



Camp Henry (www.camphenny.org) provides year-round programs of personal growth and development through children's camps, family camps, conferences and retreats. Located on Kimball Lake in Newaygo, Michigan, our facility sits on over 200 acres of forests, fields and wetlands, providing the perfect environment for education, reflection, and team building. Founded in 1937, Camp Henry is a ministry of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

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BRIDGES
Leadership and life skills
for adolescents



Transform your students into responsible, confident leaders

The team and leadership development program at Camp Henry enables you to create the most effective experiential education program for your students, while helping them become more successful in middle school, and life.

Our BRIDGES program emphasizes individual transformation by engaging students in exercises focused on positive communication, leadership, problem solving, planning, and making positive choices.

We use portable teambuilding elements and initiatives and bring them into your classroom or gym for selected groups of students. A team of professional Camp Henry facilitators lead all initiatives and custom design program according to the needs of your group. Additionally, our facilitators train your teachers in easy to lead initiatives which can be used after the BRIDGES program is finished, to further reinforce the learning. It's like having a Camp Henry team and leadership day without ever leaving the building!

What is experiential education

Experiential education is a philosophy and methodology in which educators purposefully engage with learners in direct experience and focused reflection in order to increase knowledge, develop skills and clarify values. Experiential education works well with children for several reasons.



What's included

Pre-planning meetings with your staff

Completion of Needs Assessment

Four teambuilding sessions

Portable initiative package for your teachers to use with students after the BRIDGES program is finished

Follow-up meetings and evaluations

Children need and love to move and be active. Experiential education techniques use the whole body not just the intellect to help children learn.

Children are also challenged to push past their comfort zones and they are able to make mistakes in a safe, supportive environment. This helps them become more confident of their own skills and judgment.

In experiential education, children are actively engaged in posing questions, investigating, experimenting, being curious, solving problems, assuming responsibility, being creative and constructing meaning so they are engaged not only intellectually but emotionally, socially, and physically.

Way to Go!

The natural progression of an experiential education program is a high challenge adventure—customized on one of Michigan's best ropes courses. We suggest that after your initial teambuilding sessions, your school plan a trip to Camp Henry to put everything into practice and reward the kids for a job well done!

Build a bridge for your students

For more information on the BRIDGES program, or to enroll, please contact Betsy Bougie, Year Round Program Director, at 231.652.6472 ext. 14.



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