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May 30, 2025

Ashley Lindstrom
Whistle Stop Summer Camp
14741 Thompson Avenue
Thompsonville, MI 49683

RE: Application #: CD100419377 & SD100419376
Whistle Stop Summer Camp
14741 Thompson Avenue
Thompsonville, MI 49683

Dear Ashley:

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 licensing unit at 517-284-9730.

Sincerely,

David R. Martin
Camp Licensing Unit
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Lansing, MI 48933
(989) 370-9334

CAMP ORIGINAL LICENSING STUDY REPORT

Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

PROGRAM License Number	PROGRAM (Camp) Name		Application Date		
CD100419377	Whistle Stop Summer Camp		03/18/2025		
PROGRAM Phone Number	**PROGRAM Applicant Address**		**City**	**State**	**Zip**
231.383.0965	14595 Thompson Avenue		Thompsonville	MI	49683
SITE License Number	**SITE Name**	**Camp SITE Address**	**City**	**State**	**Zip**
SD100419376	Fresh Winds Christian Community	14595 Thompson Avenue	Thompsonville	MI	49683
Camp SITE Telephone	**Applicant/Licensee Designee Name**		**E-Mail**		
231.378.2006	Ashley Lindstrom		ashley@whistlestoplearningcenter.com		

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

Terms: Gender: Both Capacity: 20
From Age: 4 To Age: 13

PROGRAM Type
☒ Day ☐ Residential ☐ Troop ☐ Travel

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

METHODOLOGY

03/18/2025	Enrollment
03/31/2025	File Transferred to Field Office
04/14/2025	Field Incomplete Letter Sent
05/06/2025	Received Policies for Review
05/19/2025	Written Policies Approved
05/20/2025	Inspection Completed On-site
05/21/2025	Recommend License Issuance

DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS

A. SITE DESCRIPTION

Outdoor
- ☒ Acreage: 45,000 square feet
- ☒ 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: ☒ Use of City Park one block away is included in square footage available ☐
- Winter Sports: ☐ ☐

Findings: The day campsite is an 864 square foot church building classroom/meeting room with indoor facility use of a bathroom, mini-kitchen, and a basement for weather emergencies. The building includes approximately 4,000 square feet of outdoor space for camp use as well. A mixed gender outdoor porta potty will be utilized to meet minimum bathroom needs. A 41,000 square foot city park is one block from the campsite with playground equipment, open grass fields, a rain shelter, and picnic tables with full approval for its use. The facility is conducive to host a day camp program.

B. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Operation Schedule Period (days,times,season)	Daily from June 16, 2025 through August 21, 2025. Camp begins with drop off at 7:00 AM and concludes at 5:30 PM. The actual camp program day is from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.
Staffing (Adult Staff to Camper Ratio)	1:10

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

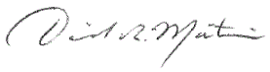
Findings: The camp provides care and supervision for children ages 4-13 during the hours of 7:00 AM and 5:30 PM, five days per week (Monday through Friday), June through August. The camp emphasizes teamwork, fun, creativity, and exploration through a hands-on experience. The camp has weekly themes that emphasize a variety of areas including group games, arts and crafts, sports, and animals. Campers are involved in arts and crafts, running games, hikes, nature study, field games, and use of playground equipment. The camp will take field trips every Tuesday to selected destinations. The staff to camper ratio meets camp licensing standards. The staff are trained in proper supervision, behavior management, child protection, and program development for age groups. Plans for emergencies, rain, and regular camp program operation meet camp licensing rule compliance.

C. RULE/STATUTORY VIOLATIONS

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

	David R. Martin	5/30/2025
Consultant's Signature	Printed Name/Licensing Consultant	Date
	Deondra S. Ramsey	5/30/2025
Approved By:	OST Grants & Camp Licensing Manager	Date

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