

CELEBRATING
49
YEARS!

2025 Grand Traverse TENNIS CAMPS

CAMP PHILOSOPHY

Our goal is to provide all campers with a tennis experience that not only maximizes their performance but helps build a foundation on which children continue to develop their interest in this lifelong sport. To accomplish this, we provide a high-energy learning environment that is safe, positive, and most of all – fun!

FOUNDER/DIRECTOR

Larry Nykerk is Grand Traverse Tennis Camps and Tournaments Founder and Director. He was Varsity Coach for Boys & Girls for 50 years until his retirement in 2017 and was elected to the Michigan Tennis Coaches Hall of Fame in 1999. Nykerk was three times State Coach of the Year and leads the State in total wins.

AWESOME INSTRUCTORS!

Larry Nykerk, Cliff Girard, Ivy Walker, Sam Sandin, Riley White, Helly Taylor, Ava Shotwell, Mia Tursman, Abby Pfannenstiel, Alex Lampier, Oliver Schrock, and Ella Neuhardt.





RED BALL

For boys and girls 4-6 years old.

Red Ball is a kid-friendly format for learning tennis, designed to bring them into the game in a fun way by tailoring the equipment to the needs and the athletic ability of young children. Red Ball allows them to learn the sport quickly, to have fun, and succeed immediately. This Red Ball program is for 4-6 year olds.

Red Ball Tournament Fridays at the end of each session:
8:30 – 10am; Drop In \$10; Trophy awarded to winner

BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE

For boys and girls 6-13 years old.

Emphasis on learning the fundamentals and then using them in drills and games. Beginners, intermediates and "Top Guns" are divided into groups based on age and ability each with its own instructor.

ADULT

Four two-week camps at the same times as Beginner/Intermediate and Red Ball – but separated. Bring a friend and have fun!

Series Schedule:

June 16 – June 26
June 30 – July 10
July 14 – July 24
July 28 – August 7

Camp Times:

Mon – Thurs: 8:30 p.m. – 10:00 a.m., or
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Fees:

\$100 per person, per session
(\$95 each additional child per family)
Drop In rate \$20
Bring one new can of balls per person, per session
Your deposit reserves your spot unless notified otherwise.

JUNIOR EXCELLENCE

For boys and girls 10-15 years old.

A combination of fast-paced drill time and team match play time, Junior Excellence has it all! The new format this summer offers one hour of personalized instruction, and a second hour of "coached" team match play.

Led by Ivy Walker, former TC Central and K-College player, this program is designed to prepare middle school-aged players for competitive tournaments and high school team play.

The focus is on both the technical and tactical fundamentals needed for competition. It's designed for "graduates" of the morning instructional program, who are ready for competition.

Program Features:

- Multiple teaching stations and competitive drills
- Focus on competitive skill development
- Team match play, with 4 coaches and 4 teams
- *Intra-Club* play with Camp Belvedere of Charlevoix

Fast-Paced & Fun!

Camp Schedule:

June 17 – July 31 (No class July 1 and July 3 - Dead Period)

Series Times:

Tuesday & Thursday: 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Fees:

\$200 for the summer (plus one new can of balls)
Drop in rate: \$20 (2 hrs)

FRIDAY JUNIOR TOURNAMENT SERIES

For boys and girls ages 7-14.

A great first competitive experience or USTA tournament preparation for Junior Excellence players. Grouped by age and ability into separate divisions with supervised match play. Award given each week for winner!

Series Schedule:

June 20, 27; July 11, 18, 25
Award each week for winner

Series Times:

Fridays: 10:30 – 12:30 a.m.

Fees:

\$10 per Friday (pay day of match)

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM CAMP

High School Team Camp is for the competitive player committed to playing for high school tennis and USTA tournaments.

The format features one hour of instruction followed by one hour of "coached" team match competition. Stroke development will be stressed along with competitive fast-paced drill time. Team matches will be coached, with an emphasis on tactics for competition.

High School Team Camp led by Ivy Walker, former TC Central & K-College player

Series Schedule:

June 17 – July 31 (No class July 1 and July 3 (Dead Period)

Series Times:

Tuesdays & Thursdays (New Days!):
3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Fees:

\$200 for the summer (plus one new can of balls)
Drop in rate: \$20 (2 hrs)

- Facilities: All classes held at Traverse City Central High School Tennis Center.
- IN CASE OF RAIN: ALL RAINOUTS WILL BE ON A MAKE-UP AS NECESSARY BASIS. YOU CHOOSE THE TIME AND SESSION. HSTC AND JR EXC RAINOUTS WILL BE MADE UP ON ANOTHER DAY.
- Private or semi-private lessons: Contact Larry Nykerk at (231) 218-9608 to arrange your own group and time. Rate varies based on number of participants.

For additional information:
Larry Nykerk
(231) 218-9608 or
(231) 631-4611

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2025 GTTC Camp Registration Form

Name _____

Birth date _____ Age _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female

Name _____

Birth date _____ Age _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female

Name _____

Birth date _____ Age _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

Check box below to register for selected sessions. (Match to corresponding player boxes above.)

2 3 Class	Cost		
<input type="checkbox"/> Beginner/Int./Red Ball	\$100/per person/session; \$95 each add'l child		
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult			
Check Date & Time	8:30 am	10:30 am	Sign-up and deposit NOW for more than one session per person and SAVE! 2 Sessions - Save \$10 3 Sessions - Save \$20 4 Sessions - Save \$30
<input type="checkbox"/> June 16 - June 26	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> June 30 - July 10	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> July 14 - July 24	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> July 28 - August 7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

*Session 4 is pro-rated for 5 days

2 3 Class	Cost
<input type="checkbox"/> Jr. Excellence	\$200 / June 17 - July 31

1 2 3 Class	Cost
<input type="checkbox"/> High School Team Camp	\$200 / June 17 - July 31

RELEASE

I, the undersigned, individually and as parent(s) and guardian(s) of _____, a minor, ask that he/she be admitted to participate in this sport camp sponsored by Grand Traverse Tennis Camps. In consideration of such admission, I do hereby agree to release, discharge, and hold harmless Grand Traverse Tennis Camps, its officers, sponsors, and employees of any injury or accident involving the said minor arising out of the minor's attendance at the tennis camp or in the course of competition and/or activities held in conjunction with the camp.

Signed _____

I give permission for my child's (under 18) picture to be used on the gttenniscamp.com website and/or GTTC brochure.

Signature _____

How to register:

Return this form and a non-refundable \$20.00 deposit per person, per session or full payment. Balance due must be paid in full the first day of session. Please make checks payable to GTTC and mail to 1306 Peninsula Drive, Traverse City, MI 49686.