

CAMP OHANA

Please help us send a child to Summer Camp! Your support can make a dream come true for someone less fortunate! For only \$40 a day or \$200 for the entire week, you can make a profound difference in someone's life!



Nearly everyone has a memory of summer camp. Swimming lessons, making friends, archery and horseback riding. But for some youth in Upper Michigan, summer camp is little more than a dream. Children in group homes or foster homes often spend lonely summers at home while other kids head to summer camp. Teaching Family Homes changes that by making the dream of summer camp a reality for Upper Michigan's troubled youth, who can often benefit the most from a camp experience.

Each summer, the youth involved in the Residential Group Home, Foster Care, Juvenile Justice, and Families First Programs go to camp. These kids have the weight of the world on their shoulders most days, often coming from abusive or neglectful homes, trying to overcome behavioral and emotional scars. But for one week every year, they get to be regular kids going to camp. While continuing the work to rebuild their little lives back into something better. Youth have the chance to learn campfire cooking, songs and skits, and the interpersonal skills that are an ingrained part of any summer camp.

Over the five-day Camp Ohana experience, children are exposed to a variety of different camper activities. The programs, such as a high ropes course, nature craft projects, polar bear swims and the annual Camp Quilt Project, teach vital problem-solving skills. The goal of staff is to improve camper's ability to interact with others and increase their confidence in making good decisions. Campers are encouraged to try new things and explore newly discovered skills. All events and activities at Camp Ohana are designed to challenge the campers and to help them develop and grow.



The cost of sending one child to camp is \$40 per day or \$200 for the entire week. Teaching Family Homes provides the staff and supervision necessary to have a safe and happy camp experience. All remaining costs for camp come from concerned community members such as yourself who contribute to making a camp experience a reality for a child in need. Please help send a child to camp by contributing to the Camp Ohana Scholarship Fund.



If you choose to send a child to Camp Ohana for 1 day or the entire week, please call or mail your check to:
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