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Danielle Simandl
Superior String Alliance
112 W. Washington St. Suite H
Marquette, MI 49855

RE: Application #: CR360419504
Superior String Alliance Summer Music Camp
138 Fortune Lake Camp Rd.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Dear Danielle Simandl

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 licensing unit at 517-284-9730.

Sincerely,

James VandenHeuvel

James Vanden Heuvel, Lead Camp Consultant
Camp Licensing Unit
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Lansing, MI 48933
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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		
CR360419504	Superior String Alliance Summer Music Camp		5/1/2025		
PROGRAM Phone Number	**PROGRAM Applicant Address**		**City**	**State**	**Zip**
225-244-9059	112 W. Washington St., Suite H		Marquette	MI	49855
SITE License Number	**SITE Name**	**Camp SITE Address**	**City**	**State**	**Zip**
SR360200084	Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp	138 Fortune Lake Camp	Crystal Falls	MI	49920
Camp SITE Telephone	**Applicant/Licensee Designee Name**		**E-Mail**		
906-214-2267	Danielle Simandl		admin@superiorstringalliance.org		

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

Terms: Gender: Both Capacity: 56
From Age: 10 To Age: 18

PROGRAM Type
☐ Day ☒ Residential ☐ Troop ☐ Travel

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

METHODOLOGY

05/01/2025	Enrollment
05/08/2025	Application Complete/Onsite Needed
08/05/2025	Inspection Completed Onsite
08/05/2025	Inspection in Full Compliance
01/06/2026	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: This residential children's camp is operating a one week program at licensed campsite named Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp (SR360200084). The children's campsite includes lodges and cabins for sleeping campers, dining facilities, multipurpose indoor assembly areas, bathrooms, outdoor activity areas such as waterfront, sport fields, athletic courts, and play structures. The campsite is suitable for hosting this residential children's camp.

B. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Operation Schedule Period (days, times, season)	1 week summer program
Staffing (Adult Staff to Camper Ratio)	1 adult to 10 campers.

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: Superior String Alliance Summer Music Camp is a specialized music education program designed for young string players, offering immersive instruction and performance opportunities for students of violin, viola, cello, and bass. Operated by the nonprofit Superior String Alliance, the camp's mission is to foster musical growth, artistic expression, and community among participants through a supportive and inspiring environment. The program includes a schedule of ensemble rehearsals, chamber groups, private lessons, improvisation workshops, and orchestra performances, culminating in a final camper concert that celebrates artistic achievement. Alongside intensive musical study, campers engage in traditional summer camp activities such as swimming, field games, bonfires, writing cabin songs, and social events that build camaraderie and fun. The Superior String Alliance trains all staff members in applicable policies and procedures to ensure a safe, structured, and developmentally appropriate camp experience consistent with licensing expectations and best practices. This residential children's camp meets applicable administrative rules.

C. RULE/STATUTORY VIOLATIONS

The camp PROGRAM were found to be in substantial compliance 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	1/6/2026
Consultant's Signature	Printed Name/Licensing Consultant	Date
D. S. Ramsey	Deondra S. Ramsey	1/6/2026
Approved By:	Printed Name/ Manager	Date

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