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6/13/2023

Brett Linsley
Binder Park Zoo
7400 Division Drive
Battle Creek, MI 49014

RE: Application #: CD130416437 and SD130416442
Binder Park Zoo Summer Day Camp
7400 Division Drive
Battle Creek, MI 49014

Dear Mr. Linsley

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. 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,

Jarrah Buch-Price

Jarrah Buch-Price
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CAMP ORIGINAL LICENSING STUDY REPORT
Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

PROGRAM License Number	PROGRAM (Camp) Name		Application Date		
CD130416437	Binder Park Zoo Summer Day Camp		05/02/2023		
PROGRAM Phone Number	PROGRAM Applicant Address		City	State	Zip
(269) 979-1351			Battle Creek	MI	49014
SITE License Number	SITE Name	Camp SITE Address	City		Zip
SD130416442	Binder Park Zoo		Battle Creek		49014
Camp SITE Telephone	Applicant/Licensee Designee Name		E-Mail		
(269) 979-1351	Brett Linsley		blinsley@binderparkzoo.org		

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

Terms: Gender: Both From Age: 5 To Age: 12 Capacity: 50

PROGRAM Type
☒ Day ☐ Residential ☐ Troop ☐ Travel ☐ Adult Camp

Camp SITE Type
☒ Day Site ☐ Residential Site

METHODOLOGY

05/02/2023	Enrollment
05/10/2023	Application Incomplete Letter Sent - Request for comprehensive background clearance for Camp Director.
05/12/2023	Contact - Document Received - Comprehensive background clearance received.
05/25/2023	Inspection Completed On-site
05/30/2023	Contact - Document Received - Policies and procedures received
06/06/2023	Contact - Document Sent - Written policy review sent with technical assistance provided
06/13/2023	Contact - Document Sent - Written policy review sent, policies approved
06/13/2023	Inspection Completed - BCAL Full Compliance

DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS

A. SITE DESCRIPTION

Outdoor	☒ Acreage: 430 acres	☒ Water Supply: Public	☒ Sewage: Public	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 N/A	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 day camp is held at Binder Park Zoo in the city of Battle Creek within Calhoun County. The site includes 430-acre public zoo with access to indoor classroom space, multipurpose room, health office area and bathrooms. The camp utilizes the outdoor spaces including two covered pavillions dedicated as camper space, hiking trails, shaded open space with trees, picnic tables, and grassy areas. The zoo has many animals and natural areas for observation and study.

B. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Operation	Days and Times of Operation: The camp operates five days a week from 9:00am-4:00pm duirng the months of June through August.
Staffing	Adult Staff to Camper Ratio: The adult to camper ratio outlined in policy meets the requirements in administrative rules.

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 camp program policies, operating procedures, and camper forms were reviewed and approved. The camp program includes activities to be outside at least 51% of the time. Activities include conservation education, arts and crafts, STEM activities, group games, hiking, and nature ecology.

C. RULE/STATUTORY VIOLATIONS

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

Jarrah Buch-Price	Jarrah Buch-Price	6/13/2023
Consultant's Signature	Printed Name/Licensing Consultant	Date
Russell Misiak	Russell Misiak	6/13/2013
Approved By:	Printed Name/Area Manager	Date

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