MICHIGAN – TRAVERSE CITY

Traverse City was voted one of the "Ten Best Small Towns in America" by Fodor’s, it combines breathtaking attractions with a rich blend of adventure and relaxation. Bon Appetit raves Traverse City is a "Top Five Foodie Town," while Draft Magazine proclaims it's one of the "Top Three Emerging Beer Towns in the USA." Climb to the top of Sleeping Bear Dunes, voted the "Most Beautiful Place in America" by Good Morning America viewers and in June 2014, the Huffington Post named Traverse City one of “Six Small Towns to Visit This Summer! There is public transportation that is affordable and easily accessible, a bustling downtown area, a local arts/must/food festival scene throughout the summer, a local airport is easy to get to, miles of beaches and beautiful lakes.

WEATHER

CITIES & AIRPORTS
Detroit – 4 hours
Chicago – 5 hours
Mackinaw City – 2 hours

COMMUNITY GROUPS & RESOURCES
No organized group yet. However, the demand for the program is growing in this city and more students are traveling to Traverse City every summer. Employers are very hands-on and do a great job securing housing for students and communicating with students prior to arrival.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Second job availability: Possible
Average cost of housing per week: $75-100
State's minimum wage: $8.15
Typical transportation: Public bus
THINGS TO DO & CULTURAL EVENTS

- Easy to walk around and good public transportation system
- Interlochen Center for the Arts: open air picnics overlooking Green Lake
- The State Theatre: an Art Deco masterpiece in downtown Traverse City
- Cherry Bowl Drive-In: one of America's last remaining drive-in theatres
- Dennos Museum: permanent display of sculpture, prints and drawings
- Sleeping Bear Dunes
- National Cherry Festival
- Outdoor Recreation (biking, hiking, swimming, padding)

PROS & CONS

PRO: ALL employers provide housing. There is public transportation that is affordable and easily accessible, bustling downtown area, local arts/must/food festivals throughout the summer, airport is easy to get to, miles of beaches and beautiful lakes.

CON: Employers provide housing, pretty much impossible for students to secure housing on their own.

HOT TIPS

Still a fairly new community for CIEE, housing is the biggest challenge. So all employers we work with provide housing for students. This is an up and coming community and is growing more popular with students year to year!

MAP OF THE AREA

http://www.nationsonline.org/oneworld/map/USA/michigan_map.htm