



WEST MICHIGAN ACADEMY OF
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE



SUMMER CAMPS

BASIC SURVIVAL CAMP

Grades: Entering 5th – 7th | Dates: July 15–17, 2025 | Cost: \$75

Campers learn the essentials of outdoor survival—fire-starting with flint and steel, shelter building, map and compass navigation, and even crafting primitive tools like spears from natural materials. Their skills are put to the test with a mysterious final “water challenge” that can only be revealed at camp!



NATURE ART CAMP

Grades: Entering 2nd – 4th | Dates: July 22–24, 2025 | Cost: \$75

Creativity takes center stage as campers turn nature into art. Activities include making nature paintbrushes, watercolor painting in the prairie, crafting picture frames from natural materials, dyeing bandanas using plant-based dyes, and creating eco-friendly journals. The week ends with a special project—pressed-flower nature candles.



DEEP DIVE SUMMER CAMP

Grades: Entering 8th – 12th | Dates: June 23–28, 2025 | Cost: \$350

This unique 6-day camp blends ecology, history, field science, and outdoor adventure. Students explore the Pigeon River Country Discovery Center, study geology at Michigan's sinkhole lakes, work alongside a DNR biologist, and participate in habitat management projects. The adventure continues with two days at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center, where campers investigate shipwrecks and build marine ROVs. The week concludes with a two-day paddle trip on the scenic Au Sable River. Campers camp each night with high-quality gear provided—just bring personal items and a sense of adventure!

BACKPACKING THE MANISTEE

Grades: Entering 8th – 12th | Dates: August 11–15, 2025 | Cost: \$200

This 5-day, 4-night backpacking trip along the Manistee River Trail offers stunning views and an unforgettable wilderness experience. Students hike forested paths, cross suspension bridges, practice outdoor skills, and build confidence through teamwork and self-reliance. All major gear is provided—students only bring clothing and personal items. A brief orientation is held at WMAES the week before camp, and families are encouraged to coordinate a carpool to and from the Red Bridge access point.

