

Teen Impact: February 20 – 22, 2026

Dear Adventist Teen,

The Michigan Conference Youth & Education Department is excited to invite you to Teen Impact 2026. The purpose of this weekend is to inspire you to grow closer to Jesus and to train you how to impact the lives of others around you for Christ. You will be joined by like-minded teens from across the state of Michigan during this exciting weekend! Beautiful Camp Au Sable will be your home away from home during this 3-day retreat.

Our speaker this year is Girlie Aguilar , and our theme is Reset. It will be a powerful weekend designed to help young people pause, reflect, and realign their lives with God. Through worship, conversations, and moments of honesty, students will be invited to let go of distractions and start fresh in their walk with Him. Please read through the information in this packet, complete the registration page, and return it to your school sponsor in a timely manner. Also, please make sure that you return your signed Camp Au Sable Trail Ride Waiver and Activity Waiver Form and your camp fee to your principal.

See you soon!

Pastor Chad, and Mr. Kittleson

**The weekend begins with registration at 5:00 P.M. and supper at 6:00 P.M.
Friday, February 20, 2026**

Teen Impact

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Mission Statement: Teen Impact is a combined ministry of the Youth Ministries and Education Departments of the Michigan Conference. Teen Impact is designed to help students in grades eight through ten in SDA Schools and Homeschools in Michigan make their faith and the Seventh-day Adventist culture relevant to their own life experience.

Teen Impact is designed for early-teens in grades eight (8), nine (9) and ten (10) enrolled in Seventh-day Adventist schools in Michigan and for homeschoolers from Seventh-day Adventist homes in those grades. It is a spiritual retreat for young people **who sincerely wish to strengthen their connection with Jesus Christ, explore ways to adopt a life style that pleases Him, develop a stronger relationship with Him, and desire to be more like Him.**

The cost of Teen Impact is \$75.

Each student must submit a duly completed and signed:

- Teen Impact Agreement Form
- Camp Au Sable Trail Ride/Activity Waver Form

Register your school by January 30th and students will receive a FREE T-shirt

Final paperwork & payment is due no later than Monday, February 9, 2026

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Each school must provide one gender-appropriate adult (age 21 or over) chaperone **who is intentional about helping young people connect in a positive way with Jesus.** One chaperone needs to come for every 10 students who attend from the school. There will be no charge for these chaperones. **Homeschoolers are to make arrangements to join the group coming from their local Adventist school or contact the Michigan Conference Youth Department for special arrangements.**

Note: If a school selects a volunteer chaperone it is their responsibility to ensure that the volunteer has completed a Volunteer Data Sheet as well as completed the Sterling Volunteer training & background check.

What to Bring to Teen Impact!

Please Note: Activities planned include outdoor recreation and walking.

- Your Personal Bible
- A Notebook & Pen
- Personal Toiletries
- Towel & Shower Slippers
- Adequate clothes for the time at camp
- Outdoor Winter Clothes (*snow pants, boots, gloves, hat, scarf etc.*)
- A Warm Sleeping Bag & Pillow
- A Friendly Attitude and Cooperative Spirit!

Teen Impact Agreement Form

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Applicant's Name _____ School: _____
(please print first and last names neatly)

It is my sincere wish to strengthen my spiritual walk with Jesus during Teen Impact. In the interest of making this experience a blessing to me and to my fellow teens, I agree to abide by the following guidelines established by the sponsors:

- To participate willingly and with a positive attitude in all the spiritual activities (including cabin worships), breakouts I am assigned to, outreach and recreational activities, meals, and duties assigned to the group I am with.
- To follow camp guidelines about housing arrangements, attend to all my appointments at scheduled times and places, commit myself to safe practices and remain in supervised locations at all times.
- To cooperate with my chaperones, breakout leaders and all camp leaders and staff willingly and graciously.
- To refrain from bringing electronic devices such as MP3 players, iPods, computers, video games etc., that tend to detract from the goals of the retreat, and to have my cell phone turned off during all meetings.
- To be responsible for my own personal belongings and any valuables that I bring to camp.
- To not to bring food, soft drinks, candy etc. or jewelry of any kind to camp.
- To respect my fellow campers' and chaperones' need for rest and/or personal devotion time after taps at night or before reveille in the morning, and to remain in the cabin assigned to me between taps and scheduled wake up time, with the only exception of attending to legitimate personal needs.
- To respect the needs of the sponsors and organizers of Teen Impact in order for them to achieve the stated goals in the most effective manner possible.
- To reach out to my fellow campers with Christ-like graciousness, courtesy and consideration, and to help make Teen Impact a significant spiritual experience for myself and the other participants.

Student's Signature

Date

I, the undersigned parent/guardian of _____
(please print student's first and last names neatly),

grant him/her permission to attend Teen Impact at Camp Au Sable, and to participate in all activities planned during this spiritual retreat. I understand that, along with this registration form, I must sign a Camp AuSable Trail Ride/Activity Waiver. I also understand that my child may be sent home, at my expense, if he/she fails to abide by his/her agreement to cooperate with camp guidelines and/or engages in activities that jeopardizes the safety and welfare of those sharing in this experience or prevents the sponsors from reaching the desired goals for Teen Impact.

parent/guardian name - please print neatly

parent/guardian signature

date

Dear Chaperones and Faculty Sponsors,

Thank you so very much for investing your time and efforts on behalf of the young people in your church and school. You are a very valuable part of the Teen Impact team. Your contribution to the success of this ministry is greatly appreciated.

Your assistance in the following areas is crucial to the success of this spiritual retreat:

- Providing ongoing and consistent supervision to the students in your care.
- Not taking students off campus for activities that are not part of the Teen Impact experience.
- Providing appropriate supervision for your group during meals. *Groups sit together during meals.*
- Monitoring where your students are during free times. Students need to inform you about where they plan to be; they need to engage in free time activities in groups of three or more.
- Making sure that your students are where they need to be at all times.
- Reporting illnesses to the camp leadership - Pastor Chad, Mr. Kittleson, or Pastor Ken.
- Providing guidance and supervision in the cabin assigned to you and your group.
- Making sure that students in your care are in the cabin and remain quiet after lights out time at night.
- Monitoring students and taking attendance of your group during breakouts and general meetings.
- Helping students be punctual for all meetings, and maintain a reverential attitude during meetings.
- Leading out in short devotionals and prayer in the morning and reflection and prayer band times in your cabins just before bed time.
- Encouraging students to participate in all scheduled activities.
- Helping your group complete their assigned duties well and in a timely and efficient manner.
- Helping your group get your cabin and the immediate area around it clean on Sunday morning.
- Reminding students to leave all electronic devices behind (at home or school) even before they begin their journey to camp.
- Helping to enforce the guideline of not using cell phones during breakouts and meetings and keeping them turned off during those times.
- Time will be provided for students to walk around the lake during the day; **please do not plan on walks around the lake or engaging in other recreational activity after the evening meetings.**
The moments before retiring for the night could be used as powerful spiritual anchor time.

Please give careful consideration to the types of activities students will be engaged in during the trip up to camp. Will these activities (games they play, music they listen to, conversation they engage in) prepare them for the spiritual focus we hope they will experience at Teen Impact? The lesson from the parable of the sower (Matthew 13: 3-9) leads us to seriously consider the importance of preparing the soil in anticipation of the sowing of the seed.

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Helpful phone numbers:

Chad Bernard – (517) 927-9115

Brian Kittleson – (253) 653-0854

Cathy Oliver – (248) 807-4889

**STUDENT PAPERWORK & PAYMENT MUST BE SENT IN NO LATER THAN
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026!**

Camp Au Sable

Trail Ride Waiver

Activity Waiver

I am applying for my camp attendee to engage in camp activities such as rock climbing, horseback riding, rope courses, water skiing, canoeing, gymnastics, go carts, snowmobiles (hereafter collectively referred to as "activities"). I understand that such activities have inherent risks that include, but are not limited to, loss of control, collisions, obstacles and other potential dangers that could result in personal injury.

I represent that my attendee has no health or physical problems that will interfere with camp activities. In consideration of being given the opportunity to participate, my attendee and I assume and accept all risks of injury and dangers involved in horseback riding and other activities. I agree that my camp attendee is responsible for his or her own abilities.

I do support, and applicant agrees to abide by all camp regulations and policies. As parent or legal guardian of the camp attendee, or for myself if I am over 18 years of age, I release the Michigan Conference, the Camp Management, its employees and agents, from any and all liability for damages, which might result from the camp attendee's participation in these activities.

Print Camper's Name (please print neatly)

Camper's Signature

Date

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian
(Please Circle One; Parent or Guardian)

Date