Plan a super summer for your kids

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Your children may be on winter break, but it's not too early to
register them for summer camp.
The 1997 Michigan Gamp and
Activities Fair is a free event
too 3:0 p.m. Sunday, March 2, at
Cranbrook Schools in Bloomfield
Hills. Enter from the main drive
located at 1221 N. Woodward, on
the west side of Woodward, south of Long Lake. Visitors will
be escorted to the fair by shuttle
bus and will receive a free pass
to the Cranbrook Institute of Science.

The eighth annual "Super Summers for Kids," organized by The Merrill-Palmer InstituteWayne State Universi-ty, will feature more than 85 directors from local, national and Canadian summer programs,

including overnight camps, day camps, teen programs, wilderness and trip adventures, sports and riding camps, music, art and drama, and academic enrichment.

The annual camp fair saves The annual camp fair saves parents time and a lot of leg-work, said Sandy Schwartz, Mer-lill-Palmer's special events coordinator. 'This has all the directors in one place,' the Bloomfield Hills resident said. 'They'll have lots of handouts and videos. They'll be able to speak to them personally.'

Sheryl Hessler has gone to the Michigan Camp Fair for the past two years to enroll her daughter and son in summer programs. 'It was so much easier,' Hessler said, adding that she moved to the area just before enrolling her children. "I had no idea what was available here. There's no was available here. There's no

research," th resident said.

Parents and children, ages 3 to 18, will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from each program to ask questions, view videos and receive informa-tion.

Younger campers can participate in day camps that feature outdoor activities such as swimming and field trips. Older students can register for camps offering national and worldwide travel opportunities, including cross-country biking trips, wildlife survival and business administration.

Camps are gender specific and co-ed and upper high school and college students can acquire summer jobs with the camps.

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"Usually it's a nice adventure for students," said Schwartz,

adding that, in some cases, the staff is international. "It's an opportunity to be with your peers and make a difference."

With camps already beginning to fill up, the event allows par-ents and children enough time to make their selection before run-ning out of options. "It's very timely to think about the activity want your child to partici-pate in," Schwartz said. There's always a camp to fit your sched-

Camps last as little as one week and throughout the entire summer.

Beverly Hills Racquet and Health Club, located at 31555 Southfield Road in Beverly Hills, has been featured at the event since its debut.

"We have all-day sports camps," said family program director Donna Schrock, adding that the camp fair has added, "a lot of children for the registry." The club offers preschool and

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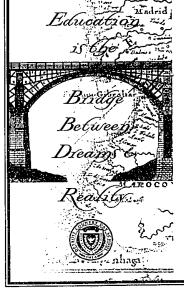
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