

Almost 100 years of offering quality services.



In 1907 the Chicago Tribune and the Bureau of Charities (which later became Metropolitan Family Services) purchased twenty acres along the Fox River at \$350 an acre. The original site consisted of one building - an old barn. The focus of the camping program was on nutrition and physical health: sunshine, fresh air and food. The annual report listed the average weight gains of campers. Over time, the focus of camp's services expanded. By 1923, educational and recreational activities became part of the camp mission.

Camp Algonquin began addressing other issues facing families and communities such as inter-racial, inter-cultural relations. Camp worked closely with families to link them to other available social services.

Until 2003, Camp Algonquin offered summer camp programs for economically disadvantaged youth, mothers and children, and senior adults. The program was designed to encourage respect for others, to increase understanding and appreciation of cultural diversity, to develop personal strengths and self-worth and to promote environmental stewardship.

In 2004, Metropolitan Family Services sold the property to the McHenry County Conservation District, and is now managed by the YMCA of McHenry County. Camp Algonquin is now known as YMCA Camp Algonquin and the Outdoor Education and Adventure Program are run under the name of Fox Valley Center for Outdoor Learning at YMCA Camp Algonquin.



Travel Directions:

From Algonquin (South): Drive North on Highway 31 through Algonquin to the top of the hill. Turn right (east) on Cary Road and continue about 1 mile. Turn right at the Camp Algonquin sign.

From Cary (East): From Route 14 in Cary, take West Main Street about 1 mile to 4-way intersection. Left on Cary Road. About 2 miles to Camp Algonquin sign.

From Crystal Lake (North): From Route 14 in Crystal Lake, take Highway 31 South about 2 miles to Klasen Road. Turn left to Cary Road. Turn right about 1/4 mile to Camp Algonquin sign.

From Chicago (Southeast): Take I-90 (Kennedy Expressway) west to Highway 31 North exit. Follow Highway 31 North about 9 miles to downtown Algonquin and follow above directions from Algonquin.

From Rockford (West): Take I-90 east to Highway 31 North exit. Follow Highway 31 North about 9 miles to downtown Algonquin and follow above directions from Algonquin.



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A Branch of the YMCA of McHenry County

Offering Quality
Retreat, Education and
Hospitality Services

116 beautifully wooded
acres along the Fox River
in Algonquin, IL
50 miles northwest of
Chicago



Property owned by the
McHenry County Conservation District



YMCA of McHenry County

we build strong kids, strong families, strong communities.



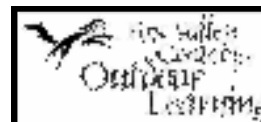
ACTIVITY CENTER

This building complex provides groups with a large all-purpose room (31'x65') accommodating up to 200 people and an Arts & Crafts Room (25'x28'). The Activity Center is located in the lower part of camp with a scenic view of the Fox River and a large open field. There is a long covered porch that provides protected outdoor activity space on rainy days.



OUTDOOR AREAS

YMCA Camp Algonquin has several level, grassy play areas that are maintained for program use. Our 116 acre site is woven with hiking and nature trails that give access to the camp's natural wooded beauty. The Meadows is a large tree-lined play area perfect for games by day and campfires and star-gazing by night. We have six outdoor fire-rings for campfires, stocked with wood and ready for your use. Our numerous hiking trails zigzag throughout the property. The Riverfront is home to beaver, woodchucks, ducks, and birds and is a fascinating resource for nature study.



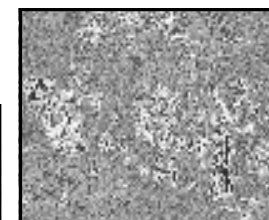
Located at YMCA Camp Algonquin

Team Building Adventure Program Teams Course

A series of group activities designed to assist in learning and to impact both the group and the individuals. The group will participate and discuss different activities. Each of these activities will support and explore the goals of the group. Available for corporate groups, non-profit groups, school groups 5th grade and up.

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

Five modernized, winterized buildings that house up to 200 people, 4 with fireplaces, all with meeting space. Seasonal buildings, dorm style and rustic cabins, with flexible meeting space, that house up to 150 people are available May thru September. Full food service is available. YMCA Camp Algonquin is uniquely suited to serve your retreat and conference needs in a beautiful, quiet, and natural setting. TV and VCR/DVD are available upon request.



Outdoor Environmental Education Hands-On Learning About Local Ecosystems

YMCA Camp Algonquin has partnered with George Williams College of Aurora University to provide elementary school students education about the natural environment. Day programs and overnight programs available.