

Camp Policy Changes – U.P. Sports Training Camp 2017

1. Athlete Selection Process

Please note that our Athlete Selection Process has changed. *Eligible Athletes will be accepted into the Camp on a first come, first served basis.* Returning the Predetermination Forms as soon as possible is important.

2. Athletes Outside Marquette and Alger County

Annually, the U.P. Sports Training Camp Planning Team will determine the number of slots awarded to athletes who live outside of Marquette and Alger County. The number of slots awarded for the Camp will be determined based upon the availability of counselors, housing, and coaches.

3. Cell Phone Usage

Athletes always have access to a telephone in the Camp Director's office. During the day, athletes will not have access to their cell phones for making personal calls or taking photos. This will help ensure that athletes are focused on camp activities and that the potential for inappropriate photo taking, e.g., in the shower area or bathroom, is minimized so that we can continue to keep our athletes safe. A personal or disposable camera may be brought to camp. Cell phones can be used to call family members after evening activities.

4. Extra Pair of Clean Tennis Shoes

Bay Cliff Health Camp has a new Recreation Center with wood floors. Bay Cliff is willing to let us use the Center if we are wearing clean tennis shoes. Staff and Athletes will need to have an extra pair of tennis shoes that are *new* or *clean* and that will only be used in the Recreation Center during our Camp.

Thanks for your cooperation and support! Please contact me if you have any questions.

Senker
906.250.1941

February 2, 2017

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Plans are underway for our fourteenth annual five-day summer camp experience for students with disabilities. Enrollment is limited (approximately 30 athletes), which will enable us to provide a safe and well-monitored but pleasant camp experience. The camp is scheduled for August 15-19, 2017 at Bay Cliff Health Camp, Big Bay, Michigan. Many individuals and groups including Special Olympics Michigan Area 36, Bay Cliff, NMU, and Marquette-Alger RESA are involved with camp.

To continue with our plans we would like to identify potential athletes. The purpose of the camp is to provide a five-day sports training camp experience for children with special needs in Marquette and Alger counties. There is no cost for athletes to attend camp if they meet the following criteria:

- Special Education Eligibility
- Resident of Marquette or Alger county
- Between **10 – 26** years of age at the beginning of camp

Preference will be given to *eligible athletes on a first come, first served basis* who meet the above criteria and have been ineligible or unable to attend another summer camp.

Sports offered this year include *basketball, softball, polyhockey, soccer, pickleball, and swimming*. In addition to sports training, athletes will have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of traditional social and recreational activities. These may include, but are not limited to, hiking, arts and crafts, campfire activities, scavenger hunts, talent shows, story telling, etc.

If you are interested in having your child participate in the *U.P. Sports Training Camp* please complete and return the enclosed Athlete Predetermination Form with Photo to:

Étienne Senker, Camp Director
Marquette-Alger RESA
321 East Ohio Street
Marquette, MI 49855

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U.P. Sports Training Camp
Athlete Predetermination Form 2017
(return by May 5, 2017)

1. Athlete Name _____ Sex _____ Age _____ Birth Date _____

2. Address Street _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Parent / Guardian E-mail _____

3. Emergency Contact Person & Phone Number During Camp (if we can not reach you)

Name _____ Phone _____

4. Athlete's Diagnosis / Impairment

5. My child has had prior camp experience _____ Yes _____ No

If so, when _____

Where _____

Please describe the experience and were there any special considerations or problems

6. Has your child had any previous experience away from home

_____ Yes _____ No

If so, when _____

Where _____

Please describe any limitations or special considerations related to the following areas:

7. Behavior: (Getting along with others, response to supervision, following directions, etc.)

8. Communication: (Method of communication, level of understanding, etc.)

9. Degree of Self Care: (How much assistance is needed for eating, personal care, etc.)

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10. **Personal Safety:** (Special considerations necessary for safety, etc.)

11. **Sexuality Issues:** (Any special issues or considerations related to sexuality, etc.)

12. **Medical:** (Is child considered medically fragile? In what way? Any special precautions? List all medications, etc.)

13. **Assistive Devices / Equipment:** (Wheelchairs, walkers, leg braces, communication devices, etc.)

14. **Please describe special interests of your child:** _____

15. **Please describe any other special considerations that would be helpful to the camp staff:**
(Running away, degree of supervision, etc.)

Additional information can be attached to the predetermination form.

T-shirt Size (adult sizes, circle one): XS S M L XL 2XL 3XL

Parent / Guardian Name (printed): _____

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please enclose a recent photo of your child on the following page.

Please be assured that all information will be kept confidential. **The Athlete Predetermination Form & Photo must be returned as soon as possible** (*first come, first served basis*) **but no later than May 5, 2017**. Please return the form & photo as soon as possible because there are many arrangements to be made regarding hiring staff, printing, ordering supplies, and camp activities. You will be notified if your child has or has not been selected for camp. If your child is selected you will be mailed a packet of information, including the health form, to be completed and returned. Immunization Records are also required.

How can you help? Each day of camp costs approximately \$200 per athlete. One of the ways you can help is to make a donation – please make checks payable to: ***U.P. Sports Training Camp***. If you are a member of a civic or service group, another way you can help is to encourage them to make a financial donation or support the camp by contributing materials or staff. Alice Reynolds and Chris Zenti, Marketing Coordinators, are available to meet with organizations to explore ways they can help support this invaluable opportunity for our youth.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at 250.1941 with any questions.

Sincerely,

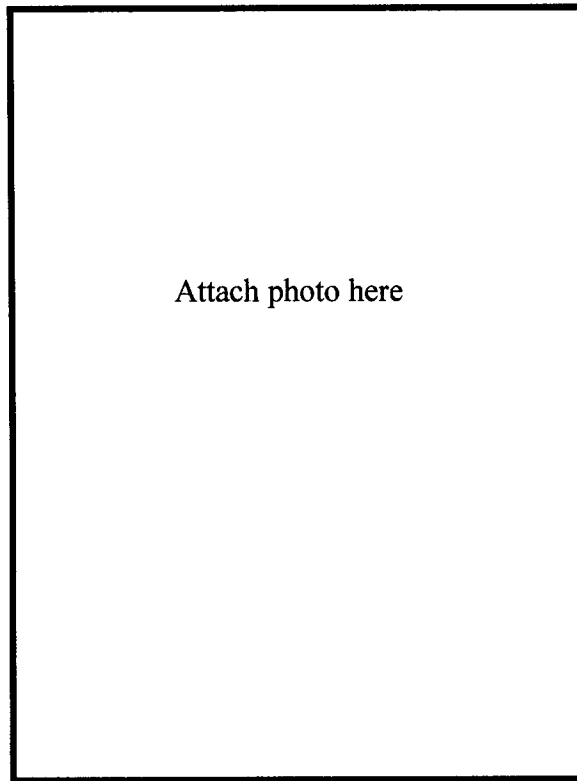
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Etienne Senker", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Étienne Senker, Camp Director
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Athlete Predetermination Photo 2017



Name (please print): _____