

Welcome to Honey Creek Community School Summer Camp 2009!

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We would like to welcome you and your child to what is sure to be a fun-filled eleven weeks at Honey Creek Community School Summer Camp. Our plan is to explore nature, cook, create, work with wood, conduct science experiments, go on field trips, play games, make arts and crafts, and build friendships. Parents, we will need some help from you.

Please send your child to camp each day wearing rough-and-tumble play clothes. We want the children to enjoy the full summer camp experience and be able to get down and dirty. Send your children wearing sneakers or shoes suitable for hiking and running, climbing and kicking. We want the kids to be able to participate and be comfortable.

Please keep all expensive or valuable toys and games at home. It would be unfortunate if those items were to break or get lost at camp. We will have many activities planned and games for the kids to play. If campers insist on bringing GameBoys or other electronic toys, they will only be allowed to play with them during "ME Time" from 1-2pm.

It is also important that you send daily:

A **water bottle**

Morning snack

Towel and swimsuit and possibly water shoes & goggles

A sack lunch unless your child will be buying hot lunch

Sunscreen and **hat**

Mat for napping

There will be no microwave or refrigerator available. On days when we will be going on field trips, you will need to pack a lunch and send your child with a backpack and dressed in the Honey Creek Summer Camp t-shirt (replacement shirts will cost \$10.00).

In consideration of our High Point neighbors, do not park, stop or stand along the curb between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. This is a bus lane for the High Point children, and parked or standing cars put pedestrians in the blind spots for oncoming traffic.

Hot lunches cost \$3.00 per meal. Juice or milk may be purchased for \$.50 each.

Honey Creek Community School Summer Camp Parent Handbook

Welcome to Honey Creek Community School Summer Camp! As the parent of an enrolled child, you are an important part of this organization. Your concerns, ideas and interests are essential to meeting our primary goal— excellent childcare. Please share your thoughts, whether it be at an organizational meeting or by contacting any camp counselor, supervisor, or School Board Trustee.

History

Honey Creek Community School began as Child Care Connection, which was founded by parents who began meeting at lunchtime in early 1988. This group was interested in establishing quality childcare for infants through school-age kids which would service its own children. Providing a stable child care environment was a primary goal for these working parents. Achieving this goal would eliminate the stress and strain involved in repeatedly searching for the best possible place for the child care years.

Honey Creek Community School was founded in May 1995 as an outgrowth of the CCC family, which held a philosophy of growing with our children. In September 1995, Honey Creek Community School, a K-3 elementary school chartered by the Washtenaw Intermediate School District, brought the success of Child Care Connection into the Honey Creek After Care program, an after school program designed to meet the needs of children in the K-3 age group. Now Honey Creek Community School includes kindergarten through middle school, and the After Care program has grown to match these ages.

In June 1996, Child Care Connection began its summer camp for school-age children. Now in its twelfth year, this educational/recreational program is available to school-age children on a full- or part-time basis. Through these combined programs, we are able to provide quality childcare and innovative educational programming, which will be philosophically integrated throughout our children's young lives.

Located at the Honey Creek Community School site, the camp is focused on children pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. The summer camp will run 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The camp will have many multi-aged activities, however, the children will also have programming that is specific to their age and abilities.

Each week of Honey Creek Community School Summer Camp has a different theme. There will be a variety of activities in which the children will be able to participate. From swimming to soccer, maintaining a garden to various exciting field trips. Many crafts and projects will be introduced with nature in mind. The goal is for the children to develop new friends with peers, counselors, and parents, and to also understand, appreciate, and help preserve our natural environment.

Philosophy

The philosophy of Honey Creek Community School Summer Camp is based on the belief that children learn through their play and should be allowed to explore their environment in a way that is meaningful to them. They learn best in a rich, challenging atmosphere that balances teacher-directed and child-initiated experiences. Their environment will be a warm and loving one that allows for the exercise of creativity and imagination.

At all times, a variety of ages and abilities are represented at the Summer Camp. As a result, we emphasize the "family" environment at Honey Creek Community School Summer Camp. This is achieved through a balance of multi-age and like-age groups times.

Building and Facilities

Honey Creek is located in the High Point Building on the Washtenaw Intermediate School District (WISD) campus. We share a gym, 40 acres with playground and nature trails, pool, greenhouse, district resource library, and cafeteria. Other programs and schools located in the building are High Point School, Huron Valley Beauty Academy and Gretchen's House IV childcare center and preschool. Sharing the building with others allows our students to interact with students from different backgrounds and age groups. They learn an appreciation for those different from themselves and develop sensitivity to obstacles others may have in their lives, such as physical or mental handicaps.

Program

The camp counselors at Honey Creek Community School Summer Camp have all worked together to develop goals and objectives that work toward offering the best program possible for the children, parents, and camp counselors. Program development is a constant, ongoing process and we welcome your input.

Camp counselors at Honey Creek work as a team to offer a warm, supportive environment for all the children at camp. As a group, the counselors coordinate daily programming to ensure that age-appropriate activities are offered for each child.

Daily outdoor time is included frequently each day, weather permitting. This enables children to experience activities in an outdoor setting, develop gross-motor skills and learn about the environment. Through spontaneous and planned activities, children have the opportunity to release physical energy in positive and creative ways, as well as to learn about their physical capabilities. Careful attention is paid to bodily comfort and safety.

Field Trips

Field trips are another important aspect of Honey Creek Community School Summer Camp. We believe field trips foster community awareness by exposing children to events they may not otherwise experience. Also, field trips foster independence by allowing children responsibility for themselves in preparing for, and traveling to, destinations.

Parental Tips: Outdoor Time and Field Trips

We spend about 65% of the camp day OUTSIDE. Children should dress for the weather. We are aware that a mean heat index above 85 degrees is considered dangerous and we do alter our plans and exercise caution with the heat when necessary.

We will be going on frequent hikes. We ask that your child have a pair of comfortable tennis shoes and a pair of socks. This will help protect their feet on our hikes.

On field trip days, children need to bring a non-perishable, throwaway lunch. Please include a drink box (preferably a fruit juice; no pop or glass containers). On rainy days, children should bring a raincoat.

Be on time for field trips. The time when the group leaves for a field trip will be posted prior to the trip. Ensure that your child is at camp before the posted time. If your child is not ready when the group is ready, s/he will not be able to go on the trip, nor will s/he be able to stay at the Honey Creek Community School Summer Camp site until his/her group returns.

There will be no drop-offs or pick-ups at the field trip sites. If your child misses the bus when it departs from Honey Creek, Honey Creek counselors will not accept the child into attendance at the field trip location, nor will there be a counselor at the Honey Creek Community School Summer Camp site to wait with the child. The child may not wait at the site, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian, until the counselors and campers return to Honey Creek.

Camp Operations

Hours of Operation

The camp is open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. through 6:00 p.m. The camp is closed July 4. Camp begins Tuesday, June 9th and ends Friday, August 21st.

Parking and Traffic Flow

A parking lot is across from the Honey Creek Community School Summer Camp site. Please park there during drop-off and pick-up times. Busses for High Point School need to park along the curb, so cars cannot be parked there.

Entering the Building

Due to Honey Creek building policy any non-staff members entering the building must do so at the main building doors near the front office. All other doors require a key and will be locked.

Sign-in and Check-out

Because we want to know where your child is at all times, and because certain points of the day are more hectic than others, we strongly urge you to only drop off or pick up your child during the following recommended times. A child who arrives in the middle of an activity not only misses the activity himself or herself, but also interrupts the activity for the counselors and other campers. We want your child to fully participate in everything we do at camp. Furthermore, we desire to be able to make contact with you when you arrive and personally accept your child or deliver your child to you. Please respect your child, the counselors, and other campers by holding to these times.

Recommended Drop-off and Pick-up Times

7:30 – 8:30 a.m. (sign in and quiet activities)

12:00 – 1:45 p.m. (lunch and “Me Time”)

3:30 – 4:00 p.m. (following swim time)

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. (Activity 2 and clean-up time)

When you drop off your child for the day, it will help smooth the operation of the camp if you follow these guidelines:

1. Sign your child in on the attendance sheet (***this is now a requirement**).
2. Make sure your child’s counselor knows your child has arrived.
3. Put your child’s belongings in his/her locker. (Make sure everything is labeled with your child’s name.)

When you pick up your child at the end of the day, it is helpful to follow these guidelines:

1. Sign out your child on the attendance sheet (***this is now a requirement**).
2. Check your child’s locker for wet clothing, wet bathing suits and towels. Please take them home for cleaning or drying. The size of the lockers makes it difficult for clothing to dry and air out properly.
3. Take home lunch boxes on a daily basis.
4. See your child’s camp counselor for a quick summary of the day.
5. Check the bulletin boards for new information, activities, and other important information.

Non-parental Pick-ups

If someone other than you will be picking up your child or dropping him/her off, please call ahead to advise us of this change. **The counselors will not release a child to someone other than the parent unless we have prior verbal and/or written permission, even if the person is well known to the child.**

Absences

On days when your child will be absent from a scheduled day at camp, please call to inform the counselors, and to let us know when you expect the child will return. The number for Honey Creek Community School Summer Camp is 994-2636.

Inclement Weather

Information on closings will be broadcast on WAAM-AM (1600), WUOM-FM (97.1), and WJR-AM (760). The camp also reserves the right to close if it determines conditions to be hazardous. We practice fire and severe weather drills with campers. In case of thunderstorms that include lightning we will still be swimming: our pool is grounded.

Practical Tips: Food and Clothing

1. Label everything with your child's name!
2. Bring an extra change of clothes appropriate to the weather.
3. Make sure your child has a bathing suit and towel daily.
4. If your child needs to eat frequently, pack a small snack. We will provide a snack after swimming in the afternoon. Some children may need a snack prior to swimming.
5. Morning and afternoon snacks are not intended to replace breakfast or lunch.

Parent Involvement

Visiting the Camp

Parents are welcome at the camp at any time and are encouraged to visit. Advance notice is not necessary. Parents are encouraged to participate in their child's activities. See your child's camp counselor to arrange times for you to help with or present a project.

Any information that parents can give the counselors regarding changes in their child's normal routine is appreciated. These changes often affect a child's behavior, and if the counselors are cued in to these changes, greater sensitivity can be shown for the child's individual needs. There will be a place near the attendance sheet that parents can fill in any extra information (for example, if the child is on medicine).

Parent Mailboxes

Each family is assigned a mailbox. Through both formal and informal communication, parents will receive information about camp events, activities, policies, and other announcements. Each counselor also has a mailbox, and you may choose to use this as a vehicle for communicating messages. Mailboxes should be checked daily as they are an important means of distributing information.

Financial Policies

Tuition

	<u>Pre-K</u>	<u>Post-K (ages 5-13)</u>
1-47 days	\$48.00/day	\$41.00/day
48+ days	\$2,304.00/summer	\$1,968.00/summer

An enrollment fee of \$35.00 is required for all campers. This fee is non-refundable and includes the cost of a Honey Creek Summer Camp t-shirt.

Hot Lunch Procedures

As some of you are aware, we offer a hot lunch program through Dexter Community Schools and administered by High Point School for a nominal fee. For your convenience and to eliminate the need for campers to carry cash, we have implemented a debit account system. A deposit is made into your child’s account and the price of the meal is deducted at the time of purchase. Meal prices are below. You may send a deposit at any time. However, for optimum efficiency, we request that you consider sending deposits on a weekly or monthly basis. For security reasons and record-keeping, we request that you make deposits via check made payable to High Point School. Send your deposits in an envelope marked with your child’s name. We will notify you when your account dips below \$20.00. Notices will be placed in your mailbox at the end of the week.

Please note that it is not necessary to indicate what days your child will purchase a lunch. Maintaining a balance will ensure that your child will be able to make purchases as he or she desires. If you would like to participate in the lunch program, please detach and complete the form below and return it to Karen Giltrow along with a check for at least \$20.00 made payable to High Point School. The hot lunch program will begin on June 12th. Please provide your child with a sack lunch on field trip days.

Meal Prices

Student Value Meal (includes drink and dessert)	\$3.00
Adult Meal	\$4.00
Milk or Juice	\$.50

**A meal consists of a protein item, a bread item, a serving each of fruit and vegetable, and a dairy item.*

Yes! My child(ren) _____ will participate in the summer camp hot lunch program. I am making a deposit of \$ _____, by way of a check made payable to High Point School, to open an account. I have listed below any food allergies my children may have.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Food Allergies

Enrollment Agreement

Upon acceptance by Honey Creek Community School Summer Camp, this enrollment request becomes a contract between Honey Creek Community School Summer Camp and the parent/guardian under which Honey Creek agrees to make child care services available for child(ren) on the days and times specified within. Parent/guardian agrees to pay the above rates and membership fee to Honey Creek Community School Summer Camp in consideration therefore, without regard to whether child(ren) actually attends on any or all the days and times specified, subjects to the policy concerning schedule and absences which appears on the Enrollment Form Policy.

Late Payments

There is a \$30.00 late payment fee.

Returned Checks

There is a \$30.00 fee for checks returned for any reason.

Absences and Days Not Charged

You will be expected to pay for all the days your child is enrolled, even if your child is absent due to illness, extra vacation days, or any other reason.

Late Pick-ups

There is a \$15.00 fee for children picked up after the scheduled ending time (6:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted), plus an additional \$15.00 for every fraction of a quarter hour thereafter.

Health, Safety, and Wellness

Health Forms

The following forms need to be on file for each child **before** the child's first day of care:

1. Child information cards (2)
2. Immunization form- A list of up-to-date immunizations must be on file **before** a child may stay at camp.
3. A signed parent statement that the child is in good health. Any activity restrictions must be noted.
4. Permission slip.

Medication

Prescription medication will only be administered to children if the counselors have both a request from the doctor and permission from the parent/guardian. The doctor's request can either be in the form of a note from the doctor or the current label on the prescription medicine package. Medicines must be in their original containers and labeled with the child's name. Honey Creek Summer Camp counselors will not administer the first dose of medication.

Non-prescription medicine is not given to campers. Please give this medication to your child at home. This also includes bug spray. If you want your child to wear Skintastic, or one of the many other bug sprays, please apply them in the morning. We cannot put this on the children.

Sick Child

Please do not send a sick child to camp, or if you have a strong suspicion that the child will be unwell. Furthermore, the child may only return to camp 24 hours AFTER a non-medicated fever, diarrhea, and/or vomiting has subsided. Not only is it better for the child's emotional and physical well-being to remain at home, but a contagious child can affect the health of every other person at camp.

Camp Wellness

The camp counselors do everything possible to ensure good hygienic practices for both adults and children, as well as provide a safe physical environment. We follow these guidelines to ensure high health standards.

1. Daily disinfecting of surfaces and eating utensils, including snack table prior to eating.
2. Hand washing before and after meals and after toileting.

In addition to cleanliness, all counselors are certified in CPR and American Red Cross First Aid. In the event of an accident, counselors will administer the necessary assistance. All accidents/injuries are documented on an Accident Report and kept on file permanently.

Emergency Procedures

Emergency or injury to a child:

In the case of injury to a child, the counselors will contact the child's parents/guardian. If the parents/guardian cannot be reached, then the child's physician will be contacted. In the event that neither of these contacts is possible or in the case of a serious emergency, the child will be taken to the University of Michigan Hospital if no preference is indicated on the emergency care form.

Discipline Problems

When discipline problems arise, our counselors adhere to guidelines established by the State of Michigan Department of Social Services. Teachers are prohibited from using the following means of punishment:

- Hitting, shaking, biting, pinching, or inflicting pain as a form of corporal punishment
- Restricting a child's movements by binding or tying him/her
- Mental or emotional cruelty, such as humiliation, shaming, or frightening a child
- Depriving a child of meals, snacks, rest, or necessary toilet use
- Confining a child in an enclosed area, such as a closet, locked room, box, or similar cubicle

The counselors use positive methods of discipline to encourage self-control, self-direction, self-esteem, and cooperation. When a child's behavior requires teacher intervention, this will be done in a creative, instructional manner. Children will be encouraged to develop successful alternative behavior patterns.

The various methods that the teachers will use to redirect the children may include verbal warnings, restructuring of activities, visiting another group, "cool-down" periods, and parental notification.

If a child has a chronic behavior problem, the counselors will work for a time with both the child and the parents/guardian. However, the right is reserved to dis-enroll any child whose behavior cannot be appropriately controlled by the camp counselors.

Expectations and Consequences

Below are the behavior expectations and consequences that we will implement camp-wide. We strive to make a community culture that is supportive and encouraging. When a child misbehaves, consequences will be natural, logical, and as immediate as practical.

Expectations for Camp Behavior

1. Respect people and property
2. Work and play safely
3. Do your best

Consequences

Teacher intervention and redirection:

5. Relocate child
6. Contact parent
7. "Give-back time"

The 3 "D's"

Get a counselor right away if something is...
Dangerous, Destructive, or Disturbing

Debugging

If someone is bugging you...

1. Ignore the person
2. Move away
3. Use nice words
4. Use firm words
5. Use problem solving or get a teacher

Weapon-Free School Zone

The Michigan Legislature requires the expulsion of students who possess a dangerous weapon, commit arson, or rape in a school building or on school grounds. Honey Creek also does not allow toy weapons or violent play. Please instruct your student about the danger of weapons, why they are not allowed on school grounds, and the consequences of possessing them at camp.

Conflicts

Conflicts are a natural part of our lives and of growing up. If a conflict arises between students, they are to attempt to resolve it in a constructive manner without physical contact. If they cannot resolve the conflict themselves, students should ask for help from a teacher or another adult. At Honey Creek, we teach the children that everyone has worth and value, and that everyone deserves respect. When conflicts arise, they can be used to help the students understand how to disagree with each other without attacking the other person, and how to reach an agreement or a compromise by using fair methods, listening to the other's perspective, clearly stating how they feel, and taking responsibility for their behavior. Adult members of the Honey Creek Community are expected to model conflict resolution.

Daily Schedule

Each day is structured around the following schedule. Specific weekly schedules, including field trip departure times, will be posted every Monday morning. (Field trips usually only take place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays.) Preferred Drop-off and Pick-up times are printed in bold.

7:30 – 8:30am	Sign In & Quiet Activities
8:40 – 9:10am	Flag Pole
9:20 – 9:50am	All Camp Group Game
10:00 – 11:20am	Activity 1 (Mon/Wed)
10:00 – 11:30am	Activity 1 (Tues/Thurs/Fri)
11:20 – 11:45am	Clean Up/Transition (Mon/Wed)
11:30 – 11:55am	Clean Up/Transition (Tues/Thurs/Fri)
11:50 – 12:45pm	Lunch & Recess (Mon/Wed)
12:00 – 1:10pm	Lunch & Recess (Tues/Thurs/Fri)
1:00 - 1:45pm	“Me” Time & Nap (Mon/Wed)
1:20 – 2:20pm	“Me” Time & Nap (Tues/Thurs/Fri)
2:00 – 3:25pm	Swimming (Mon/Wed)
2:30--4:00pm	Swimming (Tues/Thurs/Fri)
3:30-- 4:00pm	Change & Gym Time (Mon/Wed)
4:00--4:30pm	Change & Gym Time (Tues/Thurs/Fri)
4:00 – 4:10pm	Clean Up/Transition (Mon/Wed)
4:30 – 4:45	Clean Up/Transition (Tues/Thurs/Fri)
4:15– 4:35pm	Snack (Mon/Wed)
5:00 – 5:20pm	Snack (Tues/Thurs/Fri)
4:40 – 5:30pm	Activity 2 (Mon/Wed)
5:30 – 5:45pm	Clean Up (Mon/Wed)
	Clean Up (Tues/Thurs/Fri)
5:45 – 6:00pm	Await Pick Up

Field Trip Schedule For Honey Creek Summer Camp 2009

Fees for field trips are included in camp tuition. On field trip days, children need to bring a non-perishable, throwaway lunch. Please include a drink box (preferably a fruit juice; no pop or glass containers).

<i>Week</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Departure/Return</i>
2	Wed, June 17	Rowe's Produce Farm	8:30 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
2	Fri, June 19	Marvin's Marvelous Mechanical Museum	8:30 a.m. / 12:25 p.m.
3	Wed, June 24	Bel-Mark Lanes	9:15 a.m. / 3:00 p.m.
4	Tues, June 30	Romulus Athletic Center	11:10 a.m. / 5:30 p.m.
4	Thurs, July 2	Independence Lake	9:30 p.m. / 5:00 p.m.
5	Tues, July 7	West Park	8:45 a.m. / 4:45 p.m.
5	Thurs, July 9	U of M Museum of Art	9:10 a.m. / 1:20 p.m.
6	TBA		
7	Wed, July 22	Kellogg Park (Saline Fiddlers)	10:30 a.m. / 2:40 p.m.
8	Thurs, July 30	Detroit Science Center	10:00 a.m. / 5:00 p.m.
9	Tues, August 4	Jungle Java	11:30 a.m. / 4:45 p.m.
10	Tues, August 11	Michigan Firehouse Museum	9:00 a.m. / 3:15 p.m.
10	Wed, August 12	Ann Arbor Recycle Center	9:10 a.m. / 12:20 p.m.
11	Thurs, August 20	Gerald E. Eddy Geology Center	9:00 a.m. / 4:30 p.m.

We are also planning on having some fun onsite presentations throughout the summer:

3	Tues, June 23	Detroit Ignition and Spark Dancers	~10:00am
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****Field trips and/or locations may be changed at HCCS Summer Camp's discretion.*

HONEY CREEK COMMUNITY SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP STAFF

Sue Hofbauer Huczek, School Age Supervisor

This is Sue's 8th year directing the Honey Creek After School and Summer Camp Programs! Sue has her bachelor's degree in communication studies and a master's degree in elementary education. She is a certified lifeguard and is currently working on her doctorate in Educational Leadership at Eastern Michigan University.

Lead Counselors:

A2: Youngest Age Group

Alexa Korpak, Camp Counselor

This will be Alexa's fourth year as a counselor at Honey Creek. She just finished her Bachelor's Degree at EMU and is on the hunt for an elementary teaching position. She recently got married and may be moving at the end of the summer to follow a position. Alexa loves camp and is very excited for this summer (which may, sadly, be her last). Alexa's enthusiasm for summer camp activities and her consistent effort toward making things fun for everyone makes her a real asset to camp and a favorite with campers.

Sarah Mancos, Camp Counselor

Sarah is a senior at Eastern Michigan University, studying elementary education. Her major is language arts and her minor is science. She plans to graduate in April, and is considering graduate school. Sarah came to Honey Creek in September as a pre-student teacher and enjoyed the students so much that she jumped at the chance of being able to stick around for summer camp. Sarah loves to swim, sing, and eat other people's cooking. She can't wait to help make summer camp fun for all the students involved.

A1: Middle Age Group

Matt Scott, Camp Counselor

This is Matt's 2nd year as a summer camp counselor, though he has been involved with the summer camp program as a volunteer for a number of years. After giving his time for a number of field trips and other fun filled activities, Matt decided to "make it official" last summer. Kids of all ages love his joking nature! He likes to facilitate hands-on activities, loves to play sports and build. He's really looking forward to seeing the sights on various field trips and working on some exciting new projects with campers. Matt is an indispensable facet of Honey Creek, lending spice and down-to-earth joviality, even on the dreariest of rainy days.

Kevin Korpak

This will be Kevin's first year as a camp counselor. However, he is no novice when it comes to kids. He has spent the last school year as and after care teacher, instructional assistant, substitute teacher and lunch supervisor. Kevin is a highly active person who loves sports and games of all kinds. He is a recent graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a degree in journalism.

A9: Oldest Age Group

Amber Byers, Camp Counselor

Amber spent the year at Honey Creek wearing many hats. She was the school social worker, middle school math instructional assistant, lunch and recess monitor as well as many other things! Amber is a lifeguard and loves sports, as well as other outdoor activities. Having worked at summer camps for a decade, she is wicked excited to sing camp songs and be creative in arts and crafts! Amber's knowledge of silly songs and games will keep your kids blissfully busy all summer!

Amy Johnston (aka Amy J), Camp Counselor

Amy is now on her 6th summer of experience as a Honey Creek camp counselor! She has as many years in her various school year roles as a pool assistant, life guard, instructional assistant, after care teacher, life skills teacher and scowling but light-hearted philosopher. Amy finds that taking a break from her fourth year in college as a biology major gives her extra time and energy to pursue her passions, which include art, science, dance, music, photography, gardening, writing, fitness, parenting and cooking. Having so many interests and hobbies dissolves boundaries and releases her creative furor, so when it comes to the activities she concocts for summer camp kids, you can be certain she'll be putting forth maximum effort.

Additional Staff:

Zoe Almquist

Zoe is a Honey Creek alumna who currently attends and plays field hockey for Northwestern. She may make a cameo appearance as a lifeguard this summer!

Annie Bassett, Camp Counselor

Annie has just finished her fourth year at Eastern Michigan pursuing her Elementary Education major. This is her third year as a Honey Creek camp counselor. She loves camp and enjoys kids of all ages. Baking is one of her hobbies, and she is looking forward to camp's cooking club. She also enjoys gardening and being outside and active.

Jeannie Crayne, Camp Counselor

Jeannie is returning for her 5th year as a camp counselor. She is an Elementary Education major and works at Honey Creek during the school year. She loves working at summer camp because of the fun daily activities, the field trips and the kids! She enjoys children of all ages, and plans special camp activities including gardening, sewing and craft projects. Jeannie is kind, compassionate and enjoys people. We're glad to have Jeannie at camp!

Andrew Gardner, Camp Counselor

This will be Andrew's 2nd year helping at Honey Creek Summer Camp. Andrew has played sports and been active all through high school. Andrew recently completed his first year at Western Michigan University, in Kalamazoo.

Katie Gates, Camp Counselor

The music teacher at Honey Creek Community School. Katie will be invaluable during weird science week when we learn about the science of sound!

Emily Hardcastle, Camp Counselor

This is Emily's 1st year at Honey Creek Summer Camp. She is a junior at the University of Toledo and is majoring in Political Science with a minor in Spanish. She is interested in golf, yoga, politics, reading, watching movies and eating ice cream! She is really excited to get to know all the kids and to help out!

Susan Harrison, Camp Counselor

This will be Susan's 2nd year as counselor with Honey Creek. She is an instructional assistant during the school year at HC and her two children attend HC as well. Susan has a degree from Eastern Michigan University in psychology and social work. She enjoys hiking, bike riding, landscaping and gardening and supports local produce.

Eric Howe

Eric is a Honey Creek Summer Camp first timer! His energy and enthusiasm will be a great asset to the program!

Lucas Kizer, Camp Counselor

This is Lucas's 3rd year as a camp counselor but he has been involved in Honey Creek Summer Camp as a camper and CIT every year since its creation in 1996. Lucas, who is also an alumni of Honey Creek Community School, is attending The University of Toledo for mechanical engineering. His dream job would be to become an astronaut.

Ty McGuire, Camp Counselor

This 2nd year member of the Honey Creek Community School staff works as an after care teacher. Currently Ty is attending Eastern Michigan University full-time, majoring in social studies with a geography minor, with the goal of becoming a high school teacher. In the past, some of you sports nuts may have heard him on the radio while he was an associate producer for a sports talk show on WXYT. A lover of being active and acting seriously goofy, Ty's attitude blends well with all sorts of kids.

Chris Place, Camp Counselor

This is Chris's 4th year working at Honey Creek as a camp counselor. He graduated from Grand Valley State University with degree in physical education and health education. He's been teaching physical education at The Academy for Business and Technology Elementary School, in Dearborn, for six years. Chris is currently persuing his master's degree in Autistic Spectrum Disorders at Wayne State University in order to work with students with Autism. Chris has a great deal of experience and enjoys working with elementary school children. In his spare time, he likes to go hiking, mountain biking and running. Chris also lifts weights and participates in other outdoor activities. He is looking forward to working with your children this summer.

Liz Scott, Camp Counselor

Liz returns for her 4th year of camp here at Honey Creek. She is a long-time swimmer and loves being in the pool every day. She is a Honey Creek Middle School teacher, and the CITs just love her. Her hobbies include reading and beading; she makes a great beaded flower bracelet! Watch for Liz-inspired jewelry creations decorating your kids this summer.

Johnny Thompson, Camp Counselor

Johnny comes to Honey Creek camp as an Elementary teacher. She has TONS of camp experience working previously at Sherman Lake YMCA. She can't wait to sing and dance and entertain kids at camp because she truly loves kids. She has lots of energy and great ideas.

Dashaun Young

An instructional assistant at Honey Creek Community School. Dashaun has also been coaching basketball, among other things, with the after school program. His superior height will definitely come in handy when in need of items on the top shelf!

Donation List

- lumber
 - 4x4x8's
 - ½ in. sheets of plywood
 - screws, nails, hammers
- Scrap wood
- 2-3 person pop-up tent (one that can be set up in the classroom)
- Baby food jars, toilet paper and paper towel rolls, egg cartons, and other craft supplies
- Shoeboxes, boxes of any size
- Old shirts for painting
- Yogurt cups for painting
- Half-gallon milk cartons