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08/26/2026

Tamra Hall
Billy Walker Evangelistic Association
PO Box 1456
Southgate, MI 48195

RE: License #:	CR030420241 and SR030420242 Hiawatha Youth Camp 3799 108th Ave Allegan, MI 49010

Dear Tamra Hall

Attached is the Original Licensing Study Report for the above referenced camp. Due to the violations identified in the report, a written corrective action plan is required. The corrective action plan is due 15 days from the date of this letter and must include the following:

- How compliance with each rule will be achieved.
- Who is directly responsible for implementing the corrective action for each violation.
- Specific time frames for each violation as to when the correction will be completed or implemented.
- How continuing compliance will be maintained once compliance is achieved.
- The signature of the responsible party and a date.

If you desire technical assistance in addressing these issues, please feel free to contact me. In any event, the corrective action plan is due within 15 days. Failure to submit an acceptable corrective action plan will result in disciplinary action.

Please review the enclosed documentation for accuracy and contact the Camp Licensing Unit with any questions at 833-665-8116.

Sincerely,

Camp Licensing Unit
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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		Enrollment Date		
CR030420241	Hiawatha Youth Camp		01/26/2026		
PROGRAM Phone Number	**PROGRAM Applicant Address**		**City**	**State**	**Zip**
734)284-0200	PO Box 1456		Southgate	MI	48195
SITE License Number	**SITE Name**	**Camp SITE Address**	**City**	**State**	**Zip**
SR030420242	Hiawatha Youth Camp	3799 108th Ave	Allegan	MI	49010
Camp SITE Telephone	**Applicant/Licensee Designee Name**		**E-Mail**		
(734)284-0200	Tamra Hall		hiawathayc@sbcglobal.net		

METHODOLOGY

01/26/2026	Enrollment
01/26/2026	PSOR on Address Completed
07/21/2026	Inspection Completed
07/21/2026	Inspection in Sub Compliance

DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS

A. SITE DESCRIPTION

OUTDOOR	INDOOR	HIGH ADVENTURE
Acreage: 83 acres Water Supply: Private System Sewage: Private System Bodies of Water: Lake(s) Closest Hospital: 6-10 miles Other:	Sleeping: Cabins Dining: Dining Hall Health Area: Center Bathrooms: Indoor QFI: Approved EHI: Not Approved	High Adventure Activities Offered: swimming, watercraft, aquatic inflatable

Findings: Hiawatha Youth Camp is located at 3799 108th Avenue in Allegan, Allegan County, MI. The camp features four cabins, an auditorium, bathouse,and a dining hall. Outdoor facilities include a private lakefront beach with a designated swimming area, floating dock, water trampoline, canoes and kayaks, as well as recreational fields, courts, trails, outdoor gathering areas, campfire areas, and a pavilion. The wooded, lakeside setting provides campers with opportunities for swimming, boating, recreation, and outdoor activities. The closest hospital is Beacon Allegan Hospital approximately 6 miles away.

B. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Staff Training Plan	AGE GROUP	CAPACITY	GENDER	OPERATIONAL SEASON
Approved	From: 8 To: 18	100	BOTH	SUMMER ONLY

Findings:Hiawatha Youth Camp (HYC), located in Allegan, MI, is a Christian youth camp whose mission is to help young people become excited about their relationship with Jesus Christ through preaching, teaching, Biblical mentorship, fellowship, and age-appropriate camp experiences. The camp serves youth through Junior Camp for younger campers and Teen Weeks for middle and high school students, with programming intended to promote spiritual growth, positive relationships, and meaningful participation in a Christ-centered camp community. Camp activities include morning and evening worship services and Bible-based teaching, cabin devotions, team competitions, games, recreational activities, free time, swimming, canoeing, paddleboarding, and other waterfront activities.

C. RULE/STATUTORY VIOLATIONS

This children's residential camp and campsite were found to be in violation of the following statute and administrative rules:

APPLICABLE RULE	
R400.11109	**Staff**

	(7) A camp shall maintain a personnel record, collected before initial assignment, for each staff member, except medical professionals whose employing organization subcontracts with the camp to provide medical services and that already requires clearances and maintains a personnel file containing all required documentation and that may be reviewed at the employer's site. The record shall include all of the following information: **(b) Documentation of compliance where the position occupied has experience or education requirements specified by an administrative rule.** **(c) Prior work history, including camp experience.**
Findings: Position documentation and work history for staff members not available for review at time of inspection.	
APPLICABLE RULE	
R400.11111	**Number of Staff**
	(1) A camp shall develop and follow a written staffing ratio plan for the camper population served. A camp shall ensure that the ratio is not less than as specified in subrule (2) of this rule.
Findings: The written staffing schedule requires additional depth and detail. The staffing schedule did not include how staffing is organized to achieve and maintain set ratios.	
APPLICABLE RULE	
R400.11117	**Camper records**
	(2) A camp shall keep records for each camper at the camp when in session. The records shall include all of the following information: **(c) The dates of arrival and departure.** **(d) For each camper, identification of any special needs, limitations, and adaptations to assist in camper participation in all aspects of camp life and activities.**
Findings: The camper record did not include arrival/departure dates and identification of any special needs, limitations, and adaptations.	
APPLICABLE RULE	
R400.11119	**Health service policy**
	(3) A camp's health service policy shall cover all of the following subjects: **(a) Procedures for camper health screening.** **(b) Arrangements for on-call health care consultation services.** **(c) Arrangements for emergency health care services and emergency transportation to an emergency health care facility.** **(d) First aid and health care supplies.** **(e) The storage and administration of prescription and nonprescription drugs and medications.** **(f) Medical procedures for camper trips away from a campsite.** **(g) Procedures for daily observation of each camper's physical state.** **(h) Procedures for prompt and responsive notification of the camper's authorized person.** **(i) Health officer staffing.** **(j) Procedures for preventing disease transmission/universal precautions equivalent to the procedures in the American red cross manual number 655107, which is adopted by reference in R 400.11103.**
Findings: The health service policy was missing required content areas of (b), (d), (g), (h), and (j).	

APPLICABLE RULE	
R400.11143	**Transportation policy statement; vehicles and drivers; hayrides; watercraft**
	(1) A camp shall establish and follow written policies for program and emergency transportation. The policies shall include all of the following: **(a) Driver qualifications.** **(b) Vehicle inspection and maintenance.** **(c) Camper supervision.** **(d) Emergency evacuation.** **(e) Camper loading and unloading procedures.**
Findings: A written program and emergency transportation policy including all of the required content was not available for review at the time of inspection.	
APPLICABLE RULE	
R400.11149	**Site; Emergency procedures; plans; use of facilities; equipment; fire drills**
	(2) A camp shall establish written procedures for a response to potential emergencies and disasters, including fire, severe weather, and a lost camper.
Findings: Written policies and procedures for potential emergencies and disasters lacked adequate depth and detail.	
APPLICABLE RULE	
R400.11302	**Applicability; Environmental Health Inspections.**
	(2) All residential campsites shall have an environmental health inspection completed on an annual basis by the local health authority unless greater frequency is indicated by the health authority.
Findings: An environmental health inspection completed within the past year was not available for review at time of inspection.	
APPLICABLE RULE	
R400.11401	**High adventure activities; definition, written statement adult activity leader.**
	(1) As used in this rule, "high adventure activity" means a camp program that requires specially trained staff or special safety precautions to reduce the possibility of an accident. Programs in this category include, but are not limited to, the following: **(b) Aquatics.** **(2) For high adventure activities identified in subrule (1) of this rule, and for any activity identified by the licensee as a high adventure activity, the licensee shall develop and assure adherence to a written program statement that covers all of the following:** **(a) Activity leader training and experience qualifications.** **(b) Specific staff-to-camper ratio appropriate to the activity.** **(c) Classifications and limitations for camper participation.** **(d) Arrangement, maintenance, and inspection of the activity area.** **(e) Appropriate equipment and the inspection and maintenance of the equipment.** **(f) Safety precautions.**
Findings: High adventure program statement for water trampoline not available at time of inspection. High adventure statements lack depth and detail to meet specific criteria.	

APPLICABLE RULE	
R400.11409	**Swimming area; lifesaving equipment**
	(1) A camp shall clearly delineate areas for advanced swimmers, intermediate swimmers, and non-swimmers in any swimming area used by campers. A camp may have less than 3 swimming areas. **(2) A camp shall provide lifesaving equipment at each permanent swimming area and shall place the equipment so that it is immediately available in case of an emergency. At a minimum, the equipment shall include all of the following:** **(d) A backboard with a minimum of 3 straps.**
Findings: Advanced swimmer area not clearly delineated. Backboard did not have three straps.	

RECOMMENDATION

Upon submission of an acceptable written corrective action plan, I recommend issuance of original issuance of children's residential camp and campsite license.

Approval:	Signature	Printed Name	Date
Consultant:	James Vanden Heuvel	James Vanden Heuvel	8/26/2026
Manager:	D S Ramsey	Deondra S. Ramsey	8/26/2026