What's the camp schedule?

A tentative daily schedule follows:

7 a.m. – Wake-Up
(optional early morning activities include fishing and polar bear swim)

8 a.m. – Breakfast

9 a.m. – Great Lakes Ecology Exploration Sessions
(attend a different session each day)

• Forestry & Wildlife – Become an ornithologist (bird biologist) and learn to identify different bird species while investigating the unique traits, habitats, and life cycles of local birds. You will interact with birds in their natural habitats and explore conditions that promote their survival and reproduction. You will also learn about what threatens bird populations today such as natural predation, habitat loss, disease and climate change.

• Climate Change – Learn about climate change, its effects on Lake Huron, the Great Lakes coastlines and surrounding systems while exploring woods, wetlands and waterways. This session lets youth act as climatologists for a day collecting data from local ecosystems to better understand long-term climate patterns while exploring Great Lakes and natural resource habitats of northeast Michigan.

Noon – Lunch

12:30 p.m. – Announcements, Group Meetings, Personal Time

1:30 p.m. – Recreation Learning Options

You’ll attend five different options. For first-time campers this includes cleaning fish caught during charter fishing. Other possibilities are archery, air rifle shooting, canoeing, outdoor survival, GPS EarthCache hike, photography, sea lamprey research, quarry field trip, lighthouse tour, national marine sanctuary tour, forest fire prevention, crafts and swimming enhancement for those who can’t swim well or at all. Strong swimmers will also have the chance to go kayaking, sailing and snorkeling!

3 p.m. – Swimming & Beach Activities

5:30 p.m. – Dinner

7 p.m. – Group Game Activities

8:30 p.m. – Evening Program & Snack

9:30 p.m. – Campfire

11:15 p.m. – Curfew (in assigned cabins)

Camp taught me a lot about nature and has got me interested in new, like invasive species, and has opened up a whole new nature-related topic to read and learn about.

–Cheboygan County

Educational perks

Your educational experiences at camp will help prepare, reinforce and enrich what you’ve already learned in school and what you’ll learn in the future. Throughout camp you will explore a number of discipline specific ideas and participate in the process of science through the integration of Science and Engineering Practices that address Michigan’s new science standards. For information about 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp and the Michigan Science Curriculum Content Expectations and Standards, visit http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/why_attend.

Contact information

For more information visit the camp website at http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/glnc or contact your local Michigan State University (MSU) Extension office (to find the office, visit http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county). You can also contact:

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COMING SOON!
July 31 – August 6, 2016
Presque Isle, Michigan
Ten reasons to attend!

1. Have fun in the great outdoors doing camp activities such as fishing, boating, swimming, hiking and campfires!
2. Learn about and enjoy Great Lakes ecology and Michigan’s diverse natural resources.
3. Explore natural resources management issues and what you can do to help.
4. Find out about careers related to the Great Lakes and natural resources.
5. Learn from Michigan State University faculty, MSU Extension program staff and others who are also natural resources experts.
6. Discover environmental education projects that you can do at home.
7. Make new friends from across the state and learn about where they are from.
8. Enjoy a chance to be independent from your family in a safe, friendly environment.
9. Learn new ideas, skills and techniques you can use for the rest of your life.
10. Develop your leadership abilities.

How much does camp cost?
The fee is $375. (Those who are not 4-H members pay an additional $10.) The fee includes meals and snacks, lodging, a T-shirt, and program and activity fees. Donors to the Michigan 4-H Foundation, Michigan Sea Grant Extension and MSU Extension generously offset about 25 percent of the real $450-a-camper cost! A limited number of state scholarships are offered for teens with financial need. Contact your county MSU Extension office to see if local scholarships may also be available.

Who should attend?
You can apply to attend if you’ll be aged 13 to 15 during camp. (Note: You may still apply if you’ll be 12 during camp but entering eighth grade in the fall.) You don’t need to be a 4-H member to attend. So each camper can have the best experience possible, you must be able to fully participate in grade-level appropriate small group science learning sessions as well as very active large group recreation. It’s an action-packed week of fun and learning! (Campers who are unable to meet these expectations will be dismissed from camp at the parent/guardians expense.)

How do I apply & get selected?
You can download a camp application packet from http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/glnrc or pick one up from your local MSU Extension office. The packet includes the Camper Application, Code of Conduct, Parent or Guardian Consent forms, and optional partial scholarship request information. Send your completed application packet, by May 1, 2016, to:
Laura Potter-Niesen, Camp Co-Director 4-H Youth Development, MSU Extension 160 Morrill Hall of Agriculture 446 West Circle Drive East Lansing, MI 48824

Space is limited to 70 campers so early application is recommended. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. Visit http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/glnrc for more info on selection criteria.

Cancellation & refund policy
• Before June 1 – payment is fully refundable
• June 1 to June 30 – $200 not refundable
• July 1 to camp – $200 not refundable

Refunds for cancellations will be processed in the month after the cancellation is made. For example, a June cancellation refund will be processed in July.

Successful applicants will receive more forms with their acceptance letters to complete and return with full payment postmarked by May 31, 2016. Beginning June 6, wait-listed applicants will be offered spaces forfeited by campers who failed to meet the deadline.

3. Take a night hike.
4. Try out advanced scientific techniques.
5. Take on extra leadership roles.
6. Notice things you may have missed or didn’t have time to participate in when you attended camp last time.
7. Strengthen your skills and qualifications to become a camp counselor in future years.

When & where is camp?
4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp will be held July 31 – August 6, 2016. Lodging, meals and programming will take place at Camp Chickagami, near the shore of Lake Huron between Alpena and Rogers City. The state-licensed camp has dormitory-style cabins, a dining hall, and toilet and shower facilities.

Who are this year’s speakers?

Camp has improved my knowledge of my home environment and my public speaking. –Macomb County

This camp showed me many different careers that interest me that I may pursue in college. –Ingham County

I feel much more confident about my future! –Gladwin County

MSU pre-college scholarship opportunity
Camps who will enter eighth, ninth or tenth grades following their involvement are eligible for nomination to apply for a $2,000 MSU Pre-College Achievement Scholarship. Campers will be invited to apply based on criteria such as attitude, behavior and active participation. The funds will be applied toward the first year at MSU as a degree-seeking student. Visit http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/4h_scholarships for details.

Extras for returning campers
If you’re a returning camper, you’ll be able to participate in the regular camp activities, plus these extras:

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2. Discover environmental education activities you can use for the rest of your life.
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