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June 9, 2026

Louise Kavanaugh
Oakland County Parks
2800 Watkins Lake Road
Waterford Township, MI 48328

RE: Application #: CD630420545 and SD630420546
Outdoor Discovery Summer Camp @ Independence Oaks
9501 Sashabaw Road
Clarkston, MI 48348

Dear Loise Kavanaugh:

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. In the event that 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		
CD630420545	Outdoor Discovery Summer Camp		4/22/2026		
PROGRAM Phone Number	PROGRAM Applicant Address		City	State	Zip
248-705-7212	2800 Watkins Lake Road		Waterford Township	MI	48328
SITE License Number	SITE Name	Camp SITE Address	City	State	Zip
SD630420546	Independence Oaks County Park	9501 Sashabaw Rd.	Waterford	MI	48328
Camp SITE Telephone	Applicant/Licensee Designee Name		E-Mail		
248-705-7212	Louise Kavanaugh		kavanaughl@oakgov.com		

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

METHODOLOGY

4/16/2026	Enrollment
4/16/2026	PSOR on Address Completed
5/28/2026	Policies/Procedures Approved
4/29/2026	Pre-operational Onsite Completed (as applicable)

DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS

A. SITE DESCRIPTION

OUTDOOR	INDOOR	HIGH ADVENTURE
Acreage: 1286 acres Water Supply: Public System Sewage: Public System Bodies of Water:Lake(s) Closest Hospital: 1-5 miles Other: Public Park	Sleeping: None Dining:Outdoor Health Area:Office Bathrooms: Indoor QFI: Not Applicable EHI:Not Applicable	High Adventure Activities Offered: canoe/kayak, archery

Findings: This day campsite is located at Independence Oaks County Park Lewis E. Wint nature center. The day campsite includes 1,286-acre natural recreation with lakes, woodlands, wetlands, hiking trails, archery range, fishing areas, kayak and canoe access, and open spaces. The campsite is suitable for hosting a children's day camp. The nearest hospital is McLaren Clarkston.

B. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Staff Training Plan	AGE GROUP	CAPACITY	GENDER	OPERATIONAL SEASON
Approved	From:5 To: 12	30	BOTH	SUMMER ONLY

Findings: This day camp is a nature-based program operated by Oakland County Parks that provides children with engaging outdoor learning experiences designed to foster a connection with nature, environmental awareness, recreation skills, and personal growth. The program encourages campers to develop a sense of belonging in the natural world through hands-on exploration and discovery. Camp activities include hiking, nature-based projects, canoe/kayaking, archery, and environmental education experiences. The camp's purpose is to promote appreciation of the outdoors while providing safe, supervised opportunities for recreation, skill development, and environmental learning in a natural setting. The camp operator provides training for staff in applicable camp policies, procedures, camper supervision, behavior management, safety practices, emergency procedures, and other requirements consistent with Michigan camp licensing rules to help ensure the health, safety, and welfare of campers.

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	6/5/2026
Manager:	D S. Ramsey	Deondra S. Ramsey	06/08/2026

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