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July 10, 2024

Nicole Ferguson
For-Mar Nature Day Camp
601 N. Saginaw Street, Suite 1B
Flint, MI 48502

RE: Application #: CD250418059 and SD250418061
For-Mar Nature Day Camp
5360 Potter Road
Burton, MI 48509

Dear Nicole Ferguson

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,

James VanderHeide

[CONSULTANT NAME]
Camp Licensing Unit
Unit 13, 7th Floor
350 Ottawa, N.W.
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
[PHONE NUMBER]

CAMP ORIGINAL LICENSING STUDY REPORT

Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

PROGRAM License Number	PROGRAM (Camp) Name		Application Date		
CD250418059	For-Mar Nature Day Camp		11/13/23		
PROGRAM Phone Number	**PROGRAM Applicant Address**		**City**	**State**	**Zip**
810-235-5613	601 N. Saginaw St.		Flint	MI	48502
SITE License Number	**SITE Name**	**Camp SITE Address**	**City**	**State**	**Zip**
SD250418061	For-Mar Nature Day Camp	5360 Potter Road	Burton	MI	48509
Camp SITE Telephone	**Applicant/Licensee Designee Name**		**E-Mail**		
810-789-8567	Nicole Ferguson		nferguson@gcparks.org		

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

Terms: Gender: Both From Age: 4 To Age: 17 Capacity: 40

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

Camp SITE Type
☒ Day Site ☐ Residential Site

METHODOLOGY

11/13/2023	Enrollment
12/20/2023	Onsite Inspection Completed
12/26/2023	PSOR Check Completed on facility address
06/20/2024	Contact Document Received- policies/procedures
06/24/2024	Contact Document-Sent- Written Policy Review requesting updates
06/26/2024	Contact Document Received- updated policies/procedures
06/29/2024	Inspection Complete-Full Compliance

DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS

A. SITE DESCRIPTION

Outdoor	☒ Acreage: 383	☒ Water Supply: Public	☒ Sewage: Public	Bodies of Water: ☐ Lake(s) ☐ River(s) ☒ Pond(s) ☐ Pool(s)		☒ Other: Public park	
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: Atlati	Trail Sport ☐ Biking ☐ Horseback ☐ Go Carts ☐ Other:	Adventure ☐ Low Obstacle ☐ High Ropes ☐ Rappelling ☐ Climbing ☐ Zipline ☐ Gymnastics	Travel ☒ Day Trips ☐ Overnight Off-site	Other: ☒ outdoor cooking ☐ Winter Sports: ☐ ☐	

Findings: The day campsite is For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum. The day campsite is located at the DeWaters Educational Center and includes multipurpose room, bathrooms, and office area. The outdoor environment includes a spacious 383 acre public park nature preserve including hiking trails, fields, woodlands, nature center, barrier free tree house, butterfly house, and apiary. The day campsite is suitable to host day camps and meets applicable licensing rules.

B. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Operation	Days and Times of Operation: The day camp program is 6 weeks of summer sessions with half day and full day based on age group.
Staffing	Adult Staff to Camper Ratio: 1 adult to 10 campers maximum
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 is a nature based outdoor day camp operating half-day and full-day programs for campers. The tehematic summer day camp provides campers with fun nature-based team building activities, exploration of For-Mar trails, animal studies, field trips, high adventure activities i.e. kayaking, archery/atlali, and outdoor cooking. The camp staff are trained in camp operations, proper supervision and behavior management, child protection, and emergency procedures. The day camp program meets applicable licensing rules.

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.

James Vanden Heuvel	James Vanden Heuvel	7/9/2024
Consultant's Signature	Printed Name/Licensing Consultant	Date
Richard Lower	Richard Lower	7/10/2024
Approved By:	Printed Name/ Manager	Date

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