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Heather Walczewski
YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids
475 Lake Michigan Drive
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

RE: Application #: CD410419411 and SD410419410
SpartanNash YMCA Day Camp
5722 Metro Way
Wyoming, MI 49519

Dear Heather Walczewski

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 SITE and PROGRAM licenses have been issued.

Please review the enclosed documentation for accuracy and contact me with any questions. If I am not available, and you need to speak to someone immediately, please contact the licensing unit at 517-284-9730.

Sincerely,

James Vanden Heuvel

James Vanden Heuvel, Lead Camp Consultant
Camp Licensing Unit
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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		
CD410419411	SpartanNash YMCA Day Camp		3/31/2025		
PROGRAM Phone Number	**PROGRAM Applicant Address**		**City**	**State**	**Zip**
616-855-5500	YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids, 475 Lake Michigan Dr.		Grand Rapids	MI	49503
SITE License Number	**SITE Name**	**Camp SITE Address**	**City**	**State**	**Zip**
SD410419410	SpartanNash YMCA	5722 Metro Way	Wyoming	MI	49519
Camp SITE Telephone	**Applicant/Licensee Designee Name**		**E-Mail**		
616-855-5500	Heather Walczewski		mecentala@grymca.org		

Is the PROGRAM applicant the same as SITE Applicant/Licensee?
☒ Yes ☐ No

Terms: Gender: Both From Age: 5 To Age: 14 Capacity: 100

PROGRAM Type
☒ Day ☐ Residential ☐ Troop ☐ Travel

SITE Type
☒ New Day Site ☐ New Residential Site
☐ Existing Day Site ☐ Existing Residential Site

METHODOLOGY

03/31/2025	Enrollment
05/20/2025	Inspection Completed - Onsite
05/23/2025	Contact-Document Received-policies/procedures/documents
06/05/2025	Contact-Document Sent-Written Policy Review-Accepted
06/09/2025	Contact-Document Received-1326/RI030 for Director
06/23/2025	Inspection Complete-Full Compliance
06/23/2025	Recommend License Issuance

DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS

A. SITE DESCRIPTION

Outdoor
- ☒ Acreage: 2
- ☒ Water Supply: Public
- ☒ Sewage: Public
- Bodies of Water: ☐ Lake(s) ☐ Pond(s) ☐ River(s) ☐ Pool(s)
- ☒ Other: YMCA Branch

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 N/A
- Env. Health: EHI: N/A

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: This day campsite is the SpartanNash YMCA Branch facility, located at 5722 Metro Way SW, in Wyoming, Kent County, Michigan. The indoor facility also includes a child care center area that is off-limits to the children's camp. The indoor facilities include multiple gyms, available classroom spaces, an indoor swimming pool, family locker rooms with accessible bathrooms, and multiple accommodating activity rooms. The outdoor environment primarily is green space converted to activity fields for day camp programming with tents for shade and an available splash pad. The nearest hospital is UM Health-West Hospital (Metro Health), at 5900 Byron Center Ave. SW, about a 3–4-minute drive away. This day campsite meets applicable camp licensing rules.

B. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Operation Schedule Period (days,times,season)	Summer Only, weekly sessions, 12 weeks

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

Findings: This day campsite offers seasonal camps designed for children who have completed young-fives or kindergarten, the Summer Day Camp engages campers in weekly themed experiences—such as “Messy Mad Science,” “Secret Agent Spies,” and “Water Wonderland”—that promote creativity, curiosity, and personal development through arts & crafts, sports, STEAM activities, character building, team challenges, and field trips. The mission of these programs aligns with the YMCA’s core goals: youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. Throughout each camp day, children participate in various activities—fine arts, reading, science, sports, and character development—enhancing their sense of belonging and accomplishment. The camp has policies, procedures, and training that meets applicable camp licensing rules.

C. RULE/STATUTORY VIOLATIONS

The camp PROGRAM and SITE were found to be in substantial compliance with statute and administrative SELECT

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend issuance of an original SITE and PROGRAM licenses to this day children's camp.

James Vanden Heuvel	James Vanden Heuvel	6/23/2025
Consultant’s Signature	Printed Name/Licensing Consultant	Date
D.S. Ramsey	Deondra S. Ramsey	6/23/2025
Approved By:	Printed Name/ Manager	Date

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