

Saugatuck-Douglas  
Historical Society  
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## Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society Root Camp brings history to life.



*A game of red rover in the Back-in-Time Garden behind the Old School House.*

**Children ages six to eleven are invited for a week of fun, adventure and learning at the Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society's ROOT CAMP.**

**Scenes from Root Camp 2014**

*Learning about bees and beekeeping*

*Snack time with a tankard of...lemonade*

*Stories of Lake Michigan shipwrecks*

*Hands on: churning butter*



The 1866 Old School House (The Douglas Union School), is a Michigan landmark and one of the finest examples of 19th century school architecture in America. Today it is used as a history center but for one special week in June, the school house returns to its original use.

From June 22 – 25, the Old School House will host **Root Camp**, a hands-on-learning environment in the style of an old-fashioned school day. Two sessions will be offered: a morning session from 9:00 until noon and an afternoon session from 1:00 until 4:00.

Root Campers will:

- Hear harrowing tales of tragic loss and miraculous rescue during the golden age of Lake Michigan shipping
- Meet a real-life Tin Man and see how he crafts his handy wares
- Explore the fascinating world of Honey Bees
- Discover how puppets made history in Saugatuck/Douglas
- Find out how worms transform garbage into soil



*The Old School House today includes six city lots of woods and gardens*

*Ringing the original school bell*