Address**	**City**		**Zip**
SR640200194	Ao Wa Ki Ya	8401 W. Thomas	Shelby		49455
Camp SITE Telephone	**Applicant/Licensee Designee Name**		**E-Mail**		
231-861-2466	Rebecca Getter		rebeccagetter@gmail.com		
Is the PROGRAM applicant the same as SITE Applicant/Licensee? ☐ Yes ☒ No			Terms: Gender: Both From Age: 7		Capacity: 125 To Age: 15
PROGRAM Type ☐ Day ☒ Residential ☐ Troop ☐ Travel ☐ Adult Camp			**Camp SITE Type** ☐ Day Site ☒ Residential Site		

METHODOLOGY

02/05/2024	Enrollment
02/14/2024	Contact Document-Sent
05/20/2024	Contact Document-Received
05/20/2024	Contact Document-Sent
5/20/2024	Inspection Completed- BCAL Full Compliance
5/20/2024	Recommend License Issuance

DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS

A. SITE DESCRIPTION

Outdoor	☒ Acreage:	☒ Water Supply: Private	☒ Sewage: Private Sewer	Bodies of Water: ☒ Lake(s) ☐ Pond(s) ☐ River(s) ☐ Pool(s)		☐ Other:	
Indoor	Sleeping ☐ Dormitory ☒ Cabins ☐ Tents ☐ None	Dining ☒ Dining Hall ☐ Outdoor	Health Area ☒ Center ☐ Office ☐ Isolation	Activity Area(s) ☒ Classrooms ☒ Craft Rooms ☒ Gym ☒ Multipurpose ☐ Indoor pool(s)	Bathroom(s) ☒ Indoor ☐ Portable ☐ Accessible	Fire Safety: QFI approved	Env. Health: EHI approved
High Adventure	Aquatics ☒ Swimming ☐ Sailing ☒ Canoe/kayak ☒ Waterskiing ☒ Tubing ☐ Waterslide	Target ☒ Archery ☒ Riflery ☐ Other:	Trail Sport ☐ Biking ☐ Horseback ☐ Go Carts ☐ Other:	Adventure ☐ Low Obstacle ☒ High Ropes ☐ Rappelling ☒ Climbing ☒ Zipline ☐ Gymnastics	Travel ☐ Day Trips ☐ Overnight Off-site	Other: ☐ ☐ Winter Sports: ☐ ☐	

Findings: The program operates at camp Ao Wa Ki Ya (SR640200194) The facility is a licensed camp site on the shores of Stoney Lake. The indoor facilities include a dining hall, health center, cabins, craft buildings, and a multi-purpose activity center. The outdoor facilities include high adventure course, ziplines, climbing towers, target ranges, waterfront with swimming, inflatable activities, and watercraft. The facility is in compliance with applicable licensing rules.

B. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Operation	Days and Times of Operation: 9 day / 8 night session during the summer.

Staffing	Adult Staff to Camper Ratio: 1 adult to 10 campers
Training	Staff Training Content Covers: ☒ proper supervision ☒ program development for age groups ☒ behavior management ☒ child protection ☒ plans for emergencies, rain, and regular camp operations. Proposed Staff Training Hours (3 hours per week of service): ☒Yes ☐No

Findings: The youth camp operation includes program for children between the ages of 7 to 15 years old. The camp has a variety of faith based and traditional camp activities. The specialized high adventure activities will be operated by the trained staff at Camp Ao Wa Ki Ya. The other activities will be lead by the camp staff/volunteers from the ministry organization. The staff received training in the required content. The staff/volunteers provide supervision both during the day and night time periods. The camp program meets compliance with applicable licensing rules.

C. RULE/STATUTORY VIOLATIONS

The camp PROGRAM were found to be compliant with statute and administrative rules.

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend issuance of an original PROGRAM license to this residential children's camp.

James Vanden Heuvel	James Vanden Heuvel	5/20/2024
Consultant's Signature	Printed Name/Licensing Consultant	Date
Monica Sturdivant	Monica Sturdivant	5/24/2024
Approved By:	Printed Name/ Manager	Date

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