

Goodbye from YMSC

Our last week of camp is always bittersweet - we have exhausted our counselors and instructors keeping campers happily active and safe, and we have grown so fond of them that it is sad to say goodbye. We appreciate ALL that your children bring to make this camp successful. We love their enthusiasm for sports, their joy in just playing together, and we are always impressed by flexibility in moving along with our schedule - whether it's a rainy day, extra pool time or cancelled pool time, spontaneous walk to the Science Institute, scavenger hunts and traditional lawn games - they conquer it all! Thank you, parents, for all your support. We are already looking forward to
YMSC 2025!



**Ciao from the TIGERS counselors,
Marissa and Tamia**

As Sports Camp comes to an end, the Tigers reflect on the relationships they have built, memories they've shared, and the skills they have learned. We especially enjoyed playing handball this week, and focused on being supportive teammates to other campers. As a special treat, we traveled to the Greek Theater on Wednesday to watch the Cranbrook Theatre Camp production of "Finding Nemo."

Adios from the LIONS counselors, Brooke and Ellie

This last week of sports camp has been a whirlwind of energy, excitement, and growth. The Lions have showcased their newly honed skills in a series of friendly competitions, cheering each other on with great enthusiasm. We will miss our campers, but are celebrating the friendships and memories made through camp.



Arrivederci from the RED WINGS counselors, Alea and Claire

This week, the Red Wings focused on branching out and making new friends. Campers had the chance to connect with kids from different teams and backgrounds, forming new bonds through friendly competition and teamwork. It's been rewarding to see everyone stepping out of their comfort zones and reaching out to others. The Red Wings have truly demonstrated exceptional support for both old and new friends, on and off the field! In addition, they were acknowledged by our directors as most well-behaved during the theater camp's performance of "Nemo," which we enjoyed on Wednesday.

Go Red Wings!



**Au Revoir from Pistons
counselor Ester**

The Pistons had a lot of fun for their last week of sports camp! Our campers were all returnees from previous weeks, and the familiarity helped create many fun moments of being silly and laughing together.



**Zai Jian from Cranes
counselor Rachel**

This week, the Cranes campers were extra passionate about sports. They all participated actively, barely taking a break. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and joy. We also had two birthdays this week and the whole camp sang Happy Birthday for them at the top of their lungs. It was very sweet!



**Auf Wiedersehen from
our Instructors**

Hockey Erin

During our last week of camp, the kids have had a bit more freedom in hockey. They enjoyed playing bigger scrimmages with each other while also further developing their skills. In addition, they also worked on their sportsmanship skills to be both a good teammate and friend.



Soccer Tommy

This week, as we are wrapping up camp, we are focusing mainly on game based scenarios and scrimmaging whenever possible. I also organized competitions between camp groups to both develop teamwork and competitive spirit. It's been a pleasure to instruct your campers this summer!



Football E.J.

This week, the campers scrimmage against each other while working on team building. They focused on agility mostly and catching on the run. Defensive football concepts were also learned by the campers so they could experience the strategic side of football. I had a blast with our campers - thanks for a fun summer!



Basketball Justin

This week's focus was on trying out new sports. Many of our campers played ultimate frisbee for the first time and played quite well. Campers were also introduced to Tri-Team basketball, playing 3 on 3 on 3. Watching your children improve their skills while truly enjoying the game, made this camp unforgettable.



Baseball/Kickball Alex

Baseball has been a very popular sport at YMSC, especially as the summer draws to a close. Children who were familiar with kickball were able to easily pick up baseball. This week campers practiced catching and throwing, but also participated in baseball games. I truly enjoyed instructing these sports again this summer! See you in 2025 ;)



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!



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!



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 team 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!



Coach 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!

