



THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE

The Children's House 2023 Summer Program

Welcome to The Children's House Summer Day Camp! I am looking forward to our better-than-ever Summer program. This Summer will provide a wonderful Summer camp experience while also providing our staff with the flexibility to enjoy Summer as it should be here in Northern Michigan.

Joining us as Guides this Summer:

Nido: Katelin Murphy

YCC: Annie Botsford, Agnes Woynarowski, Betsy Bloomquist and Emily Palmer

Primary: Taylor Vancil and Kristi Johnson

Elementary: Annie Gerstner LE and Steve Maas UE

Junior High: Steve Maas

These guides will be supported by some fantastic staff, we are grateful for all of them!

We have put a lot of thought into planning opportunities that will inspire and engage your children both indoors and out. We believe our programs offer a comfortable blend of structure and focus with relaxation and informality – the perfect recipe for summer fun. Check out our class descriptions on our website to see more about our sessions.

<https://www.traversechildrenshouse.org/summer.asp>

Whether you are a year-round Montessori family or a family joining us just for the summer, the quality of your experience is important to us. Please review the following two pages to learn more about your child's summer experience. I look forward to seeing you at The Children's House this summer!

Sincerely,

Kim Gallagher

Summer Program Director

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ORIENTATION

- Nido and Young Children's Community (YCC)
 - Children new to Nido-YCC will be visited at home by their teacher before their first day at TCH. The teachers will arrange these visits during the two weeks prior to June 19.
 - Children new to Nido-YCC will have an individual visit to the classroom on Thursday, June 15th. Your appointment time will be arranged with your child's teacher at your home visit.
- Primary
 - New Primary students will be invited to classroom visits during the week of June 12th by their primary guide, times TBD.
- Returning Primary students and Elementary Summer Campers
 - Open House – Join us on Thursday, June 15th, between 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM to see the space and meet the summer staff.

SCHEDULE

General Daily Schedule

- Morning session: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Full Day session: 8:30 a.m. to 3:40 p.m.
- Early Care: 8:00 to 8:30 a.m.

Carline

- Morning: 8:20 – 8:40 a.m.
- Mid-Day: 12:30 – 12:40 p.m.
- Afternoon: 3:40 – 3:55 p.m.
- Please park in the lot and escort your child to his/her classroom if you come at another time.
- Make contact with a staff member before leaving or picking up your child.
- Nido-YCC carline takes place at the east entrance.
- Primary and elementary carline takes place at the main entrance (middle doors).
- The west entrance is not used for arrival or dismissal during the summer.

Lunch and Recess

- 11:30-12:30 (Nido-YCC lunch schedules may vary.)

BUILDING SECURITY

- The building is locked throughout the day. A numeric code that unlocks the main (middle) door is provided to parents. The code is not active on the west and east entrances.



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CHILD CARE

Childcare is available before summer classes only and must be selected at registration. Add-on early care is available as space permits by contacting the front desk at 231.929.9325. Note, campers picked up after 4:00 PM will incur a charge of \$25, and an additional \$25 will be charged for every 15 minutes they are picked up after that.

COMMUNICATION

The office is open daily from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

- Extension numbers:
 - Katelin Murphy, Nido: ext. 126
 - Annie Botsford, YCC: ext. 122
 - Agnes Woynarowski, YCC: ext.133
 - Betsy Bloomquist/Emily Palmer, YCC: ext. 145
 - Taylor Vancil, Summer Primary Room: ext. 153
 - Kristi Johnson, Summer Primary Room: ext. 141
 - Elementary Trailblazers: ext. 102 (front desk)
- Most written communication will occur through email. A weekly newsletter (*Waypoints*) is emailed to you each Friday highlighting camp news and photos from the week.
- The teachers will contact families prior to camp with classroom details and their email addresses.

Contact Kim Gallagher with your questions and ideas.

kim@traversechildrenshouse.org

231.929.9325 Ext: 113

Contact Marty Miklos, Office Manager, for general office questions.

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SCHOOL HANDBOOK

The School Handbook is available on our website.

https://www.traversechildrenshouse.org/downloads/school_handbook_20192020.pdf



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FORMS

All campers require the following forms before the first day of camp! Please watch for that email from Transparent Classroom sometime in early May.

- Child information card
- Health Appraisal form (preschool) or Statement of Good Health (5-12-year-olds)
- Immunization record
- Permission form
- If your child is elementary age and participating in Bike Week or any excursion, please fill out the enclosed "going out form" and return it to TCH before the week of the excursion.
- Medication form if your child requires medication

IMMUNIZATIONS

Proof of immunization is required for every camper. TCH will verify that all immunizations are complete and up to date

MEALS

- Primary and Elementary should bring a lunch every day with the exception of Wednesday when pizza is available.
- School lunch for Nido-YCC is provided daily and billed once for the summer at \$3.75/lunch.
- Pizza Lunch is available to purchase on Wednesdays for \$5.25 through Boonli.
- Send a beverage and portable lunch that can be taken outdoors for a picnic, no refrigeration available.
- Snack – A nutritious snack is provided in the morning and the afternoon for Nido-Primary and in the morning for elementary.
- Nuts – The school does not serve nuts or nut products. Please boldly label any lunch items you send that contain nuts or nut products. You will be notified if your child's group is designated as a peanut-free environment.
- Details regarding lunch sign-up through Boonli will be mailed to you in early June.

SUPPLIES

Primary and Elementary Supply List (Label everything with your name.)

- Sunscreen (Please apply sunscreen before camp. We will reapply as needed. We provide a non-toxic sunscreen or you may send your own.)
- Bathing suit and towel, water shoes (for sprinkler activity)
- Change of clothes
- Hat and long-sleeved shirt for sun protection

Nido-YCC Supplies: You'll receive this information from your teacher.