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June 18, 2025

Anna Gundersen
Crohn's & Colitis Foundation, Inc.
733 Third Avenue, Suite 510
New York, NY 10017

RE: Application #: CR250419023
Crohn's & Colitis Foundation Camp Oasis
10407 Fenton Road
Fenton, MI 48430

Dear Anna:

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. If I am not available, and you need to speak to someone immediately, please contact the licensing unit at 517-284-9730.

Sincerely,

James Vanden Heuvel

James Vanden Heuvel, Lead Camp Consultant
Camp Licensing Unit
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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		
CR250419023	Crohn's & Colitis Foundation Camp Oasis		12/04/2024		
PROGRAM Phone Number	**PROGRAM Applicant Address**		**City**	**State**	**Zip**
(929) 746-0158	733 Third Avenue, Suite 510		New York	NY	10017
SITE License Number	**SITE Name**	**Camp SITE Address**	**City**	**State**	**Zip**
SR250200060	YMCA Camp Copneconic	10407 N. Fenton Road	Fenton	MI	48430
Camp SITE Telephone	**Applicant/Licensee Designee Name**		**E-Mail**		
(810) 629-9622	Anna Gundersen		agundersen@crohnscolitisfoundation.org		

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

Terms: Gender: Both From Age: 7 To Age: 18 Capacity: 140

PROGRAM Type
☐ Day ☒ Residential ☐ Troop ☐ Travel

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

METHODOLOGY

12/04/2024	Enrollmenmt
12/04/2024	File Transferred to Field Office
12/05/2024	Written Policies Received for Review
07/22/2024	Inspection Completed On-site
04/22/2025	Written Policies Approved
04/22/2025	Recommend for License Issuance
04/29/2025	PSOR Completed on Address with No Findings

DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS

A. SITE DESCRIPTION

Outdoor
☒ Acreage: 690
☒ 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 children's camp is hosted at a licensed campsite, YMCA Camp Copneconic. The campsite is located on 690 plus wooded acres along Lake Copneconic in Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan. The campus features a mix of rustic and modern cabins—some with private bathrooms—clustered around a central main lodge and dining hall, plus a dedicated health & wellness center. The high-adventure facilities include a 55-ft climbing tower, a giant swing, high- and low-ropes courses, and three zip lines spanning a ravine. The outdoor trails wind through the forest areas, leading to campsites for shelter-building, fire-building, pond studies, and orienteering. The waterfront amenities include a swimming beach, an aqua-toy course, canoeing, sailing, paddleboarding, and fishing. In case of emergencies, Camp Copneconic has priority access to Hurley Children's Hospital in Flint, which is just under 12 miles away. This campsite is suitable to host this 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 maximum.
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: Camp Oasis is the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation's residential summer camp program designed for children and teens living with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. It's mission is to enrich young people's lives through a safe, supportive environment where they can make friends, learn to manage their illness, and build self-confidence. The camp operator partners with host venues to provide recreational and educational activities—everything from zip-lining and team games to arts and crafts—alongside structured health education tailored to living with inflammatory bowel disease.

Safety and wellness are prioritized: the camp features a 24-hour onsite health center staffed by physicians, nurses, mental-health professionals, and dietitians experienced in IBD care. The camp operator ensures all staff are trained through detailed volunteer manuals and formal training sessions that cover policies and procedures. This children's camp meets applicable camp licensing 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	6/17/2025
Consultant's Signature	Printed Name/Licensing Consultant	Date
D.S. Ramsey	Deondra S. Ramsey	6/17/2025
Approved By:	Printed Name/ Manager	Date

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Commented [JV1]: @Ramsey, Deondra (MiLEAP) please review and sign

Commented [DR2R2]: signed