## 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp



2018 Impact Report

Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp is a pre-college program that is designed to provide experiential environmental education and boost campers' interest in careers in environmental science. Participants spend one week learning from experts about coastal ecology, fisheries management, limnology, wildlife, invasive species, and forestry. Youth also participate in natural resource

recreational activities like kayaking, sailing, snorkeling, and archery.

In 2018, 56 youth attended Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp. Post-event evaluations showed that participating youth gained knowledge and skills in environmental science. Youth also reported aspiring towards scientific career fields.



**82%** of youth feel more knowledgeable about careers in environmental science



**92%** of youth know where to get scientifically verified information



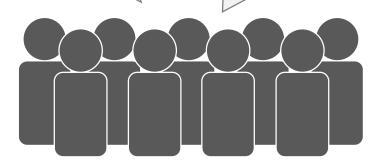
**94%** of youth feel excited about making new discoveries



**85%** of youth look for information to help understand the problem

"Attending this camp has helped me to become closer to achieving my goal of knowing what I want to pursue as a career."

"Camp has affected me by problem solving, communicating with others, learning new experiences, and making friends."





## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Youth who participate in Michigan 4-H pre-college programs are more likely to go to college: 70% of youth who participated in Great Lakes & Natural Resources camp between 2009 and 2017 enrolled in college within six months of finishing high school. That's 14% higher than the Michigan average!

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