

Contact Information

Northwest Michigan WORKS! Youth Advisors assist youth and connect them with our services. They stress responsible attainment of goals, with the purpose of preparing for work or higher education after high school. All youth advisors are located in a Northwest Michigan WORKS! Center.

Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, and Leelanau Counties

Traverse City Michigan WORKS! Center
1209 S Garfield - Suite C
(231) 922-3700 or 1-800-442-1074

Benzie and Manistee Counties

Manistee Michigan WORKS! Center
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(231) 723-2535

Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet Counties

Petoskey Michigan WORKS! Center
2225 Summit Park Drive
(231) 347-5150

Wexford and Missaukee Counties

Cadillac Michigan WORKS! Center
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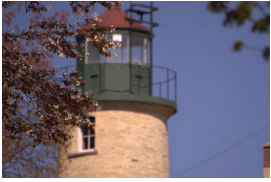
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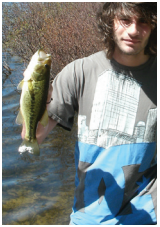
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What is Beaver Island Lighthouse School?



The Lighthouse School is a residential alternative high school education program which offers students (ages 16-19) an opportunity to return to school, change environments, and acquire a new perspective on education and life.

We strive to reach goals through contract-based, individualized and small group instruction. Structured student meetings provide techniques for dealing with success/failure, self-worth, study skills, reasoning behind rules, and strategies for getting along with peers and adults.



Real world academics are integrated into a curriculum that includes two sessions each year. Co-ed students are referred from a ten-county geographic area of Northwest Michigan.

A rigorous academic schedule includes 7-days/week routine with up to 21 days on campus prior to an off-island home visit. A typical student day begins with breakfast preparation at 7:30 a.m. and the last class ending at 9:00 p.m. While the main focus of the school, since 1985, is high school completion, students also participate in community, personal, and recreational activities.

Community enrichment includes working as a team to assist in meal preparation, maintaining the campus buildings and grounds, and community service projects.

Personal enrichment includes career awareness, employability skills, group counseling, and presentations by agency professionals with discussions on relevant teen issues.

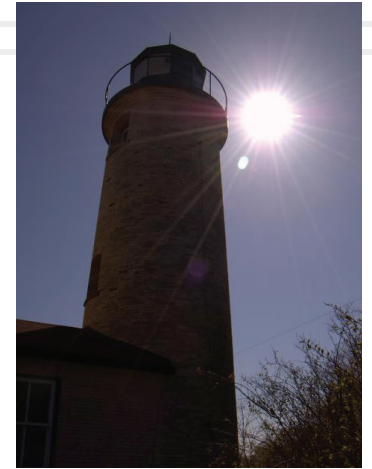
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Historic Lighthouse Site

The Beaver Island Lighthouse (sometimes referred to as Beaver Head Light Station or South End Light Station) has the distinction of being listed as a significant site in the National Register of Historic Places. It is one of the oldest lighthouses on the Great Lakes, which contain more than half of the nation's lighthouses.



There is an original, revolutionary French-designed Fresnel lens on display. The majestic spiral tower is open to the public during daylight hours. Four historic buildings include Light Keeper's Dwelling, Fog Signal Building, Horse Barn, and Oil Storage.



This site has been owned by Charlevoix Public Schools since 1975. Since that time, they have collaborated with Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District, Northwest Michigan WORKS!, and Networks Northwest to provide Work Experience programs to disadvantaged youth, alternative education programs to youth at risk of not completing high school, and have worked diligently to preserve this important piece of our nation's history.

The sidewalk bluff access to Lake Michigan offers beautiful vistas of the Fox Islands and the mainland. The historic lighthouse site is open to the public and is 1/4 mile from a sandy, public beach at Iron Ore Bay.

Summer Youth Work Experience

The Lighthouse summer program is a residential experience, since 1978, which operates Monday-Friday, June through August. Youth participate in three components daily: work experience, academics, and recreation.

More than 1,000 youth from Northwest Michigan have developed employment and social skills through hands on job experiences, enrichment activities, and rustic group living. Contact a Youth Advisor for more information.

