



SUMMER AT



Emerson
SCHOOL

MichTic Camp

TOURETTE SYNDROME SUMMER CAMP | 2019



MICHTIC CAMP OVERVIEW

MichTic Camp is a special day camp session at Summer at Emerson School serving children entering 3rd to 8th grade whose primary diagnosis or life challenge is Tourette Syndrome (TS) or a tic disorder. This inaugural MichTic session will run July 22-July 26, 2019 at Emerson School in Ann Arbor, Michigan and is proudly the first summer camp in the state of Michigan specifically designed for children with Tourette Syndrome.

We have developed a full schedule of camp activities for campers including science activities, baking opportunities, outdoor recreation time, hands on art projects and more in a setting that is safe and comfortable, with opportunities for choice making throughout each day. MichTic will run concurrently with our main summer program and have exclusive use of a small separate wing of our building.

GOALS

Our primary goal for MichTic is to provide an enjoyable camp experience for children who have Tourette Syndrome or another tic disorder as their primary life challenge. MichTic is a place where each participant can be themselves and meet and bond with other children with TS, and leave camp knowing that living with TS or a tic disorder is challenging but manageable. Living with TS will be discussed throughout our week but will not be our primary focus.

MICHTIC 2019 OVERVIEW

- Children entering 3rd-8th grades whose primary diagnosis is TS or a tic disorder (siblings or friends are welcome to attend our main camp, see Sibling information below)
- July 22-26, 9:30am-4:30pm
- Summer at Emerson School, 5425 Scio Church Road, Ann Arbor MI 48103
- Snacks included each day and a cheese pizza lunch will be provided on Friday
- Apply online by March 30, 2019 at www.emerson-school.org/michtic
- Fee: \$400

STAFF

Our Summer Camp Director, Rose Hacker, and our MichTic Creator and Lead Instructor, Larry Biederman, have a combined 33 years of summer camp experience and are thrilled to bring this opportunity to the already successful Summer at Emerson. Larry has a tic disorder and has proudly reached personal and professional life goals despite his disability. He created MichTic to help children with TS or a tic disorder feel connected, have a fun camp experience, and feel inspired to reach their own dreams. With trained support staff, our goal is to keep our camper to staff ratio low, at 4:1 for the week.

APPLY ONLINE

There is an online application to be a participant in our inaugural MichTic camp, and we will strive to approve enrollment in MichTic for as many interested campers as possible. We will limit enrollment to campers for whom we can meet our goals for providing the safest and most rewarding day camp experience. Applications are being accepted on our website at www.emerson-school.org/michtic. Due to limited space in this unique camp session, we strongly recommend applying by March 30, 2019. We will begin camp confirmations in April, 2019. If space is available after this date, admissions decisions will be made on a rolling basis which will be updated on our website. No payment is required until notification of acceptance in which case fees are due May 1st.



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Every camper must be walked into the building daily upon arrival and signed in. We use an electronic sign in program and each authorized adult will be assigned a PIN to sign their camper in and out. Camp starts at 9:30am and we are available as early as 9:00am for you to arrive. Our main camp starts at 9am so please note that our parking lot is very busy around that time as we typically have around 200 campers at camp with us each week.

At pick up, come in the building and sign your child out with your PIN on the iPad and walk to the MichTic room. This is where you'll meet your child each day for pick up. We welcome parents coming in for pick up between 4:00 and 4:30pm to join in some activities and meet other parents. Our main afternoon camps dismiss at 4:00pm so note that our parking lot is very busy at that time. No camper will be permitted to leave the building without an adult. Please do not share your PIN with anyone and if you need to add another person, email Rose at rhacker@emerson-school.org.

ROOM AND SPACE

We have reserved our Arts & Innovation wing just for MichTic camp! This includes our spacious and air-conditioned band and orchestra classrooms, complete with smaller practice rooms for breakout activities, as well as our theater, stage and presentation space. This multi-purpose area will be great for a variety of our activities and can give us the opportunity for larger games even if the weather is not cooperative throughout the week.

SNACKS, LUNCH, AND RECESS

Snacks and fresh fruit are provided daily. Typical snacks include: bagels, animal crackers, pretzels, Cheez-Its, popcorn, fruit snacks, etc. We will all eat lunch together at 11:30am and head outside at 12:00pm, staggered from our main summer camps that are taking place at the same time. Campers need to bring a lunch, complete with drink, Monday through Thursday as we don't have food service or vending available at Emerson. If you prefer to order lunch to be delivered to your child, these local eateries deliver to Emerson: Jimmy Johns, Panera, and Subway. We'll provide a cheese pizza lunch on Friday, complemented with veggies on the side and Capri Suns as an end of the week celebration. Emerson is on 20 acres and we have plenty of space to get outside and play.

ELECTRONICS

We have a strict no electronics policy at camp and encourage our campers to leave all devices at home. Video games, laptops, cell phones, and cameras are not allowed at camp. If something comes up during camp and a camper needs to contact a parent, they can do so using the Summer at Emerson cell phone. We will have Chromebooks available throughout the week for our collaborative memory book project. Campers will receive direct instruction at these times and are not permitted to play games on these devices.

MEDICATION POLICY

Campers who require medication during camp hours must have a completed Medication Authorization Form on file (found in the Document Center online). Prescription medications require a physician's signature and all medications must be submitted to the Summer Office in their original containers. No camper may be in possession of any medications. Medication will remain in the Summer at Emerson office and dispensed to campers as needed. This includes emergency medication for allergic reactions, prescription medications, and over-the-counter medications.



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FEES

A fee of \$400 covers the entire week-long, full-day program, including snacks, pizza lunch on Friday, a memory book and a camp shirt. Once notified of acceptance to MichTic, camp fees are due May 1, 2019. All paper checks received will be processed electronically. There is a \$25 fee for returned checks and an \$8 fee for ACH errors. If you need to withdraw from MichTic camp, refunds are available for requests prior to May 1, 2019. No refunds will be made for requests after May 1, 2019.

SUNSCREEN

If your camper will need sunscreen on during camp time, please send a labeled bottle to camp. We will remind the campers to apply sunscreen after lunch before going out for recess. Summer at Emerson can not supply sunscreen for any camper.

SIBLINGS OF MIGHTIC CAMPERS

Summer at Emerson offers half and full day camp options to students in grades K-8th and is open to the public. Enriching camp themes are available throughout our eight-week program, and families can sign up for any combination of camps that interest them. During the week of MichTic, we will have approximately 12 main camp options in our morning session and another 12 options in our afternoon session. Siblings of MichTic campers are welcomed to join us at a main camp session of their choosing for a full family experience. Online registration for main Summer at Emerson sessions opens February 1, 2019.

PHOTOGRAPHY

During camp, your child's photograph may be taken and possibly used in future MichTic or Summer at Emerson publications, social media promotions or advertisements. It is our policy not to publish children's names with their photos. Please contact the Summer Program Director in writing prior to your child attending camp if you do not want your child photographed.

BIRTHDAY TREATS

If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday at camp, please contact the Summer Director at least one week in advance to coordinate. In order to be inclusive for everyone, we celebrate birthdays at Summer at Emerson with non-food treats. Some ideas include: Play-Doh, eraser, small toy, stickers, bubbles, etc.

FAMILY PETS

Due to campers' allergies and fears, please do not bring pets into the building when dropping off or picking up your child at Summer at Emerson.

CONTACT INFORMATION

- **Rose Hacker**, Summer at Emerson Director: rhacker@emerson-school.org, 734-660-5108
- **Larry Biederman**, MichTic Creator and Lead Instructor: lbiederman@emerson-school.org
- **Emerson School**: 5425 Scio Church Road Ann Arbor MI 48103
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