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Emily Grant
DNR Outdoor Adventure Center
1801 Atwater Street
Detroit, MI 48207

RE: Application #: CD820419522 and SD820419523
Camp Explore at the OAC
1801 Atwater Street
Detroit, MI 48207

Dear Emily Grant

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 day camp and 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		
CD820419522	Camp Explore at the OAC		5/1/2025		
PROGRAM Phone Number	**PROGRAM Applicant Address**		**City**	**State**	**Zip**
313-396-6886	1801 Atwater Street		Detroit	MI	48207
SITE License Number	**SITE Name**	**Camp SITE Address**	**City**	**State**	**Zip**
SD820419523	DNR Outdoor Adventure Center	1801 Atwater Street	Detroit	MI	48207
Camp SITE Telephone	**Applicant/Licensee Designee Name**		**E-Mail**		
313-396-6886	Emily Grant		grantE1@michigan.gov		

PROGRAM Type	SITE Type	Licensee
Day Camp	New Day Campsite	Camp and Campsite Licensee

METHODOLOGY

5/1/2025	Enrollment
5/3/2025	PSOR on Address Completed
6/6/2025	Policies/Procedures Approved
5/8/2025	Pre-operational Onsite Completed (as applicable)

DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS

A. SITE DESCRIPTION

OUTDOOR	INDOOR	HIGH ADVENTURE
Acreage: 1 Water Supply: Public System Sewage: Public System Bodies of Water:River(s) Closest Hospital: 1-5 miles Other: public park/state park	Sleeping: None Dining:Outdoor Health Area:Office Bathrooms: Indoor QFI: Not Applicable EHI:Not Applicable	High Adventure Activities Offered: canoe/kayaking, archery, biking, traveling groups, and climbing.

Findings: This day campsite is located in Wayne County at a state of Michigan DNR public facility called the Outdoor Adventure Center. This campsite includes indoor shelter with the public building with outdoor activity area including large activity field for games and exploration activities. The campsite is adjacent to the William G. Milliken State Park and Harbor and the Detroit River Walk.

B. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Staff Training Plan	AGE GROUP	CAPACITY	GENDER	OPERATIONAL SEASON
Approved	From:9 To: 12	30	BOTH	SUMMER ONLY

Findings: This day camp's mission is to foster outdoor skills, stewardship, personal growth, and positive community among participants through age-appropriate activities. Camp Explore includes multi-age groups and features activities like fishing, archery, hiking, team games, water play, and structured camper choice activities. The day camp utilizes field trips and accesses the unique Outdoor Adventure Center exhibits to enrich learning.

C. RULE/STATUTORY VIOLATIONS

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

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend issuance of original day camp and campsite licenses.

Approval:	Signature	Printed Name	Date
Consultant:	James Vanden Heuvel	James Vanden Heuvel	1/8/2026
Manager:	D S Ramsey	Deondra S. Ramsey	02/18/2026

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