**Not Your Ordinary Summer Camp – 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp Combines Fun with Science Literacy**

[4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/glnrc) is an annual three-time national award-winning camp that mixes summer camp fun and hands-on science education. The camp will be held July 30 to August 5 on the northern shores of Lake Huron at [Camp Chickagami](http://www.campchickagami.org/) in Presque Isle. This [Michigan State University](http://www.msu.edu/) (MSU) pre-college program is for teens aged 13 to 15 or those who’ll enter eighth through tenth grade in the fall. The Michigan residence fee is $375 for 4-H members and $385 for nonmembers. The fee includes meals, snacks, lodging, a T-shirt, and program and activity costs. [Michigan Sea Grant Extension](http://www.miseagrant.umich.edu/) and donors to the [Michigan 4-H Foundation](http://www.mi4hfdtn.org/) generously offset the real $450-a-camper cost. Out-of-state campers will be accepted with a $450 fee if space is still available after May 1.

During this enriching [Michigan State University Extension](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/) educational program, campers will increase their science literacy and stewardship as they learn from natural resource experts in fields such as Great Lakes coastal and fisheries management, limnology, wildlife, forestry, geography, geology and environmental education. The hands-on learning includes exciting natural resources recreation activities such as kayaking, snorkeling, sailing, fossil hunting, archery, photography, and evenings around a campfire. First-time campers also go charter fishing and learn to fillet their catch. Not only does the camp get kids outside enjoying nature and learning to be good environmental stewards, the sessions incorporate four of the five [Michigan Department of Education](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/) science curriculum standards in earth science and three of the five standards in biology. Campers also have fun and make friends with people from different backgrounds and areas.

Following their involvement, campers are eligible for nomination to apply for a $2,000 [MSU Pre-College Scholarship](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/4-h_scholarships#pre-college) based on criteria such as attitude, behavior and active participation. The scholarship is applied toward each recipient’s first year at MSU as a degree-seeking student.

Applications will be accepted through May 1 or until all camper spaces are full. Space is limited to 70 campers so early application is encouraged. For more information and to apply for the camp, visit <http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp>.

You can also contact your county MSU Extension office online or at 1-888-MSUE-4MI.