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HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S FIRST "ROOT CAMP" EXPLORES LOCAL HISTORY FOR YOUNG PIONEERS

JUNE 27, 2014 – Douglas Elementary School students (L to R) Alina Martenson, Julia Lowery, Kay Erlandson and Neave Rewa hunt for strawberries in the "Back-In-Time Garden at The Old School House History Center during the first "Root Camp", sponsored by Saugatuck/Douglas Historical Society. Fourteen youngsters attended the June 23-26 session, from as far away as Clarkston, Fennville and Glenn.

A second Root Camp is scheduled for July 21-24, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to Noon. Registration and Parent Authorization forms are available online through www.sdhistoricalociety.org, which is accessible directly or on Facebook. Cost for the four-day session is \$100 per child, and \$85 per additional child in the same family. Two scholarships are available; for qualification and requirements, contact Ruth Johnson at ruthannj@frontier.com.

Campers will enjoy exploring local and historical topics through entertaining guest speakers plus activities including arts & crafts and old-fashioned schoolyard games. Topics of discovery include Lake Michigan shipwrecks, Mt. Baldhead, an old-fashioned school day, pioneer & native Indian life, the importance of our local fruit orchards and bees as pollinators, and protecting our water, land and wildlife habitats.

Society members Ruth Johnson, Kristi Mueller and Linda Roerig and community volunteers Natalie Lowery, Kim Martenson and Leslie Fitzell conduct the Camp sessions with the assistance of several local middle and high school students. Their intent is to provide a new way for both resident and visiting families to experience and appreciate our community's history, agricultural and maritime underpinnings and unique natural environment.

For more information about the Saugatuck/Douglas Historical Society, its Museum and Old School House History Center, or its activities planned for 2014, visit www.sdhistoricalociety.org.

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Come Join us for Root Camp at:



Growing Young Minds

Root Camp
SAUGATUCK/DOUGLAS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Old Schoolhouse

130 Center St, Douglas MI

June 23-26 or July 21-24
9 am - 12 pm

\$100 per week per child

\$ 85 per additional child

An Interactive history and nature day camp for children ages 6-11

Children will learn and appreciate local history while gaining a hands-on experience of life in the 1800's. The Old Schoolhouse and the Back in Time Garden will provide the setting of a historically packed morning.

Registration is available through the Saugatuck/Douglas Historical Society's website at: <http://sdhistoricalsociety.org>

Space is limited so sign up early.

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