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2020 PROGRAMS GUIDE

YMCA CAMP COPNECONIC

**THE RIGHT
DIRECTION**
FOR KIDS. FOR LIFE.

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YMCA Camp Copneconic is known as one of the best camping experiences in the Midwest, offering something for everyone. A week at Copneconic helps build a guiding compass of values and character that develops kids — well beyond their time at Camp — pointing them in the right direction for life.



NEW FOR 2020!

- ▶ Updated Counselors In Training Program
- ▶ New Day Camp Offerings
- ▶ Gluten-Free Camp

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

AN EXCEPTIONAL SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE.

Hello parents and campers!

I am so excited to share the exciting updates we've made to our summer programs at YMCA Camp Copneconic. We've named summer 2020 as the Summer of Growth! When I speak with kids at lunch, counselors at closing campfire, or parents at Friday check-out, I hear so much about the positive change that camp makes in a person's life. I hear confidence in the voice of a camper who tried the zip line for the first time. I hear pride from the counselor who helped a camper make a new friend, and I hear joy from the parents whose first-time camper came home more caring, honest, respectful and responsible.

When I reflect on my own camp experiences, I think of campfires and archery, zip lines and swimming. I think of the friendships I made, and the songs we sang around the campfire. While what we did at camp holds a prominent space in my memories, the things I learned and the ways I grew are the memories that I hold most dear. Camp is a place where kids are encouraged to try new things and to be true to themselves, all through fun camp activities.

At Camp Copneconic, we're nestled on 750 acres, featuring the beautiful Lake Copneconic. We have a long list of amazing activities, including water toys, canoes, zip lines, high ropes, horses, games and more. We employ nearly 200 amazing young leaders to work with our campers. Our staff receive extensive training in camper well-being, activity leadership, emergency response, teaching skills and much more. They are so much more than the sum of all those parts; however, as we see them as your camper's mentors as they embark on a journey of personal growth.

YMCA Camp Copneconic has been offering immersive summer camp programming for more than 100 years. Since our first summer in 1915, parents have entrusted us to build their children into the future leaders of the world. Over these 105 summers, we've built lasting friendships, developed good character and helped thousands of kids experience transformative growth at camp. I hope that you'll entrust us with your kid(s) this summer to see how much a week at camp can help your kid grow.

See you this summer!

Brandon Dreffs, Executive Director
YMCA Camp Copneconic

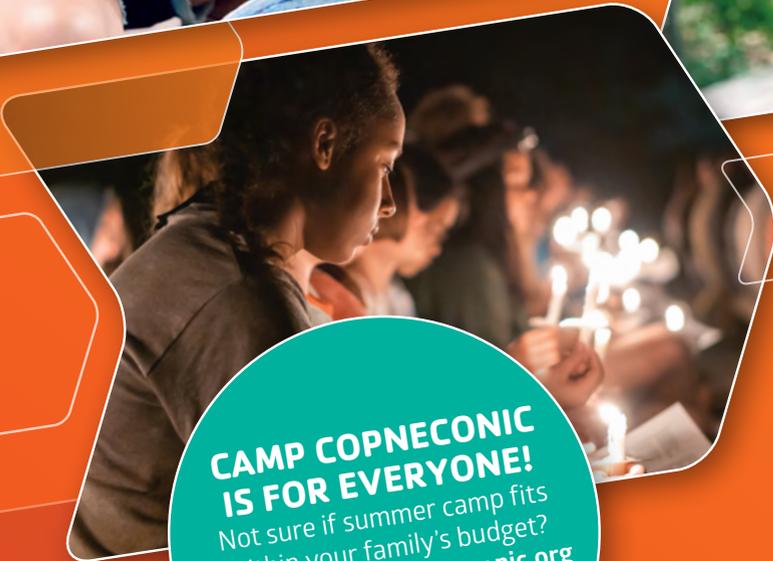


"EVERYONE I INTERACTED WITH WAS FRIENDLY, AND I FELT COMFORTABLE LEAVING MY DAUGHTER IN THEIR HANDS FOR THE DAY."

OVERNIGHT CAMPS

Overnight Camps at YMCA Camp Copneconic are where memories are made...along with lifelong friendships, self-confidence and independence. Campers will unplug from technology and reconnect with nature, participating in a variety of camp activities during each of our eight one- to two-week sessions.

Our age-progressive programming allows campers to return year after year, with new and exciting programs designed for each age group. We also offer Travel Trips to beautiful Northern Michigan destinations with hiking, biking and kayaking for our older overnight campers.



CAMP COPNECONIC IS FOR EVERYONE!

Not sure if summer camp fits within your family's budget? Visit www.campcopneconic.org to learn about available scholarships.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- ▶ Archery & Fishing
- ▶ Arts & Crafts
- ▶ Canoeing & Kayaking
- ▶ Climbing Tower & Zip Line
- ▶ High Ropes Course
- ▶ Jet Ski Tubing
- ▶ Swimming & Waterfront Fun

MINI-CAMP

Entering Grades 3-8

Mini-Camp packs a sample of our favorite age-appropriate activities into this shortened week. Campers will experience aqua toys at the waterfront, high adventure activities, archery, arts and crafts and more. Caring staff will promote fun and friendships during this special session!

June 28-July 2, August 16-20

CAMP REWIND

Entering Grades 3-8

Join us for a rewind to all the awesome summer fun at Copneconic! During this session, campers will have the opportunity to choose their activities including exclusive access to programs they might not have had a chance to experience before at the waterfront, high adventure and the ranch. Longer activity periods will give a more flexible schedule for relationships to grow and skills to be gained.

August 16-21

TRAILBLAZERS

Entering Grades 4-5

Trailblazers experience programming designed to foster inclusion and friendship! Campers participate in activities such as our infamous Creek Freak zip line, archery, arts and crafts, swimming and so much more! Trailblazers are guided by our nurturing staff and encouraged to try new things, while making lasting friendships and developing a newfound sense of independence.

July 5-10, July 12-17, July 19-24, July 26-31,
August 2-7, August 9-14

BEYOND GLUTEN CAMP

Entering Grades 3-11

Beyond Gluten gives gluten-sensitive children the transformational camp experience they've been looking for. Campers will create lasting friendships through activities such as zip lining, paddle boarding, kayaking and so much more. They'll make memories to last a lifetime among kids with similar experiences to their own. All the while, parents can enjoy the peace of mind knowing that their camper's dietary needs are managed by our exceptional food service team in our state-of-the-art kitchen.

Note: Beyond Gluten campers will stay in separate cabins from Copneconic campers.

July 5-10

PIONEERS

Entering Grades 6-8

Pioneers are challenged to meet new people and step outside of their comfort zones! This group will have the opportunity to test their bravery on activities like our climbing tower or giant swing, laugh with friends while kayaking around legendary Snake Island and sharpen their skills at disc golf. Pioneers also experience "Camper's Choice" so they can choose activities they want to try, or try again!

July 5-10, July 12-17, July 19-24, July 26-31,
August 2-7, August 9-14

MEDLEY

Entering Grades 6-8

Variety seekers experience a full spectrum of "Camper's Choice" activities in this specialty program. Campers will customize their experience by selecting their own schedule of activities from a medley of program choices on a daily basis. Some choices include watersports, high adventure, extreme games, arts and crafts, fishing and much more.

July 12-17, August 2-7



CRAZY ABOUT COPNECONIC

Entering Grades 6-11

Two action-packed weeks of overnight camp is sure to build confidence and independence! Our two-week campers will experience age-appropriate activities with favorites like the Creek Freak zip line, kayaking, swimming and the double-decker high ropes course. A special weekend stay is a highlight as our two-weekers enjoy all of Camp Copneconic with special "Camper's Choice" options and movie night!

July 5-17

VOYAGERS

Entering Grades 9-11

Voyagers are given the freedom to shape part of their camp experience by taking their schedule into their own hands and selecting their activities two days of the session. Campers also form friendships while participating in cabin activities such as our high ropes course and tower zip line, navigating the shores of Lake Copneconic on our paddleboards

or hanging with their friends in Hammockville! Voyagers build self-confidence and make memories that last a lifetime.

July 5-10, July 12-17, July 19-24, July 26-31, August 2-7, August 9-14

COUNSELOR IN TRAINING (C.I.T.)

Entering Grade 12

The CIT program provides a unique learning opportunity to campers who are aspiring to become camp counselors or future leaders. The CIT program is a two-week program that includes a two-day camping trip focused on establishing expectations, teambuilding and leadership. CITs then return to Camp for interactive workshops on camper management, communication skills and leading activities. During week two, CITs put the training into action as they shadow and assist counselors with an assigned cabin group.

July 5-17

OVERNIGHT EQUESTRIAN CAMPS

CIRCLE C RANCH Entering Grades 4-10

This program is designed for riders of all levels who want to advance their equestrian skills. Campers will be grouped based on skill and assigned their own horse for the week. Experienced staff will instruct campers on the finer points of tack, safety, equine health, grooming, identifying breeds and respect for the animal. Half the day is spent at the Circle C Ranch and during the other half, campers take advantage of many typical Copneconic activities.

July 5-10, July 12-17, July 19-24, July 26-31



HORSEMASTERS Entering Grades 6-11

Horsemasters is a great opportunity for riders with previous experience who want to fully immerse themselves in advancing their horse knowledge. A full day of horse time and special activities offered only during Horsemasters provide for an enriching equestrian experience. Special guests may include visits from our farrier, veterinarian and other experts. Campers must have previous riding experience.

August 2-7



TRAVEL TRIP ADVENTURE SERIES

MICHIGAN MOSAIC TRIP

Entering Grades 9-11

This co-ed trip will experience a mosaic of activities, all Michigan based! From surfing on Lake Michigan and tubing the Platte River, to a Jeep ride exploring the beautiful sand dunes. This scenic trip culminates with an excursion to Michigan's Adventure to top off an already action-packed week of fun!

July 5-10, August 9-14

GIRLS' SOUTH MANITOU TRIP

Entering Grades 9-11

This all-girl backpacking trip explores all that Northern Michigan's South Manitou Island has to offer. The trip begins with a night in Glen Arbor before the ferry departs for the island the next morning. Campers will learn outdoor and teambuilding skills as they shape their own experience, choosing together what hikes to explore. Campers will then return to the mainland to visit the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Park and Traverse City. Girls will discover their inner potential, be empowered and develop a newfound appreciation for nature.

July 26-31

BOYS' NORTH MANITOU TRIP

Entering Grades 9-11

Guys on this all-boy backpacking trip will explore Northern Michigan's North Manitou Island. Rugged and free, campers will tap into their inner outdoorsman as they work together to read a map, cook their own food and set up their tents under the stars. With a hike to Manitou Lake and a refreshing swim in Lake Michigan, campers will surely make memories that last a lifetime!

July 12-17

MANITOU ADVENTURE TRIP

Entering Grades 9-11

New adventures and exploration are ahead on this co-ed backpacking trip to South Manitou Island. Campers will be one with nature and work together to set up and run camp in the wilderness. Day hikes to island landmarks and swimming in beautiful Lake Michigan are on the itinerary. Campers head back to mainland later in the week to visit the Leelanau Peninsula lakeshore and dunes.

August 2-7

DAY CAMPS

It's amazing how much fun you can pack into a day. At YMCA Camp Copneconic, our Day Camps are filled with great activities, great friends and great fun — all in the great outdoors! Campers build friendships, learn valuable life lessons and make memories through a variety of fun and engaging programs offered daily during each of our 11 one-week sessions. With age-progressive programming, campers can return year after year to experience new and exciting programs designed for each age group. Day Camp is the perfect stepping stone for campers who want to prepare for the Overnight Camp experience. All Day Camps run Monday through Friday 8am-5pm. Extended Care is available before and after typical camp hours.



ALL KIDS DESERVE SUMMER CAMP!

We believe all kids should experience summer camp, regardless of their family's ability to pay. Scholarship information is available at www.campcopneconic.org.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- ▶ Arts & Crafts
- ▶ Canoeing & Kayaking
- ▶ Creek Hikes
- ▶ Epic Theme Events
- ▶ GaGa
- ▶ Low Ropes Course
- ▶ Mountain Biking
- ▶ Swimming & Waterfront Fun

SNOOPERS

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Snoopers enjoy a full day of fun and exploration! It's the perfect introduction to summer camp with activities such as canoeing, pony rides, frog hunting and so much more. Low camper-to-staff ratios and positive role models create a safe and magical outdoor camp experience.

Offered all sessions.

SCOUTS

Entering Grades 1-2

New adventures and magic begins for our younger campers with Scouts. This well-rounded program offers camp activities perfect for their age group, including archery, extreme water rockets and sneaking. Campers will also enjoy aqua jump and canoeing on beautiful Lake Copneconic.

Offered all sessions.

FISH, FROGS & FORTS

Entering Grades 1-3

Campers will love exploring nature, building secret forts, hunting for frogs and interacting with reptiles and amphibians. Kids will love learning to fish and attempting to catch the mysterious Big Charlie!

June 15-19, July 13-17, August 3-7

MINI ALL-STARS

Entering Grades 1-3

This is a great choice for kids who want to try an array of sports! The week includes basketball, soccer, gaga and flag football. Throughout the week, campers will also experience a variety of active group games designed to enhance teamwork!

July 6-10, July 27-31, August 10-14

AQUAMANIA

Entering Grades 1-4

Aquamaniacs love corcling, swimming and playing on our aquatic playground of water toys! Campers also explore beautiful Lake Copneconic while tubing or during a pontoon swim.

June 22-26, August 10-14, August 24-28



"EVERYONE IS ALWAYS SO WONDERFUL AND FRIENDLY! I LOVE THAT THE COUNSELORS KNOW ALL THE KIDS' NAMES AND THE KIDS KNOW THE COUNSELORS!"

TRAVELERS

Entering Grades 1-4

Set your sights on discovery through new adventures every day! One day campers will be at the waterfront bouncing on an aqua toy, the next exploring trails on camp and meeting our reptiles. Kids then travel to the woods for a day of survival skills, shelter building and fires, followed by a day of teamwork playing group sports!

June 29-July 3, July 20-24, August 3-7, August 17-21

BLAZERS

Entering Grades 3-5

Campers will have fun splashing around with new friends during free swim, developing new skills at archery and building self-confidence on the zip-line. Blazers will also foster an appreciation for nature and the great outdoors by biking the trails on camp and learning fire building.

Offered all sessions.

ADVENTURE IN IMAGINATION

Entering Grades 3-6

The Genesee District Library and Camp Copneconic are partnering once again to offer an exciting specialty-themed day camp. Campers become immersed in a book series through creative programming, as well as enthusiastic staff. The story will come alive daily through imaginative activities into the wonderful world of mystery and adventure.

July 13-17 Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban
August 10-14 Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire



MISSION INNOVATION

Entering Grades 3-6

Do you like to explore, solve problems and use technology? Join us for an engaging week of exploring STEM projects through hands-on investigations. Campers will build catapults, balloon rockets and spaghetti skyscrapers. Throughout all projects, we will emphasize the engineering design process, creativity and the importance of collaboration. Campers will experiment, engineer and explore, all while receiving a traditional summer camp experience.

June 15-19, July 27-31, August 17-21

NATURE DISCOVERY

Entering Grades 3-6

Nature enthusiasts will have hands-on experiences with reptiles, amphibians, bugs, birds and plants. Adventurous hikes through Camp's forests, ponds and streams will introduce campers to Camp's amazing animals and wild habitats.

June 22-26, July 27-31



"MY CHILD HAD A GREAT TIME AND EXPERIENCED THINGS THAT SHE NORMALLY WOULD SHY AWAY FROM."

EQUESTRIAN DAY CAMPS

BOOTS AND SADDLES

Entering Grades 3-8

From showmanship to trail ride adventures, riders of all levels will be sure to improve their skills. Friendships will develop between campers as they learn to care for their horses, build confidence in their riding and make memories that will last a lifetime!

June 15-19, June 29-July 3, July 6-10, July 13-17, July 20-24, July 27-31, August 17-21, August 24-28

HORSE LOVERS

Entering Grades 5-8

Horse Lovers is for campers interested in a progressive week of riding lessons and equestrian skill development. A full day of specialized classes will focus on expanding horse knowledge and confidence. This program is for riders with previous riding experience.

June 22-26, August 10-14



COPNECONIC SURVIVORS

Entering Grades 4-7

Earning team points along their journey, campers learn survival skills in the rugged Copneconic wilderness. Shelter building, orienteering, fire building, fishing and outdoor cooking are needed to succeed in this game of survival.

June 22-26, July 6-10, July 20-24

HIGH 5 SPORTS

Entering Grades 4-7

Sport fanatic campers will play a unique mix of camp games and sports, including Ultimate Frisbee and beach volleyball, as well as soccer, basketball, flag football and street hockey. And don't forget the famous Gaga tournament!

June 22-26, July 13-17, August 3-7

NAVIGATORS

Entering Grades 4-7

Campers navigate to a new area of camp each day to experience new adventures! One day, campers will learn survival skills such as knot tying and outdoor cooking, the next they'll navigate to the reptile house and vernal pond to learn about all the critters that live at camp.

Another day will be spent playing team sports, another on the waterfront and another fishing in our trolling boats! This program is perfect for campers looking for an adventurous session!

June 15-19, June 29-July 3, July 20-24, August 10-14, August 24-28

RODS AND REELS

Entering Grades 4-7

Anglers learn fundamental fishing skills such as baiting, casting, habitat and setting the hook. Boats fully rigged with trolling motors allow campers to learn advanced skills and try to catch the famous Big Charlie!

June 29-July 3, August 3-7, August 24-28

ADVENTURE CHALLENGE

Entering Grades 5-8

Thrill seekers will love our double-decker high ropes course, 55-foot climbing tower, Creek Freak zip line, mountain biking and giant swing. Campers also learn about teambuilding on our challenging low ropes course.

June 29-July 3, August 24-28



WATERSPORTS

Entering Grades 5-8

Watersports Day Camp offers endless ways for kids to discover all that Lake Copneconic has to offer. Jet-ski tubing, paddle boarding, sailing, kayaking, canoeing and aqua toy obstacles will make a real splash with friends.

June 15-19, July 27-31, August 17-21

TREKKERS

Entering Grades 7-8

Trekkers Day Camp appeals to older campers who enjoy expanding their horizons and experiencing new adventures. Campers travel off Camp for one day during the week via bus for a fun trip to some of the area's most adventurous and exciting attractions. While at Camp, Trekkers love paddling around the lake in Corcls, playing sports, hanging out in hammocks and experiencing our tower zip line.

FIELD TRIP LOCATIONS:

June 15-19: Castaway Play

July 6-10: Red Oaks Waterpark

July 20-24: Kokomo's Family Fun Center

August 3-7: Rolling Hills Waterpark

August 17-21: Detroit Zoo



2020

DAY CAMP
SESSION
DATES &
THEMES

SESSION A / June 15-19

Gold Rush: There's Treasure in Them Thar Holiday Hills

SESSION B / June 22-26

Circus: Come One, Come All to Copneconic's Greatest Show

SESSION C / June 29-July 3

Camp Copneconic Holiday Celebration

SESSION D / July 6-10

Out of this World: Pluto Invasion

SESSION E / July 13-17

Once Upon a Time: The Tale of Lady Martina and Her Noble Steed

SESSION F / July 20-24

Expedition Copneconic: The Search for the Fabled Yeti

SESSION G / July 27-31

Go for the Gold Olympic Challenge

SESSION H / August 3-7

Copneconic Cinemas: Who's Film is it Anyway?

SESSION I / August 10-14

Dinosaurs: Jurassic Adventure

SESSION J / August 17-21

Time Travel: Blast from the Past

SESSION K / August 24-28

Top Secret: The Mystery of Agent Green



“THIS IS OUR FOURTH YEAR AT CAMP. MY FOUR KIDS LOVE IT! THE COUNSELORS ARE OUTSTANDING. SERIOUSLY, THIS IS SUCH AN INCREDIBLE CAMP AND HIGHLIGHTS FOR MY KIDS’ SUMMER. THANK YOU SO MUCH!”

PARTNER WITH YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Skills learned and relationships fostered are often life-changing stepping stones on the road to adulthood for kids who attend summer camp. But, for some families, the cost of sending their child(ren) to camp is too much of a financial burden.

At YMCA Camp Copneconic, we believe every child should have a chance to experience camp, regardless of their ability to pay. That is why we need your help to provide a camp experience for deserving youth in our community. No matter how big or small, your donations ensure each of our campers has the most rewarding experience possible.

In 2019, the generosity of families helped us send 419 youth to camp who otherwise may not have been able to attend. On behalf of each child that will visit YMCA Camp Copneconic this year, thank you for your support and dedication.

Donations may be made on your camp registration form. If you or someone you know would benefit from a scholarship, please visit www.campcopneconic.org to apply or call 810.629.9622 for a paper application.

SUMMER CAMP IS FOR EVERYONE!

All kids should enjoy the experience of summer camp! The Youth Scholarship Fund makes it possible. Learn how to apply for assistance at www.campcopneconic.org.

2020 PRICING INFORMATION

DAY CAMP PROGRAMS	ON OR BEFORE MARCH 16	ON OR BEFORE MAY 4	STARTING MAY 5
All day camp programs (Except Trekkers & Horse Programs)	\$225	\$240	\$255
Trekkers	\$245	\$260	\$275
Boots & Saddles	\$275	\$290	\$305
Horse Lovers	\$295	\$310	\$325

OVERNIGHT CAMP PROGRAMS	ON OR BEFORE MARCH 16	ON OR BEFORE MAY 4	STARTING MAY 5
Beyond Gluten	\$550	\$575	\$600
Trailblazers/Pioneers/Voyagers/Medley/Rewind	\$550	\$575	\$600
Mini Camp (Session 1 and 8 Only)	\$425	\$450	\$475
Circle C Ranch	\$565	\$590	\$615
Horsemasters	\$600	\$625	\$650
Counselor In Training (2 Week Program)	\$695	\$720	\$745
Crazy About Copneconic (2 Week Program)	\$1,045	\$1,070	\$1,095
Travel Trips	\$720	\$745	\$770

MONTHLY INSTALLMENT PROGRAM

Families have the option to spread their payments from the time of registration up to June. Installments are charged to the credit card on file on the 15th of each month with the final charge on June 15.

Register early for lower monthly payments!

HOW IT WORKS

- 1 Register for camp online, over the phone or by mailing in a registration form (forms can be obtained by printing from our website or by calling the camp office and we'll drop them in the mail to you).
- 2 Pay the deposit at the time of registration (\$150 for Overnight Camps; \$75 for Day Camps).
- 3 Your remaining balance will then be split into equal monthly payments to be paid on the 15th of each month.
- 4 The final payment will be charged on June 15.



Siblings receive a
15%
DISCOUNT ON
CAMP FEES

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE FAMILIES IN NEED OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.CAMPCOPNECONIC.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION.

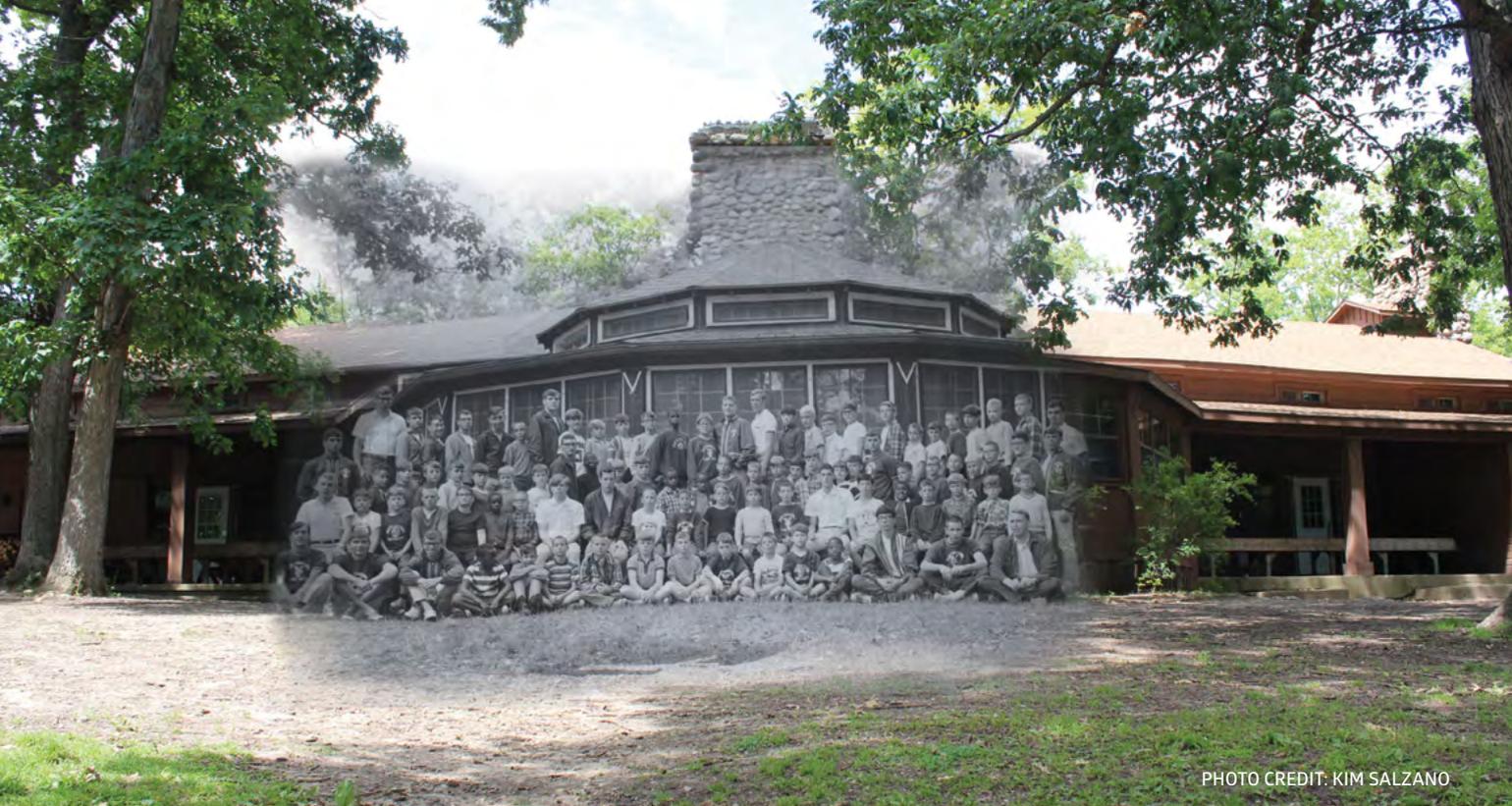


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CAMP COPNECONIC ALUMNI

Since 1915, YMCA Camp Copneconic has been making memories, creating true friendships and changing the lives of kids, parents and families. It's not the 750 acres of woodland beauty, or the pristine splendor of Lake Copneconic that makes Camp a special place, it's the people.

For some of you, YMCA Camp Copneconic was the first place that you spent the night away from home or the first time your child spent the night away. For others, Copneconic is where you found lifelong friendships. Whether you spent one day or 10 years attending Copneconic, you are part of our family.

As a member of our family, we hope to better stay in touch with you and help you connect with the friends and memories you've made here at your home away from home.

We invite you to join us for one of our upcoming special events:

STAFF REUNION

Join us February 15, 2020 for a chance to participate in camp activities, a dinner and your favorite campfire!

ALUMNI FAMILY FUND DAY

Join us August 29, 2020 for a day full of fun! Bring your family along to show them your old stomping ground.

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.CAMPCOPNECONIC.ORG OR BY CALLING 810.629.9622



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SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSES

We invite you to preview our 2020 Summer Camp Programs. Bring your friends and family for a free afternoon of sample programs and activities. Our staff will answer all of your questions and give you a tour of our facility.

MARCH 15 • APRIL 26 • MAY 31

Summer Camp Open Houses run from 2pm-5pm. Please register online to hold your spot at www.campcopneconic.org.