KIMBALL CAMP
OUTDOOR CENTER

Outdoor Education Menu 2027

Classes (1-1.5 hours)

Forest Study

Explore a variety of forest ecosystems through a combination of classroom learning and outdoor discovery. Learn about the plants, trees, and other organisms that call Kimball Camp home, how they interact, and what makes each ecosystem unique. Then head out across our campus to discover these relationships firsthand!

Aligns with MI standards: K-LS1-1, K-ESS2-2, K-ESS3-1, 2-LS2-2, 2-LS4-1, 3-LS4-3, 3-LS1-1, 3-LS3-2, 5-PS3-1, 5-LS2-1, MS-LS2-1, MS-LS2-3, MS-LS1-5, MS-LS4-6, HS-LS2-1, HS-LS2-2, HS-LS2-6, HS-LS4-4, HS-LS4-5

Outdoor Survival

Explore the basics of wilderness survival as you learn about the essential needs of humans and other living things in an outdoor environment. Discover the science of staying warm, conserving heat, and protecting yourself from the elements before building your own backwoods shelter or improving an existing one. This class can also be combined with Michigan History for a hands-on look at how people historically used natural resources to survive.

Aligns with MI standards: K-LS1-1, K-ESS2-2, K-ESS3-1, 3 – G5.0.1, 3 – G5.0.2, 3-LS4-3, 3-LS4-2

Aquatic Ecology

Explore the unique aquatic ecosystems of Kimball Camp as you investigate the creek and lakeshore. Get hands-on with water quality testing, search for aquatic organisms, and discover how living things interact with their environments. Consider what these observations can tell us about the health of our local waterways and the importance of protecting them.

Aligns with MI standards: K-LS1-1, K-ESS2-2, K-ESS3-1, K-ESS3-3, 2-LS4-1, 3-LS4-3, 3-LS4-4, 3-LS1-1, 3-LS3-1, 3-LS3-2, MS-LS2-1, MS-LS2-4, MS-LS2-2, MS-LS2-5, MS-LS1-5, HS-LS2-1, HS-LS2-2, HS-LS2-6, HS-LS2-7, HS-LS4-6, HS-LS4-5

Michigan History

Step into pioneer life and early Michigan history through hands-on exploration and activities. Discover how early settlers lived, used natural resources, and met their basic needs while exploring the skills and challenges of surviving in Michigan's wilderness.

Aligns with MI standards: 3 – H3.0.5, 3 – H3.0.6, 3 – H3.0.7, 3 – H3.0.8, 3 – H3.0.10, 3 – G5.0.1, 3 – G5.0.2

Experiences and Activities (1-3 hours)

Some experiences not available for single day trips.

Team Building

Overcome various mental and physical challenges together by completing our Low Ropes Teambuilding Course. Our facilitators will guide you through a series of activities designed to help your group reach goals you set at the beginning of the course.

Canoeing

Learn the basics of paddling and work as a team to direct a canoe while exploring some of the best parts of Camp's outdoor classroom, including ecotones and transitioning habitats within and along the shores of Long Lake.

High Ropes and/or Zipline

Additional time, 2-6 hours, is required. Limit of 12-15 participants per 2 hours, max. 45 participants over 6 hours. Minimum age of 12, minimum height 4' 6". Get ready for the ultimate thrill as you harness up and tackle challenging obstacles 40 feet above the ground! Navigate through the course to test your balance and bravery. When you're ready, soar down the zipline for an unforgettable finish!

Giant Swing

Get ready for an unforgettable ride on our 40-foot pendulum swing! Experience the excitement as you swing high into the air, feeling the rush of a roller coaster drop. It's a thrilling adventure that will have you soaring like a bird!

Goliath Rock Wall

Challenge yourself on our multi-faced rock climbing wall, "Goliath." This towering giant is the perfect way to test your strength and skills. Reach for the top and aim for the ultimate achievement—climbing Goliath's nose!

Archery and/or Archery Tag

Discover the art of accuracy at our archery range! Learn the fundamentals as you practice your aim and technique. Whether you're a beginner or have some experience, our archery sessions offer a fun and rewarding way to challenge yourself while mastering this exciting sport.

Field and Court Games

Get active with a mix of classic field and court games, including Gaga Ball, volleyball, basketball, and other group games. Build teamwork, try new activities, and have fun!

Egg Landers

Using common materials including rubber bands, napkins and straws, teams attempt to design an egg-protecting apparatus that can withstand a 40 foot fall.

Nighttime Campfire with or without s'mores

Enjoy a classic campfire with time to reflect on the day, enjoy staff skits/songs, or roast marshmallows.

Night Hike

Experience the dark in a new way while learning about the science of the human eye, bioluminescence, nighttime animals, and the night sky (optional scary story for older groups).

Predator/Prey Game

Herbivores seek shelter, water, and food on a campus-wide playing field, while carnivores seek shelter, water, and herbivores in this massive game that combines the best of tag, hide and seek, and food chain 101.

Kimball Capers

In what is usually a hilarious show, each group or team performs their own skit(s) in the main lodge or at an outdoor campfire.

Staff Hunt

Work together to search for staff and chaperones hidden throughout a defined area of camp. Use teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills to find them all before time runs out!