



Summer Camps 2012

www.campskyline.org



Since 1964

Dear Parents/Guardians:

For nearly 50 years parents, guardians, pastors, social workers and community agencies have placed their trust in us by sending their campers to Skyline. We deeply value that trust and work hard to maintain it.

Skyline's philosophy is camper-centered, with safety and well-being (physical, emotional, social and spiritual) as our primary concern.

Our programs and staff training are painstakingly developed and reviewed, and Skyline maintains its licensing credentials with the State of Michigan, which oversees and annually visits the camp. Additionally, we voluntarily subject ourselves to the stringent standards of the American Camp Association, the nation's leading body for ensuring quality across the board for summer camps.

Skyline is more than a job to us; we met here in the 1990s as camp counselors, and bring back to Skyline years of experience in teaching, outdoor education, youth ministry, food service, community organizing, and child protection casework. We are delighted to have Skyline as home for our daughters, and we trust that your experience at Skyline will have you feeling that it is a wonderful place for your family, too.

We look forward to welcoming you.

In Peace,

Matt + Shana

Matt & Shana Henry
(Executive & Program Directors)



About Skyline Camp and Retreat Center

Mission Statement: Skyline welcomes and serves all, especially those in need, by creating sanctuary for experiencing God's creation, spirit, & unconditional love in a way that nurtures and transforms lives.

Established in 1964, and owned/operated until 2005 by First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, Skyline is now an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Situated in southern Lapeer County near Almont, Michigan on 156 acres of rolling hills with hardwood forest and whispering pines, Skyline is the perfect venue for summer camp and for year-round retreats, off-site meetings and seminars.

Our Focus

The safety, welfare and well-being of all our campers.

Our Philosophy

Skyline's spirituality begins with wonder and gratitude for every blessing; no camper is expected to bring a particular belief background, and all will be welcomed as they are. With Skyline's roots in Christian values, we encourage in our campers a sense of compassion, a respect for creation, and an embrace of creativity. Values of fairness, kindness, beauty, diversity and generosity are modeled, expected and celebrated.

Our intention

- That every camper has fun.
- That every camper feels safe and supported to explore new activities and adventures.
- That every camper experiences unconditional love and acceptance, and that this grows beyond camp.
- That every camper experiences a positive sense of the natural world, a positive sense of community, and a positive sense of self.



**In
This
Place...**

**We
Welcome
All...**

**Who Seek
Some
Peace...**

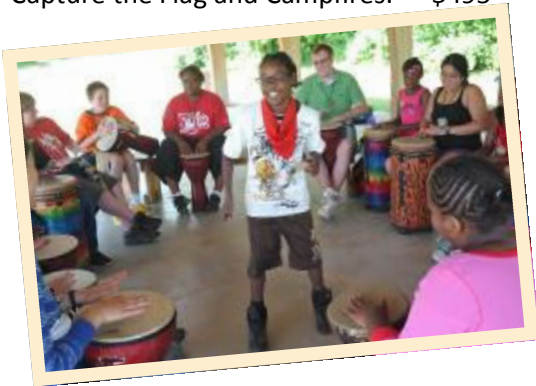
**Among
These
Trees.**

Ages 7-11

July 8-13

Arts & Music Camp

Inspire even more creativity in your creative children! From kaleidoscopes to papier maché, maracas to panpipes, we will make beautiful sounds and works of art. Afternoons we will enjoy camp activities like archery, canoeing, swimming and All Camp Events like Capture the Flag and Campfires. \$495



Ages 7-11

July 8-13

Traditional Camp

Try out life in a cabin in the woods, with archery, arts & crafts, swimming, games, canoeing, fishing, hiking and exploring, playing with goats & chickens, drumming, singing around the campfire, s'mores and more! Each cabin has a turn to camp and cook out at "Wilderness" in tents. New this summer:

Swimming lessons! \$495

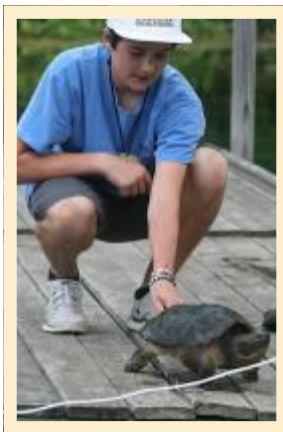


Ages 7-11

July 15-20

Natural Explorers

Join us for a week of exploring and earthy adventure. Chase ladybugs, catch fireflies, stargaze, climb trees, trace leaves, stalk deer, eat blackberries, feed chickens and goats, plant wildflowers, fly kites, maybe



even milk some goats and then nap in hammocks or the covered wagon. Natural Explorers will spend one night in tents and cook out once at Wilderness.

\$495

Ages 11-14

July 15-20

Sports Camp

Sports campers will spend their mornings group building on our low ropes course. In the afternoons they will play games: games of the past and present, wet games in the pool and pond, American sports and international sports like cricket. Energetic and caring counselors will encourage cooperation, communication, respect, listening, agility and FUN as the main goals, minimalizing



competition. Evening Programs will include Capture the Flag, a Dance and a Camp Out in Wilderness. \$495

Ages 6-8

July 8-10

Mini-camp (first timers)

For our youngest overnight campers; from Sunday —Tuesday. Please read the description on page 4, left, for Traditional Camp. \$225



Ages 5-8 July 9-13 & 16-20

Day Camps 1 or 2

For children who want the camp experience, but not staying at Skyline overnight. Swim, canoe, fish, hike, explore, play with goats & chickens, drum, sing around the fire, try out S'mores, archery, arts & crafts & more. Have lunch with us at the Dining Hall each day. Monday thru Friday, 9am-5pm. Come to one or both sessions.

\$195



Ages 12-17

July 22-27

Camp Creative

This camp is for youth who find comfort in creativity. We will take our lead from some interesting, inspiring artists in the world, and create in the realms of music, color, shape, movement... Finding, nurturing, and celebrating one's creativity is the joy and energy of this camp. We will finish off the week with an Exhibition Evening to showcase the campers' creativity and show a shorter version on Friday at 1:30pm for Families. Lodging in Focus Hall. \$495

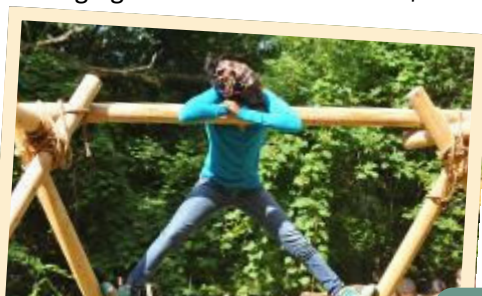


Ages 12-17

July 22-27

Survival Camp

Campers who like a good challenge will love Survival Camp. Starting on the Low Ropes Course, then problem solving, hiking, orienteering, building fires, preparing meals, building shelters & rope bridges, building friendships. Forage for your own dessert! Find and uncover buried treasures! Learning some skills for leaving-no-trace, and relying on your wits. Lodging in cabins and tents. \$495



Families/Individuals

May 25-27

Family Camp

Families of all shapes and sizes are welcome to gather on the beautiful hills of Skyline for a weekend of good wholesome family fun and great food. Fishing, canoeing, archery, hayrides, swimming for the brave, hiking, biking, campfires, family skits, singing, s'mores, drumming, obstacle courses, big group games, or skip the activities, find a nice spot and watch the birds. Sleep in tents, cabins, rooms in Focus, or if you reserve early, you could spend the weekend in the covered wagon!



Meals & program

Adults & children 11+ : \$35 each
Children ages 5-10: \$20 each
Saturday only: \$15 each

Lodging options

Own tent: Free
Lodge dorm rooms: \$20 per bed
Cabin: \$30 per cabin. Sleeps up to 12.
Covered Wagon: \$40. Sleeps up to 8.
Focus Hall: \$50 per room. Sleeps up to 6.
Lodge rooms (private bathroom)
\$60 per room. Sleep from 2-7. Act early!

Friday evening until Sunday morning, includes Saturday breakfast through Sunday breakfast. Snacks available on Friday night.

Families June 29 - July 2

Camp For Us

Family Camp and Camp For Us
folks are strongly encouraged
to register online at
www.campskyline.org

Camp for Us is a new camp welcoming families with special needs children. Mornings there will be games, music, drama & crafts for children ages 6-18 with our counselors, and free time for adults. Afternoon & evening family programs include swimming, canoeing, fishing, drumming, archery, hiking, hammocking, campfires, crafts, and optional therapeutic horseback riding. Don't miss our Irish Family Dance & live band following the Tir Na N'og Irish Dance performance!

Lodging in Focus, cabins or tents. Friday evening until Monday morning. Seven meals from Saturday breakfast through Monday breakfast, & evening snacks.

Meals & program

Adults & children 5+ : \$75 each
Children ages 5-10: \$50 each
Children 0-4: Free

Lodging options

Own tent: Free
Lodge dorm rooms: \$20 per bed
Cabin: \$30 per cabin. Sleeps up to 12.
Covered Wagon: \$40. Sleeps up to 8.
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For Campers with Special Needs

Please see further information on page 11

Ages 40 +

June 10-14

Camp Joy

For adults 40+ with special needs, a joy-filled week of summer camp. We will sing, dance, swim, fish, play games, do arts & crafts and puzzles, take hayrides, have campfires, and enjoy each other. One repeat highlight will be a visit to LifeHorse, a local therapeutic horse-back riding farm. Our caring staff always welcome each camper to this joyful week of camp. \$495



Families

June 29 - July 2

Camp For Us

This session is open to all families, including, but not exclusively, to those with family members with special needs. See fuller description on page 6, at left.



Ages 20-40

June 24-28

Camp For Me

Summer camp for adults 20-40 with special needs. Music, games, exploring, swimming. Archery and canoeing, a talent show and horseback riding at the nearby LifeHorse. A fun-filled week, there's rarely an energy that matches this week in the summer. \$495

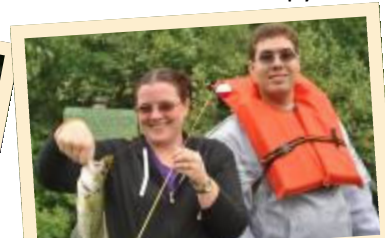


Ages 13-19

June 17-22

Camp FAR Away

Camp FAR Away is a camping experience especially for youth, ages 13-19, with special needs, and is offered in partnership with the FAR Conservatory of Therapeutic and Performing Arts. One repeat highlight will be a visit to LifeHorse, a local therapeutic horse-back riding farm. Includes traditional outdoor camp activities as well as music, art, dance and recreational therapy. \$495



www.campskyline.org. See lots more pictures online.

Discounts & Incentives for our July Camps*

Discount Name	Amount	Description
Super Early Bird	\$125	Pay the full deposit, \$75, by March 15 , and receive the discount on the balance of the camp fee.)
First time Early Bird	\$100	For New Skyline campers, pay the full deposit, \$75, by April 15 , and receive the discount on the balance of the camp fee.)
Early Bird	\$50	Pay the full deposit, \$75 by May 15 , and receive the discount on the balance of the camp fee.)
Sibling	\$25	All siblings who attend camp will receive this discount. For example, save \$100 for a family of four children all coming to camp!
Handshake reward	\$50	For our <u>returning camper families</u> : for every <u>new</u> camper you introduce to Skyline, you'll receive a \$50 discount on your own camper's fee. If you introduce five, you'll save \$250!
Boomerang Bonus	\$150	If you attend two sessions in the one summer, save \$150 for the second session.
<p>~Discount amounts halved in relation to MiniCamp, and Day Camps. ~On Registration form, write the discount Name(s) and Amount(s), and the name(s) of friends or siblings if the discount is because of them. ~Only one of the three "early bird" discounts can apply per camper. ~Handshake reward is for introducing new (never been to Skyline), unsubsidized campers, only.</p>		
<p>* Other camp sessions: Special Needs camps (Camp Joy, Camp FAR Away, Camp For Me) cost Skyline about twice as much (\$995) due to staff ratios, but Skyline's fee schedule is the same as other week-long camps, representing an already large discount. To make up the difference, Skyline counts on campership donations from individuals and foundations. No discounts are available for Family Camps (Family Camp and Camp For Us).</p>		

Deposit, Payment and Refund Policies

- A camper is considered **Registered** when the registration form (on paper or online) is received; AND the non-refundable deposit of \$75 is received.
- A camper's **Confirmation** will be sent after all additional forms and payment are received. Full payment is due 30 days before camp session.
- **Cancellations less than 30 days** before the camp session will result in the forfeiture of all payments.
- **Cancellations more than 30 days** before the camp session will be refunded all but the \$75 deposit.
- Campers leaving early due to illness/extenuating circumstances will be refunded proportionately.
- Campers leaving early due to behavior are subject to forfeiting the full fee.

2012 Skyline Summer Registration Form

Complete both sides. Register online if you prefer: www.campskyline.org

A. Personal Details

Camper's full name _____ Preferred name _____
Gender _____ Date of Birth _____ Age at time of camp _____ T-shirt size (circle one) YSm YM YL S M L XL 2XL
Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Parent/guardian email _____
Mother's / Guardian's Name _____ Phone number/s _____
Father's / Guardian's Name _____ Phone number/s _____

Additional contact if parents/guardians cannot be reached:

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone number/s _____
Check any years that this camper has attended Skyline previously:
 2011 2010 2009 Before 2009

B. Session and fee details

Session Name _____ Dates _____ Roommate request: _____
Camp Fee a) _____ (Fee is listed with camp details)
Camp Store b) _____ (Optional. All campers get a \$5 store credit and free T-Shirt. Money can also be added at time of camp.)
Subtotal (a + b) c) _____
Discounts (see page 8) d) _____ Discount detail _____
Amount due (c - d) e) _____

A non-refundable deposit of \$75 is due with this **Registration** form. **Confirmation** requires additional forms; see over for details.

Financial Campership Aid is available for those who might not otherwise be able to attend camp. Please call the business office at 248 644-2043 for details.

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C. Paperwork preference

More forms are required for complete information and Confirmation. These include Health Forms, Packing List, Directions to Skyline, and Camp Policies. Health and medication forms need to be filled out and returned; all others are for your information.

- Check one: I will download forms from the website www.campskyline.org
 Please send me a packet of the forms in the mail.

D. Permission / acknowledgement

My camper has permission to participate in all camp activities as listed in the brochure. By registering, I permit the use of appropriate photographs or video images for publicity and sharing purposes, including print and internet, without names (to opt out, include a separate, signed note). I agree to Skyline's refund policy, and agree to pick up my camper early for illness or disciplinary reasons. Further, my camper agrees to abide by all camp policies including: no violent behavior, and no alcohol, tobacco, drugs, fireworks, weapons, electronic devices or any other inappropriate items.

Signature of parent or guardian _____ Date _____

E. Deposit and Payment details

- I am sending a \$75 non-refundable deposit check to
Skyline, 1669 West Maple Rd, Birmingham, MI, 48009
 Please charge my credit card for the amount of \$_____ (minimum is deposit)

Credit card number _____ Exp. date _____

CVV/Security code _____ (digits on back of card) Billing Zip Code _____

Email for credit card payment receipt _____

Cardholder's signature _____

Registration is not complete until deposit is received.

Confirmation will be sent after full payment and forms are received.

Registration Checklist

- Section A (Personal details) is complete
- Section B (Session details) is complete
- Section C (Paperwork preference) is complete
- Section D (Permission / acknowledgement) is complete
- Section E (Deposit and payment details) is complete
- Family campers: Register Online, or Attach a note indicating the names of all attending, and children's ages. Include lodging preferences.

Please send completed form and check or payment details to:

Questions?

- Registration / Confirmation / Payment and Paperwork questions:
Aryn Rose 248-644-2043 office@campskyline.org
- Program questions: **Shana Henry** 810-798-8986 shana@campskyline.org

Special Needs Campers

Skyline has hosted special needs camps for many years, and we are delighted to be continuing this tradition. If a new camper with special needs registers for camp, we may require an interview/assessment to make sure that we are a suitable setting for the individual. Contact Aryn Rose (details above) if you are registering a camper with special needs who is new to Skyline.

Dietary Needs

Our kitchen is accustomed to working around certain dietary needs and allergies. The health forms provide space to note these needs, and feel free to contact us if you have further concerns.

Health and Safety

In accordance with state regulations and American Camp Association Standards, Skyline is staffed with trained health and safety personnel at all times, day and night (except during Family Camp), and we are within seven minutes of EMS response.

Times

Unless noted, camp sessions begin and end at 2pm.

Staff and Volunteers

All paid and volunteer staff are trained, and undergo background checks before working. For more information on our staff, or becoming one of them, please contact **Matt Henry** at 810-798-8986, or matt@campskyline.org



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Skyline 2012 Summer Camps

Open House
Sunday, May 6
2 - 6 pm

Join us for a free BBQ, tour the camp, try out some of the activities, meet the staff... See you there!

