

THE OPTIMIST CREED

Promise Yourself

- To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
- To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
- To look at the sunny side of everything and make your Optimism come true.
- To think only the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.
- To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
- To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
- To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
- To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
- To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

Optimist International

MISSION STATEMENT

Optimist International's mission is to foster an optimistic way of life, through a network of optimists, dedicated to the full development of their potential in order to provide ever-expanding service to youth, the community and the world.

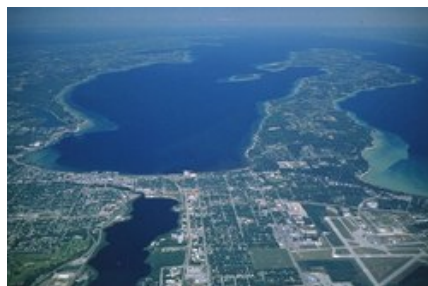
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VISION STATEMENT

The Optimist International organization will be recognized worldwide as an organization of people committed to optimism and self-development for the improvement of youth and community.

Traverse City Optimist Club



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Introducing The TRAVERSE CITY OPTIMIST CABIN PROPERTY

*An Outdoor Environmental
Education Classroom
For Youth Groups*



The Optimist "Cabin Property" is located on a twenty-seven acre parcel in the Hoosier Valley area of Traverse City.

Purpose: It serves as an Environmental Education Site for school and youth groups throughout Northwest Michigan.

Setting: The property is situated in the heart of natural surroundings, and includes heavily wooded areas as well as Beitner Creek and lowlands. It features the "Discovery Trail" a self-guided environmental education trail developed in conjunction with the Traverse City Area Schools. Day trips and overnight camping are welcome.

Facilities include a rustic cabin that was the original Traverse City Visitors Center, a large covered pavilion with electricity and picnic tables, a hand pump well, rest rooms, a large charcoal grill, a fire pit, and camping areas.

Opportunities are available for youth group participation in the improvement of the property and the development of educational materials.

Contact or mail this completed form with your outing request to:

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OPTIMIST PROPERTY

USER REGISTRATION

Please use original to make copies for registration

Name of Organization

Address

City

Contact Person

Phone #

Email address

Arrival _____ Departure _____
Planned Outing Dates

Alternate Dates

of Kids _____ # of Adults _____
Total Participants

Planned Activities _____

Signature

Date

Please use original to make copies for registration

<http://www.tcoptimist.org>

Rules & Regulation

PRESERVING THE CABIN PROPERTY

The Traverse City Optimist Club is committed to the natural preservation of the "Cabin Property". We ask that all users endeavor to leave the property as they found it.

By signing this required registration form, the users acknowledge that they agree to abide by, and to follow the guidelines set forth below.

PLEASE REMEMBER

1. All groups must be escorted by a sufficient number of adult supervisors to ensure safety, and respect for the property.
2. Stay on the trails or in the open spaces near the cabin.
3. Do not walk in the creek as it results in destruction of delicate habitat, and use care when walking near the banks of the creek.
4. Build fires in fire pit only.
5. Inspect the cabin and pavilion area, as well as garbage cans prior to departure to insure all waste/litter is bagged up.
6. We ask that you transport off site all waste and materials that are brought in or generated by your activity.

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