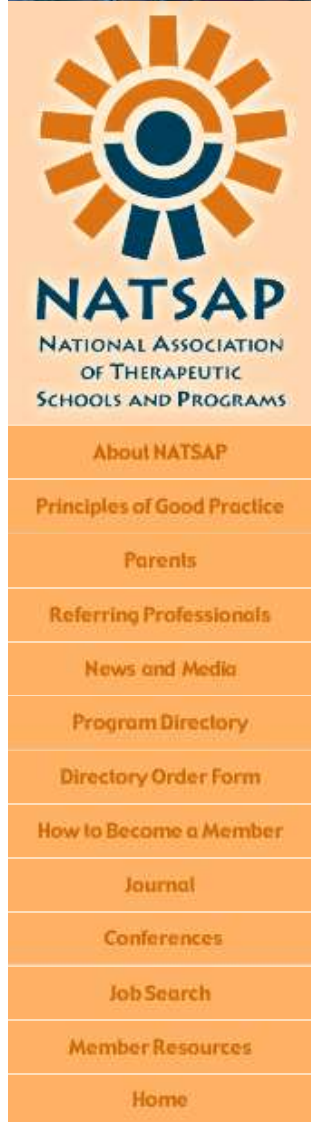




Montcalm Outdoor Challenge Program

(Outdoor Therapeutic Program)

Gender: Boys & Girls in Single Gender Groups
Ages: 12 - 18
Grades: 6 - 12
Enrollment: 40
Duration: 45-60 days
Founded: 2006
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Announcing the Midwest's first fixed-base therapeutic outdoor program. Montcalm Schools Outdoor Challenge is a private therapeutic residential treatment program specifically designed for young boys and girls 12 to 18 years of age with emotional and/or behavioral difficulty in their home, school or community. Starr's nearly 100 years of working with troubled youth and more specifically 20 plus years of outdoor educational experience has launched the first of its kind program in the Midwest.

The Outdoor Challenge program is nestled in the perfect setting on Starr Commonwealth's Albion, Michigan campus – a large unspoiled area on Montcalm Lake and adjacent to the main Starr Commonwealth campus of over 350 acres that include the fixed-base camp, lots of woods, a river, the lake itself and plenty of indoor/outdoor challenges like rope courses and rock climbing walls nearby. It's truly a wilderness atmosphere without the wilderness.

Montcalm Outdoor Challenge is a unique model based on Starr's successful strength-based, positive peer culture treatment philosophy. Montcalm recognizes and develops each student's self-concept and confidence. It's challenging, physically and psychologically. The treatment is framed around a 45-60 day program. From a clinical perspective, Montcalm focuses on individual assessments—therapeutically and academically.

Starr Commonwealth founder Floyd Starr coined the phrase "Beauty is a silent teacher" and it's still true. Getting kids outside and experiencing nature has been part of the treatment regimen at Starr since the beginning in 1913.

Individual Psychotherapy Available: Yes
Accreditation, Licensure, Approval: Council on Accreditation; State of Michigan, Department of Education
Professional Affiliations: NATSAP - Associate Member

