

# YMSC

## Newsletter



### Welcome to YMSC

We battled heat and rain but came out on top -week 7 turned out pretty spectacular: We opened our YMSC Olympics with a torch pass on Tuesday, and medal competitions included relay and swim races, obstacle course, Limbo and diving contest. We took a relaxing walk across campus doing an animal scavenger hunt, we visited the Science Institute, and ended the week with an extra pool session on Friday! Enjoy the details from counselors and instructors below, and thank you for sharing your children with us for another week!



### Friendly Reminders!

PLEASE BRING EVERY DAY:

As the temperatures heat up, make sure the campers are ready for camp! Sunscreen, water, and tennis shoes are a necessity!

- Water bottle - Sunscreen - bathing suit and towel on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday
- Authorized Pick-up Sheet for car window (AM and PM).
- A good attitude!

#### Also PLEASE NOTE:

Snacks from home must be peanut and tree nut free! Campers should **NOT** be bringing **GUM** and **Pokemon** cards to camp! Thank you!

## Tigers

This week was a hot one at Sports Camp! The Tigers group did a really good job playing sports together as a team. In the middle of the week, we enjoyed a long walk around campus, and, as we walked, we competed in a scavenger hunt looking for different animals - alive or sculptured.



## Lions

Go Lions! Our team has shown incredible dedication and spirit this week, conquering new challenges and setting personal bests. We are excited to continue reaching new goals, aiming for an even stronger performance as we go into our last week of camp next week.

## Red wings

This week, our campers have been showcasing their ability to work together, whether in passing the ball in soccer, coordinating plays in basketball, or supporting each other during relay races. Cooperation and mutual encouragement is evident in every drill and game. It's inspiring to see how working together not only enhances their skills but also strengthens their friendships.



## Pistons

This week, the Pistons focused on friendship-skills as we were meeting and engaging with new friends. We got to know many new smiling faces, and it was very exciting to see returning and new campers play sports together.



## Cranes

This week our Cranes group won the relay race vs Pistons. They won a medal for being the champion. They were super excited and overjoyed. One of our “original” campers, who has been at our camp all 4 years of our existence, is turning 11 soon and graduated sports camp this week. He gave a sweet short speech sharing his experience and gratitude with all of us. It was a very heartfelt moment and reminded all of us how precious the laughter and tears from summer camp are in our campers lives.

## Instructors

### Handball with Coach Victoria

Campers have been getting really good at team handball. They have learned how to work together and use different strategies in the game. Handball is one of the favorites around camp.



## Soccer with Coach Tommy

This week, as we are nearing the end of camp, we are focusing mainly on game-based scenarios and scrimmaging as much as possible. I've also been organizing competitions between camp groups to both develop teamwork and competitive spirit.



## Basketball with Coach Justin

Our campers improved their basketball skills by learning 3 types of passes. They worked on teamwork and sharing the ball. They also improved their shooting by playing games like Lightning and 7s.



## Kickball with Coach Alex

Youth Multi Sports Camp is the site of many popular and common sports, none more so than kickball. The ease of learning and simple equipment mean that children of all ages can quickly become the best at it. It also helps teach the rules for baseball, which is also a very popular sport here at YMSC. For some of the campers, this was the first time playing kickball, and they learned the sport quickly.



## Meet our Admins!

### Maria, Camp Director

I am looking forward to my 4th summer at camp after having coached multiple seasons of soccer, basketball, and lacrosse while raising my 4 sporty kiddos. One of them grew up to be a Cranbrook lacrosse coach! My goal is for each camper to have fun, make friends, and grow while learning new skills in sports.

### Juliana, Assistant Director

I teach at Brookside during the school year and am excited to be back at YMSC in this new role this summer. I have 3 sons who are active in a variety of sports. In the summer, we bike through our neighborhood and often get ice cream at the nearby Dairy Mat on Woodward – look out for us! Let's have some fun together with our campers and staff!



### Jaiah, Office Administrator

I am an undergraduate at GVSU, majoring in Film and Video and minoring in Theater and African American Studies. Previously, I worked as a counselor at the JCC Day Camp in West Bloomfield and am excited to begin my new chapter at YMSC. In my spare time, I enjoy watching movies, crocheting, and playing The Sims. I look forward to having a wonderful summer with our campers and staff this year!



# Meet Our Coaches

## Coach Victoria

Hi, I'm super excited to be back for my 4th year and to meet everyone and teach a wide variety of sports. I am a Physical Education teacher in K-5 Michigan public schools. In my spare time I ride horses and enjoy doing CrossFit. I can't wait to share my love of sports with fellow campers!

## Coach Alexander

I finished my undergrad at Oakland University in 2022 and am now a graduate student at the University of Kansas in Political Science. I am excited to be back in Michigan for the summer and for my 4th season at YMSC to teach a variety of sports to our campers.

## Coach Tommy

I am going in to my third year at Michigan State University. I am working towards my BS in biology. Before MSU, I was a student athlete at U of D Jesuit, where I played soccer both for my school, but also primarily at a travel level. This summer, I will be helping our campers not only get better at soccer, but more importantly, having fun!



## Coach Justin

I am attending Grand Valley State University, pursuing a degree in Physical Education with the goal to become a PE Teacher. My favorite sport is Soccer.

## Coach Erin

I am going into my Junior year at Indiana University, working towards a degree in sports management and media with a minor in creative advertising. I am captain of the Indiana University Equestrian team. I have played pretty much every sport under the sun growing up and in my free time I enjoy staying active and being with friends!



# Meet our Counselors

## Ms.Ellie

I was born and raised in Los Angeles, and recently moved to Michigan! I have two degrees, one in Fine Art and another in Liberal Arts and Humanities. I enjoy staying active with hikes and bike rides.

## Ms.Brooke

This is my first season being a counselor at Cranbrook camps. I am going into my third year at Saginaw Valley State University for my business degree. I love sports and can't wait to meet all the campers this summer.

## Ms.Aleea

I'm so excited for camp this summer! I go to school at Central Michigan University. I'm majoring in Elementary Education & hope to be a 2nd or 3rd grade teacher. I'm looking forward to having a summer full of fun & sports with our campers!



## Mrs.Rachel

I am a certified Chinese language teacher, and I have a master's degree in education. This is the 4th year I will be working as a counselor at our Youth Multi-Sports Camp here at Cranbrook. Looking forward to another super happy summer with you all! :)

## Ms.Ester

I'm an incoming Junior at Oakland University, majoring in Journalism and Media Studies while working in their athletic media department! My favorite sport is basketball, and I am super excited for my third year at camp!

## Ms.Tamia

My favorite sport is basketball. This fall I will be going into my Junior year at U of M at Dearborn studying Marketing. I will be playing on their basketball team too. I am looking forward to meeting all our campers this summer!

## Mr.EJ (Elijah)

I am a Journalism Major at Michigan State university, and training to get on Michigan State university's Football team.

## Ms.Marissa

This is my second year working as a camp counselor at Youth Multi-Sports Camp. I go to Bowling Green State University where I study nursing and play club volleyball. I'm super excited to be back at camp for another season and a great summer!

## Ms.Claire

I did volleyball, lacrosse, swim, and gymnastics growing up. I will also be in my third year of nursing at Saginaw Valley State University this fall. I'm super excited to be a part of Youth Multi Sports Camp this summer!

