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Tracy Heilman
Tower Hill Camp Association
12173 Tower Hill Road
Sawyer, MI 49125

RE: Application #: SR110420418
Tower Hill Camp and Retreat Center
12173 Tower Hill Road
Sawyer, MI 49125

Dear Tracy Heilman,

Attached is the Original Licensing Study Report for the above-mentioned facility. The study has determined substantial compliance with applicable licensing statutes and administrative rules. Therefore, original children's residential campsite 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 833-665-8116.

Sincerely,

Camp Licensing Unit
105 W. Allegan St. 2nd Floor
Lansing, MI 48933
MiLEAP-Camps@Michigan.gov

CAMP ORIGINAL LICENSING STUDY REPORT

Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

PROGRAM License Number	PROGRAM (Camp) Name		Application Date		
			3/15/2026		
PROGRAM Phone Number	PROGRAM Applicant Address		City	State	Zip
SITE License Number	SITE Name	Camp SITE Address	City	State	Zip
SR110420418	Tower Hill Camp and Retreat Center	12173 Tower Hill Road	Sawyer	MI	49125
Camp SITE Telephone	Applicant/Licensee Designee Name		E-Mail		
(269) 426-3881	Tracy Heilman		tracyheilman@towerhillcamp.org		

PROGRAM Type	SITE Type	Licensee
Not Applicable	New Residential Campsite	Campsite Only

METHODOLOGY

3/15/2026	Enrollment
3/15/2026	PSOR on Address Completed
6/24/2026	Policies/Procedures Approved
4/24/2026	Pre-operational Onsite Completed (as applicable)

DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS

A. SITE DESCRIPTION

OUTDOOR	INDOOR	HIGH ADVENTURE
Acreage: 60 Water Supply: Private System Sewage: Private Sewer System Bodies of Water:Lake(s) Closest Hospital: SELECT Other:	Sleeping: Variety of Facilities Dining:Dining Hall Health Area:Office Bathrooms: Indoor QFI: Approved EHI:Approved	High Adventure Activities Offered: Swimming, archery and low obstacle course

Findings: Tower Hill Camp is a year-round Christian camp and retreat center located in Sawyer, MI within Berrien County. The facility includes 60 acres of forested terrain, hills, trails, open green space and beachfront on Lake Michigan. The site features a lodge with multi-purpose areas, cabins, dining hall, indoor bathrooms, and large cover pavilion. The closest medical facility is Corewell Health Lakeland Hospital located in St Joseph, MI. The facility is conducive to hosting children's day or residential camps.

B. RULE/STATUTORY VIOLATIONS

The children's residential campsite were found to be in substantial compliance with statute and administrative rules.

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend issuance of original residential campsite license.

Approval:	Signature	Printed Name	Date
Consultant:	Jarrah Buch-Price	Jarrah Buch-Price	6/25/2026
Manager:	D. S. Ramsey	Deondra S. Ramsey	06/29/2026

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