

THINGS TO DO AT MSU



An Activity Guide for Families

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About the MSU WorkLife Office

The MSU WorkLife Office provides a one-stop destination for faculty and staff lifespan and career/professional life questions and information. The WorkLife Office created this activity guide to assist all families in exploring their community and help them become acquainted with this rich environment. Whether you are an MSU faculty or staff member, student, or a community member, you will find activity information for people of all ages on campus and in the Greater Lansing area.

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ACTIVITY RESOURCES

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<http://worklife.msu.edu>

This activity guide is also available online on the WorkLife Office website. You may browse the listings or print a PDF copy of the guide.

Summer School Aged Childcare Programs: Camps and More

www.greatstarttoquality.org

Contact the Great Start to Quality Central Resource Center at the Ingham County Health Department, Office for Young Children at (800) 234-6996 or (877) 614-7328 with questions.

Tour MSU

www.tour.msu.edu

Visit this website to learn more about touring MSU, places to eat, and places to visit!

City of East Lansing

www.cityofeastlansing.com

The City of East Lansing website has a calendar of community events and family activities as well as general city information.

Spartan Youth Programs

www.spartanyouth.msu.edu

The website provides parents, youth, and educators with an easy way to access information about MSU's pre-college programs and activities for Pre-K through 12th graders. The site organizes the University's programs and activities by grade levels and by topics. Visitors to the site can find brief abstracts as well as specific contact information within the list of topics.

This site contains a wide variety of activities, such as college courses, summer programs, camps, places to visit, reading materials, software, and websites.

Live On Residence Education and Housing Services

(517) 884-5483

www.liveon.msu.edu

The resident assistants in University Housing are committed to the development and maintenance of living environments that support the academic, social, and emotional well being of students.

Residents and their families living in the University Village Apartments and the new 1855 Place have the opportunity to take part in many programs and events

that are free to the community. The dates and times of programs are posted on their website. Events are also advertised in a weekly "Umail" that is sent to the leaseholder's MSU email account. In addition, the University Apartments Council of Residents (UACOR), the student government in University Apartments, also sponsors several activities that are financed through a nominal tax collected through the Council.

For assistance with resident concerns or information needs, please call the Housing Assignments office at (517) 353-9499. The Housing Assignments office is located at Wilson Hall, 219 Wilson Road, Room C101.

Travel Michigan

www.michigan.org

The Travel Michigan website has information on great things to do and see in Michigan and tools to help you plan your visit.



Greater Lansing Convention & Visitors Bureau

www.lansing.org

(888) 252-6746, 500 E. Michigan Ave., Suite 180, Lansing, MI 48912

Parking

<http://police.msu.edu/management-services-bureau/parking-office/visitor-parking>

Visitors to campus can park in a pay lot, pay at a meter or kiosk within a lot, or purchase a visitor permit (allows for parking in an employee space). A visitor permit can be purchased at the Visitor Center on Trowbridge Road or at the Parking Office located in the Public Safety Building at 1120 Red Cedar Road. For details, contact the MSU Parking Office at (517) 355-8440 or visit the website. The Parking Office is open 7:30am-4:45pm, Monday-Friday.

Maps

www.maps.msu.edu

Regional, Lansing-area, and campus maps with directions are available online. On this website there are also maps through Mapquest and Google as well as CATA (Capital Area Transit Authority) bus route maps.



MSU Department of Art, Art History and Design

(517) 355-7610
www.art.msu.edu

Designed to broaden and enrich the art experience, Saturday Morning Art classes explore a range of visual art topics, media, and methods. Students are taught by pre-service teachers in the Art Education Program under the supervision of Art Education faculty. Recent classes include drawing, painting, print making, ceramics, and sculpture. Fall and spring semester classes are available for ages 7-18 and the cost is \$70.00. For more information or to enroll your child, please visit the website.

MSU Community Music School

(517) 355-7661
www.cms.msu.edu

Located on Hagadorn, across from the Shaw Lane entrance to campus, the Community Music School (CMS) brings music education and music therapy to those of all ages and abilities. Financial assistance is available to those with need. Offerings include private lessons on more than 20 different instruments, more than 15 classes and ensembles, five different summer camps and music therapy.

Early Childhood Music

(517) 355-7661
www.cms.msu.edu

Early Childhood Music classes for newborns, infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Class activities include singing and chanting, moving to music, playing assorted percussion instruments and pattern instruction. The goal of the curriculum is to increase children's music aptitude through engaging and entertaining musical activities, which lay a foundation for lifelong music. Children attend class with a parent or caregiver. Classes meet once per week for five or 10 weeks.

College of Music

(517) 353-5340
www.music.msu.edu

The college presents numerous orchestral, band, jazz, choral concerts and recitals every season, as well as two fully-staged operas. Enjoy spectacular concerts in

Wharton Center's Cobb Great Hall or intimately-scaled events in the beautifully-renovated, 14-row, Fairchild Theatre of the MSU Auditorium or the Cook Recital Hall in the Music Building. Ticket prices: General admission, \$10 adults, \$8



seniors, students free; Reserved seating, \$15 adults, \$12 seniors, \$5 students; Special admission reserved seating, \$20 adults, \$18 seniors, \$10 students. Learn more at www.music.msu.edu/events.

Department of Theatre

(517) 355-6690

www.theatre.msu.edu

Students and faculty of the Department of Theatre produce a series of mainstage and student productions each year. Plays take place in the Pasant Theatre, at the Wharton Center, and in three theatres in the Auditorium Building: Fairchild, the Arena, and Studio 60. Play descriptions, schedules, and ticket information are available on the Department website. During the month of June, the Department offers free Summer Circle Theatre in the Summer Circle Courtyard. For information, go to: www.theatre.msu.edu/sct.

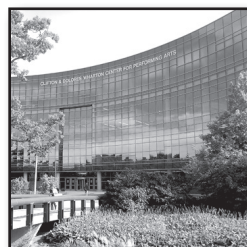


Wharton Center for Performing Arts

(517) 432-2000

www.whartoncenter.com

Michigan's largest performing arts venue with four unique stages. The building houses the 2,500-seat Cobb Great Hall and the 600 seat Pasant Theatre and is located on the corner of Wilson and Bogue Streets among beautiful gardens and sculptures.



The Wharton Center also holds programs in the 3,800-seat MSU Concert Auditorium and the 650-seat Fairchild Theatre located on the corner of Farm Lane and Auditorium Road. The 2016-2017 season features the very best of touring Broadway, jazz, world-music, pop and opera! There is something for everyone at the Wharton Center. For more information, visit the website or call the box office at 1-800-WHARTON.



School of Music Camps

Eric “Ricstar” Winter Music Therapy Camp

(517) 355-7661

http://cms.msu.edu/el/children/camps_ricstar.php

A day camp that provides opportunities for musical expression, enjoyment, and interaction for all persons with special needs and their siblings.

Adults: June 15-17, 2017

Youth/Adolescents: June 19-21, 2017

Fees: \$195 per camper; \$100 per half-day camper under age 6.

violas, and cellos to children ages 6-12 years; give students five days of hands-on instruction by professional string teachers, along with singing and music theory games. Instruments are provided by CMS for students who do not have one and financial aid is available. Camp will end with a performance by the students on Friday, August 5 at 2pm at the CMS Performance Hall.
August 7-11, 2017 from 9am to 1pm -- \$140.

Musical Theatre & Choir Camp

(517) 355-7661

http://cms.msu.edu/el/children/camps_musicTheatre.php

A day camp for elementary, middle, and high school students. Campers in grades 9-12 will develop solo and ensemble voice development, choreography, and prop design skills. Campers in grades 2-8 will join them in the second week and the camp will perform a final revue on the last Friday at 7pm.

July 17-28, 2017: Grades 9-12 from 9am to 3pm for two weeks -- \$300; Grades 2-8 from 9am to 3pm for one week -- \$220.

Rock Camp

(517) 355-7661

http://cms.msu.edu/el/children/camps_schoolRock.php

A day camp for middle and high school students who have some experience playing guitar, bass, drums, keyboard or vocals. Students will form and work in their own bands based upon musical interest and skill level.

July 10-14, 2017 from 9am to 1pm -- \$220.

Middle School Band Camp

(517) 355-7661

http://cms.msu.edu/el/children/camps_band.php

A day camp for middle school students who have completed at least one year of instrumental study. Campers will be placed into bands based upon their playing audition on July 9, 2017 at CMS. July 10-14, 2017 from 9am to 5pm -- \$215.

Beginning Strings Camp

(517) 355-7661

<http://cms.msu.edu/el/children/StringsCamp.php>

This camp will introduce violins,

Academics for Children

GATE Academic Year 2017-18

Application Deadline: June 3, 2017

Program Dates: August 2017 -

May 2018

Grades: 7-10

Visit: www.gifted.msu.edu

ALL

Every semester of the program corresponds to one year of high school Language Arts/Latin, emphasizing development and refining reading and writing skills. Students take the National Latin Exam at the end of each year, and the Advanced Placement Latin exam at the end of their second year.

CHAMP

CHAMP is an academic year-long program designed to teach students the required four-year mathematics curriculum in just two years.

ISHALL

Program covers four years of high school English curriculum in just two academic years. In a small classroom environment intended to foster discussion, but allow for individualized attention, students will study texts and media from a variety of genres and historical movements.

LEAF

Students with a passion for

French language and culture can complete four years of high school French curriculum in just two academic years.

GATE Summer Programs

Application Deadline: May 3, 2017

Future DOcs

Program Dates: June 18-24, 2017

Grades: 7-9

Collaborative partnership between GATE, MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine Hospital and Sparrow Hospital to offer highly gifted students the opportunity to work with physicians and community members through classes and hands-on activities on topics such as CPR, first aid, EMT, and more.

GUPPY@MSU

Program Dates: June 24-25, 2017

Grades: 4-6

This program will offer young gifted students a variety of accelerated exploratory educational presentations and hands-on experiences in MSU's laboratories and classrooms.

MST@MSU

Program Dates: July 9-22, 2017

Grades: 7-9

Two-week long residential or commuter program on MSU's campus that mixes fun with academics as students study subjects such as astrophysics, engineering and math.

Kids' College

(517) 676-1051

www.inghamisd.org/academic-services/talentdevelopment/programs

A two-week, half-day, dynamic academic program for students who are identified as having high ability or interest in science.

Ages: Completed grades 4-5

Dates: July 10-21, 2017

Deadline: April 28, 2017

Fees: \$290 (partial scholarships available)

MASCOT

(517) 676-1051

www.inghamisd.org/academic-services/talentdevelopment/programs

Three-week, half-day program designed to serve 6th and 7th grade students who have been identified as having potential for learning advanced mathematics. Admission for Kids' College and MASCOT - demonstrated high potential for development in the sciences, letter of recommendation from principal, gifted and talented coordinator or math teacher, and parent permission to participate.

Ages: Completed grades 6-7

Dates: June 26 - July 11, 2017

Deadline: April 28, 2017

Fees: \$260 (partial scholarships available)



MSU CeLTA Language School

(517) 355-7587

<http://cls.celta.msu.edu/>

Offers community-based language and culture outreach programs on campus and at area schools. Programs include weekly language classes for preschoolers (3-6), children (6-12), teens (13 and older), and adults, Saturday culture and literacy events, enrichment programs, summer camps, and professional development workshop for pre- and in-service teachers. Multiple-child/program discounts available. Register online at

<https://camps.cal.msu.edu>.

Languages include Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, and Spanish. Languages are introduced through fun and playful learning in an interactive and engaging learning environment. Check the website for the weekly language classes for each age group. Summer day-camps:

Ages: 6-12 years

Dates: held June - August yearly
Monday-Friday from
8:30am - 4pm.

Visit their website or call for registration and payment deadlines.

Early registration: \$275/all day;
\$135 half days

Standard registration:
\$295 all day; \$145 half days

Summer Reading

Capital Area District Library
<http://cadl.org>

City of East Lansing Public
Library
<http://www.elpl.org>



MSU Surplus Store & Recycling Center Youth Program

(517) 355-1723
www.recycle.msu.edu

This youth program is educational, fun, and environmentally friendly. The one-hour, hands-on, eye opening program

is full of surprises. Students will discover where their “stuff” comes from, explore where it goes,



and learn strategies to reduce waste (while having fun!) The program includes a tour, activities, entertaining video clips, and supports state standards in science. Call for more information or to schedule your group.



Museums

Abrams Planetarium

(517) 355-4676

www.abramsplanetarium.org

Discover the wonders of the universe at Abrams Planetarium. The Sky Theater features fantastic star shows produced by state-of-the-art computer graphics star projectors. The planetarium also serves as an astronomy and space science education resource center. Public programs are held



Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons. A free exhibit hall is open from 8:30am–

12:00pm and 1:00pm–4:30pm on weekdays. For a 24-hour recording, call (517) 355-4672. Admission: Adults \$4.00; Students with MSU ID or Senior Citizens \$3.50; Children ages 12 and under \$3.00.

MSU Museum

(517) 355-2370

www.museum.msu.edu

The wonders of the natural world and world cultures are yours to discover. Three floors of exciting permanent collections and changing special exhibits. Visit Heritage Hall of World Cultures, Hall of Evolution, Habitat Hall, and the Animal Diversity exhibit. The MSU Museum also features dramatic full

dinosaur skeletons of Allosaurus and Stegosaurus. Educational programs and events for visitors from preschool age through adulthood are available year-round. Located across from the Main Library. Open 7 days a week. Admission is free, donations suggested of \$5 for adults.

Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum

(517) 884-4800

www.broadmuseum.msu.edu/

The Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum at Michigan State University is committed to exploring international contemporary culture and ideas through art. The museum also provides a striking and unique backdrop for your next event or gathering. Admission is always free, but donations are appreciated.



ANIMALS

Bug House

(517) 355-4663

www.bughouse.msu.edu



Visit the fascinating world of insects. The Bug House contains live insect displays, exhibits, and “hands-on” activities. Guided tours for groups of 30 or less are available Monday–Friday. Cost is \$50 for a one-hour program. Special open house hours have been arranged for those who may be interested in visiting, but do not constitute a group. A donation can be given and a tour guide is available to answer questions. Located in Room 147 Natural Science Building.

“Butterflies in the Garden”

(517) 353-0327

<http://4hgarden.cowplex.com>

During the months of March and April, the indoor section of the 4-H Children’s Garden will be exhibiting butterflies.

There is no charge.

Open Monday–Friday 2:00pm–4:00pm and Saturday–Sunday 10:00am–4:00pm (drop-ins welcome).

Kellogg Bird Sanctuary

(269) 671-2510

<http://birdsantuary.kbs.msu.edu>

Part of the MSU Kellogg Biological Station, located between Battle Creek and Kalamazoo at 12685 East C Ave. in Augusta, MI. The Sanctuary’s self-guided walking trail includes native waterfowl, birds of prey, upland game bird display, migratory birds and some exotic species. Open year-round 9am till dusk. Admission is \$5/adults, \$4/seniors and college students, \$3/children (2-17 years) and children under two are free.

Small Animals Day

Held in April at the MSU Pavilion

9:00am–1:00pm

Admission \$3.00 per person, parking is available at the MSU Pavilion. Questions, contact Dorcia Chaison at (517) 355-0235 or chaison@msu.edu.



Kellogg Farm and Pasture Dairy Center

(269) 671-2402

<http://pasturedairy.kbs.msu.edu>

The Pasture-Dairy Center is part of the MSU Kellogg Biological Station located between Battle Creek and Kalamazoo, near Gull Lake, at 10461 N. 40th Street, Hickory Corners, MI. The center uses robotic milking technology and the barn is the first livestock building in the U.S. to receive a Silver LEED Certification. The Dairy Center's self-guided walking trail is open everyday from 8:00am to sunset. Entrance is free. Guided tours can be scheduled for a small fee.

Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education

(517) 432-5566

www.ans.msu.edu/facilities/pavilion

How would your children like to see animals up close? MSU's Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock sponsors numerous year-round animal shows spotlighting horses, cattle, sheep, rabbits, and dogs. These shows will help your children learn about livestock and agriculture and have fun in the process.



GARDENS

4H Children's Garden

(517) 353-0452

<http://4hgarden.msu.edu/>

Designed especially for children, and completely accessible, this delightful garden features a tree house built from twigs and limbs, a garden house, an amphitheater and themed gardens (such as pizza and Peter Rabbit). Imagine a garden where plants, children, and imaginations grow! Located south of the Plant & Soil Sciences building. Open April 1 – November 1, dawn to dusk. Admission is free.

MSU Herbarium

(517) 355-4696

www.herbarium.msu.edu

An herbarium is a "library" of dried and preserved plants. The MSU Herbarium retains a collection of plants, lichen, and fungi from around the globe. Current holdings number over 500,000 specimens. The mission of an herbarium is to preserve and document the diversity of plants and the flora of Michigan. Plants collected date back to 1837. Bring your whole family to enjoy the Herbarium. Located in the basement of the Plant Biology Building, east wing on campus. Open from 8:00am-5:00pm, Monday-Friday.

Hidden Lake Gardens

(517) 431-2060

www.hiddenlakegardens.msu.edu

One of Michigan's best kept secrets. Located 2 miles west of Tipton, Michigan, on Michigan Route 50, Hidden Lake Gardens covers 755 acres of meadows and oak-hickory woodlands filled with an abundance of native flora and fauna. Specializing in botanical gardens made up of a plant conservatory, a dwarf conifer collection, a hosta garden, a perennial garden and large collections of flowers, trees and shrubs. Open 9:00am to 7:00pm (April through October); 9:00am to 4:00pm (November through March). Cost is \$3 per person. Memberships are available. Guided tours available for groups with 10+ people (by reservation).

Horticultural Demonstration Garden

(517) 353-0452

www.hrt.msu.edu/our-gardens

Take a stroll through the colorful floral displays of the MSU Horticulture Gardens - an official All-American Trial Garden test site for annual bedding plants. They have an extensive perennial collection, with an annual display and rose collection. Located south of the Plant and Soil Sciences Building. Open all year, sunrise to sunset. Admission is \$3/adult & \$2/child under 12. To reserve the garden for a wedding or special event, call (517) 353-3770.

W.J. Beal Botanical Garden

(517) 884-8486

www.cpa.msu.edu/beal/

Founded in 1873, the Beal Botanical Garden is the oldest continuously operated garden of this type in the U.S. It includes over 5,000 species organized in economic, systematic, landscape and ecological groupings. The Garden also features an endangered and threatened plant collection and Michigan native wetland plants. Located west of the Main Library. Admission is free. Open all year, sunrise to sunset.



Campus Attractions

Alumni

Memorial Chapel

(517) 884-8124

www.msuunion.com/weddings/alumnichapel

Nestled within the rolling, park-like lawns sloping gently down to the Red Cedar River stands the picturesque MSU Alumni Memorial Chapel. The non-denominational chapel accommodates all faiths. Alumni travel from around the world to celebrate weddings, baptisms and other ceremonies there. Open to the public standard business hours Tuesday-Friday, unless scheduled.

Beaumont Tower

(517) 353-5340

<http://www.tour.msu.edu/locations/beaumont>

The Beaumont Tower marks the site of Old College Hall, the first building in America erected for instruction in scientific agriculture. A gift from John W. Beaumont (class of 1882), the tower was dedicated in 1929 and renovated in 1996, making possible weekly carillon concerts throughout the summer. Located on West Circle Drive, near the MSU Museum. During summer 2017, weekly recitals will run on Wednesdays at 6pm, from June 28 through August 2, 2017.

MSU Dairy Store

(517) 355-8466

www.dairystore.msu.edu

When you visit the Dairy Store, they want to see you leave with a smile on your face. They are dedicated to making your visit enjoyable by serving delectable ice cream and cheeses. During your visit, you are encouraged to visit the observation deck to see the processing facilities where you can observe a multi-media presentation on cheese and ice cream production. The main store and plant are located at 1140 S. Anthony Hall, with another store location also available in the MSU Union.



Nature Trails

The Sanford Natural Area is located just off Bogue Street, near Shaw Lane. Baker Woodlot is located between Bogue Street and Farm Lane on Service Road. Wildflowers, birds, and a sense of peace and quiet can be found in these hardwood forests. Open anytime. More information can be found about both Sanford and Baker at http://www.cpp.msu.edu/beal/nat_areas/nat_main.htm.

MSU Surplus & Recycling Center

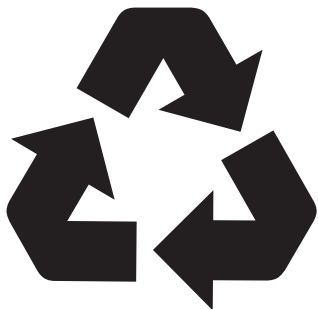
(517) 355-1723

www.msusurplusstore.com

www.recycle.msu.edu

MSU is proud of its commitment to sustainability, and the new MSU Surplus Store & Recycling Center is where the terms “Reuse” and “Recycle” come to life. MSU Recycling collects a wide range of recyclable materials and the MSU Surplus Store collects all unwanted items from campus to reuse and resell--the landfill is always a last resort. A large, ever-changing variety of goods are sold on Tuesday from 7:30am to 5:30pm and Friday from 7:30am to 3:30pm.

Call to schedule a tour to view where material is sorted, and baled. LEED Gold aspects of the building are also part of the tour. The community is encouraged to recycle 24-hours a day at the Public Drop-Off Center, 468 Green Way on Farm Lane at Service Road.



Demmer Shooting Sports Education & Shooting Center

(517) 884-0550

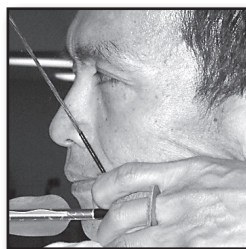
<http://demmercenter.msu.edu>

demmer@msu.edu

For shooting sports enthusiasts, newcomers to archery or firearms, or a family or group looking for fun, safe activities, the Demmer Shooting Sports Center at MSU is the perfect place! State-of-the-art facility with indoor archery and firearm ranges, patient, courteous USA

Shooting,
NRA-and
USA-
certified
instructors,
classes in
archery and
firearms,
from basic

to advanced, concealed pistol
license classes, classes designed
for women, children & beginners.
FAMILY FUN - No experience or
equipment needed!



Located at 4830 East Jolly Road,
Lansing, MI 48910

Sports & Activities

Bicycle Rentals; MSU Bikes Service Center

(517) 432-3400

www.bikes.msu.edu

Rent a bicycle to tour the lovely MSU campus! MSU's very own on-campus bike shop offers both short- and long-term rentals, bicycle sales, repairs, and bike-related accessories. Additional services include bike storage, bike assembly and free, 24-hour wheel air access. The Center also offers a number of classes related to bicycling maintenance, safety, and commuting. Visit the MSU Bikes Service Center under the Bessey Hall Auditorium, just 200 feet northwest of the Farm Lane Bridge. Check the website or call for current hours.

Forest H. Akers Golf Courses

(517) 355-1635

www.golf.msu.edu/

Come and tune up your golf game. Hit a bucket of balls on the award-winning driving range. Lessons and clinics are available for all ages. Junior golf clinics are available for children ages 4-18. Costs range from \$35-\$199 for the junior clinics. There are also weekly junior and family golf leagues offered. Forest Akers is a public golf facility, so all are invited to come and play!



Breslin Student Events Center

(517) 432-5000

www.breslincenter.com

The Breslin Center is a multi-purpose, 15,000 seat arena that is home to the MSU Men's and Women's Basketball Teams as well as concerts, family shows, conferences, and more! Private box suite rentals are available for most events. Visit the website and subscribe to the Breslin Insider List to be the first to know what events are coming to the Breslin Center.

MSU Recreational Sports and Fitness Services

Family Programs

www.recsports.msu.edu/

Spouses and families of students, faculty, and staff may use intramural facilities in a variety of ways by presenting a University spouse identification card. Student, faculty, and staff spouse ID cards are available at the International Center. Dependent children may participate with parents on designated courts throughout the year at either IM West or IM Circle only. Families are also invited to use indoor and outdoor pools during family recreation times.

NOTE: The Rec Sports department does not provide child

care. Parents or guardians are expected to stay with their children and may only use the facilities during family hours.

Intramural Sports Facilities

▪ **Intramural Circle**

(517) 355-4710

Volleyball, basketball, and indoor pool. Location: West Circle Drive

▪ **Intramural East**

(517) 353-3136

Exercise fitness room, volleyball, basketball, racquetball & squash, indoor running track, aerobics.

Location: Shaw Lane across from McDonel Hall

▪ **Intramural West**

(517) 355-5250

Fitness room, racquetball, squash, volleyball, tennis, badminton, basketball, indoor and outdoor pool.

Location: Corner of Demonstration Hall and Chestnut Road

▪ **Sailing Center (Lake Lansing)**

(517) 339-8269

www.msusailing.com

Swimming Classes

(517) 355-5250

Swimming classes are offered to children ages 3-14. Six skill levels are taught during each class time. Enrollment is limited to maintain a ratio of five students per instructor. There is a nominal fee and sessions are open to the general public. For MSU students with children who live in University

Housing, there are a limited number of Milton E. and Kathleen Muelder scholarships available to help cover the cost of enrollment.

MSU Tennis

(517) 355-2209

<http://msutennis.msu.edu/>

Eight indoor courts, ball machine rental, classes, clinics, lessons, pro shop, racquet repair and new cardio tennis available! Located at 3571 E. Mt. Hope Road. Public welcomed.

Indoor court cost is \$20 for MSU students, \$28 for faculty/staff (ID required), and \$32 for public.

20 outdoor lighted courts are also available south of the Clara Bell Smith Academic Center on Wilson Road. There is no charge to use the outdoor courts.



Munn Ice Arena

(517) 353-4698 or 353-7263

www.munnicearena.com

Munn Ice Arena is open 7 days a week. Munn offers public skating, drop-in hockey, and freestyle sessions. The rink is available for rental for events, parties, and hockey games by calling 353-4698. Call 353-7263 (automated) or log onto the website for all skating and hockey times. Admissions for open skating is \$5 for MSU students, faculty, and staff, and anyone under 18 years of age; and \$6 for the general public. Skate rental is available for \$2. Admission for drop-in hockey is \$7/person and freestyle skating is \$8/person. The cost to rent the rink is \$190/hour for full-time MSU students, faculty or staff and \$240-\$280/hour for the general public.

Athletic Events

(517) 355-1610

<http://msuspartans.com/>

Jenison Field House serves as the Athletic Ticket Office for all varsity sporting events. Call to get the latest schedule of your favorite sport during normal business hours. You may call the "time check phone line" to confirm times for a variety of sports, (517) 432-TIME.

MSU Sailing Center

(517) 339-8269

www.msusailing.com

Come sail away with us. The MSU Sailing Center invites everyone to learn how to sail. They offer lessons for all ages, from youth to adult and the public is welcome. The Center is open from May to September, with lessons starting in June. Arrange an outing for your organization or department for a fun day on the water. They also run programming for 4-H, Boy Scouts, and many different youth groups. Already a sailor? They offer weekly, monthly, and seasonal membership which include free use of their boats. "Dock" at their website or call the Sailing Center for more information.



Spartan Sprout Soccer Camps

(517) 881-7385

www.sproutssoccercamp.com

Email: tammyfarnum@hotmail.com

Spartan Sprouts Soccer Camp is for boys and girls ages 5-9. It is specifically geared toward the young developing player and also for a player that might be taking up the sport for the first time. SSSC focuses on individual and team development. The campers go through a series of skill stations

designed to help them improve fundamental skills. Each day includes individual training, small-sided games, team building competitions and soccer related games.

Dates: Held June-July yearly

Fee: \$135/\$105 for each related camper

Spartan Lanes Bowling Center

(517) 355-3357

<http://union.msu.edu/entertainment>

Located in the lower level of the Union, this center features 16 lanes for open play, classes, leagues, and private parties. The center is open to the public. Lane fees are reasonable and shoe rentals are available. Air conditioned and non-smoking environment. Birthday party packages are also available. You may call in advance to reserve the lanes. Discounted group rates are available. Rates: Sunday-Thursday \$2.25/game; Friday-Saturday \$3.00/game; Shoes \$1.59/person.

MSU Sports Camps

(517) 432-0730

www.sportcamps.msu.edu

Camps are typically held in June and July, lasting 2-5 days. Participants reside in MSU residence halls. Rates vary. Information and registration can be found at the website.

Persons with Disabilities

(517) 353-3866

www.education.msu.edu/kin/research/ssp.asp

Would you like to improve your level of fitness? MSU's Department of Kinesiology has developed a Sports Skills Program for children and adults with disabilities.

Whether you are preparing for a competition or just want to get in shape, this program can help you by providing coaching and instruction. It's never too early or too late to be interested in achieving better health and physical well-being. \$75-\$150 per semester, scholarships available to those who qualify.



Off-Campus Activities & Attractions

Burchfield Park

(517) 676-2233

<http://pk.ingham.org>

Burchfield Park is 540 acres and is the largest park in Ingham County. Stocked fishing gives anglers a chance to hook trout. More than six miles of trails follow along the Grand River through beautiful wooded areas. Ten miles of mountain biking trails available. Take a swim in the natural spring-fed pond, or relax on the golden sand beach. Rent a canoe, kayak or pedal boat. During the winter, take a ride down two sledding hills, bring your skis (or rent some) and enjoy cross-country skiing. Moonlight skiing is available on Friday and Saturday nights. Located at 881 Grovenburg Road in Holt, MI.

Children's Ballet Theatre of Michigan

(517) 482-2553

www.cbtdance.org

Offers entertainment for the entire family through its delightful performances of both classical and contemporary ballet. The company, comprised of children 8-18 years old, performs The Nutcracker ballet each Thanksgiving weekend at MSU's Wharton Center. A spring dance concert, usually a story ballet, is held at an area venue each May. During the summer, a com-

pany ensemble performs at community fairs, festivals and historic theaters throughout Michigan.

East Lansing Public Library

(517) 351-2420

<http://elpl.org>

The library offers a variety of reading, STEAM and interactive-play activities and programs for children of all ages. Located at 950 Abbot Road in East Lansing, MI.

East Lansing Family Aquatic Center

(517) 332-4420 or 333-2580

www.cityofeastlansing.com/852/Aquatic-center

Located on Abbot Road, north of Lake Lansing Road. The East Lansing Family Aquatic Center features a zero depth entry pool, four water slides (body slide, tube slide, drop slide, youth frog slide), diving board, splash pad and interactive water features, along with a sand play area for the kids, sun deck and concessions area. Changing rooms and lockers available. Open June - September.



East Lansing Biking & Hiking Trails

The Northern Tier trail connects many East Lansing neighborhoods and links to Abbot Road Park, Harrison Meadows Park, White Memorial Park, the Family Aquatic Center and Soccer and Softball Fields. The Northern Tier trail is five miles in length. The trails host bikers, joggers, walkers, skaters and skateboarders year-round.

Hannah Community Center

(517) 333-2580

www.cityofeastlansing.com/hannah

Located on Abbot Road at Burcham Drive, the center offers a wide array of recreational and fitness activities for all ages: teen center, indoor swim pool with slides, 500-seat auditorium, fitness center, gymnasiums, and banquet facilities. The center is home to the East Lansing Seniors' Program, Prime Time, which offers recreational, educational, social and fitness activities for area senior citizens.

Edru Skate

(517) 699-2001

www.edruskate.com

Offers public roller skating or blading, private parties, laser tag, birthday parties, lessons, arcade, snack bar and full service ice cream shoppe. Located at 1891 N. Cedar in Holt, MI.

Fenner Nature Center

(517) 483-4224

www.mynaturecenter.org

134 acres of natural habitat to explore. Walking trails (open daily from 8am to dusk), hands-on nature exhibits and more. Programs for families, summer camps for children, and group tours are available. Located at 2020 E. Mt. Hope in Lansing, MI. Free admission.

Harris Nature Center

(517) 349-3866

www.meridian.mi.us

Surrounded by forests and meadows, this center is set on the banks of the Red Cedar River. Trails are open from dawn to dusk. Inside the building, nature displays are accented by the Preuss Living River Exhibit and the live reptile and amphibian displays. Programs for families are year round. Cross country ski and snowshoe rentals are available during the winter months. Located at 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos, MI. Free admission.

Hawk Island County Park

(517) 676-2233

<http://pk.ingham.org>

This park includes a sandy beach and a 4,500 sq. ft. splash park in the hot summer months. Concession stand, playground, pedal boats and rowboats, picnic tables and grills, picnic shelters, and a 1.5-mile asphalt path alongside the 30-acre lake. The path is kept snow-free for your winter walking enjoyment. In the winter months, grab your boots and head to the snow hill for an afternoon or evening of snow tubing fun. Hill is maintained by snow-making machines, with warming lodge available on the weekends. Located at 1601 E. Cavanaugh in Lansing, MI.

Impression 5 Science Center

(517) 485-8116

www.impression5.org/

Play with science, create something new with science, and challenge your understanding of science with over 25,000 square feet of hands-on exhibits designed for families. Immerse all five senses in science exploration through interactive exhibits, science day camps, dynamic programs, workshops, special events, and more. Located at 200 Museum Drive in Lansing. Open Tuesday-Saturday 10am-5pm, and Sunday Noon-5pm. Admission rates: Adults and children two and older \$8.50; Seniors and Military \$7.00; Children under two admitted free.

Lansing Lugnuts Baseball

(517) 485-4500

www.lansinglugnuts.com/

The Lansing Lugnuts, Class-A minor league affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays are "Going Nuts" in Michigan's capital city. Featured in USA Today and on CNN for their successes, the Lugnuts make their home at beautiful Cooley Law School Stadium. The Lugnuts continue to be the key component in revitalizing Lansing's downtown while providing fun, affordable, family entertainment to fans in Mid-Michigan and beyond. Entertainment highlights include fireworks shows, giveaways, and zany promotions. Every Sunday home game is "Kids Day" with face painting, animal education from the Potter Park Zoo, clowns, and the chance to run the bases following the game. The Lugnuts start play in April and the season runs through the middle of September. Located in downtown Lansing, MI at the Cooley Law School Stadium, 505 E. Michigan Avenue.



Lake Lansing Park - North

(517) 676-2233

<http://inghamcounty.org>

530 acres of natural surroundings. Come discover a variety of ecosystems, which harbor mature oak, maple woodlands, marshlands, pine plantations and transitional field areas, as you traverse the more than five miles of hiking trails. In the winter, bring your skis (or rent some from us) and enjoy cross-country skiing through a snow-covered forest. Located at 6260 E. Lake Drive in Haslett, MI.

Lake Lansing Park - South

(517) 676-2233

<http://ingham.org>

30-acre park includes a swimming beach, barbecue grills, concession stand, pedal boats and rowboats, and an expansive playground including a trike track. A bandshell offers visitors a chance to hear various types of music while enjoying warm summer evenings. Listen to some of the best music mid-Michigan has to offer! Located at 1621 Pike Street off of Marsh Road in Haslett, MI.

Michigan Historical Museum

(517) 373-3559

www.michigan.gov/museum

The Michigan Historical Museum, located in downtown Lansing, features permanent exhibits that tell Michigan's story from

Michigan's First Peoples to Michigan people today. Special exhibits change yearly and have focused on collections and themes ranging from Civil War Flags to Mid-Century Modern architecture. Located at 702 W. Kalamazoo in Lansing, MI.

Meridian Historical Village

(517) 347-7300

www.meridianhistoricalvillage.org

Has an authentic schoolhouse, the last standing tollgate house in Michigan, summer day camps, farmhouse and barn, country store, inn, tavern, school tours and village chapel which is available to rent for small weddings. Open on Saturdays from 10am-2pm from May to October. Located behind Nokomis Learning Center on Marsh Road in Okemos, MI.

Nokomis Learning Center

(517) 349-5777

www.nokomis.org

The Nokomis Learning Center offers a variety of programs and services for school classes, scout troops, and other groups. All of these programs accentuate a personal, interactive approach that allows visitors to be participants in a unique educational experience. Walk-in visitors are free, although a \$3 donation is suggested. Located at 5153 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI. Check



the Facebook page www.facebook.com/nokomislearningcenter/timeline for updates on special happenings!

Patriarche Park

(517) 337-9459

This convenient park features a large play structure. The park also has baseball fields, picnic areas, tennis courts and basketball courts. At the corner of Saginaw and Alton Roads, East Lansing, MI.

Potter Park Zoo

(517) 483-4222

www.potterparkzoo.org

Exhibits of more than 400 wonders of wildlife, including rhinoceroses, red pandas, tigers, leopards and meerkats. Pony rides and picnic pavilions are available for a charge. Located at 1301 S. Pennsylvania, Lansing, MI. Admission costs between \$2-\$10/ person. Parking costs \$3 for Ingham County residents & \$5 for non-residents.



R. E. Olds Transportation Museum

(517) 372-0529

www.reoldsmuseum.org

A collection of artifacts and documents pertaining to the auto industry and Lansing area transportation from 1883 to the

present. Over 50 vehicles on display. Located at 240 Museum Drive in Lansing, MI. Admission is \$7 for adults; \$5 for students and seniors over 65; children under 5 are free.

Riverfront Park and Trail

(517) 483-4277

The Louis F. Adado Riverfront Park is located at 201 E. Shiawassee St. in Lansing, MI. This is considered the premier park for hosting festivals, community events, and concerts. The park is accessible by the CATA bus line and is steps away from Lansing Community College. More information about the park can be obtained by calling (517) 483-4277 Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5pm.

The City of Lansing -- Lansing River Trail is over 16 miles of paved scenic trail. The trail is open to runners, joggers, walkers, bicyclists, skateboarders, and in-line skaters, and is handicapped accessible. More information can be found at: www.lansingmi.gov/1059/Lansing-River-Trail or by calling (517) 483-4277 Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5pm.

Schuler Books and Music

(517) 349-8840

www.schulerbooks.com

This bookstore often offers special readings and events for children and families. Please watch their calendar for more information.

Located in the Meridian Mall, 1982 Grand River Avenue, Okemos, MI.

State Capitol Building

(517) 373-2353

<http://capitol.michigan.gov/tours>

Step back into the Victorian Era with a visit to Michigan's award-winning Capitol Building. Tours of the public areas and the House and Senate galleries are available Monday-Friday every half-hour between 9am-4pm, Saturday 10am-3pm. Admission is free. Located at the intersection of Capitol and Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI.

Turner-Dodge House & Heritage Center

(517) 483-4220

<http://lansingmi.gov/tdodge>

This authentically restored classical revival house was the home of pioneers of the State and Capitol City. It features many events, including: teas, tours, and special events. Open year round Tuesday-Thursday 1pm-7pm. Located at 100 E. North Street in Lansing, MI. Cost: \$3.50 residents, \$5.00 non-residents, and \$2.00 for children under age 12.

W.K. Kellogg Manor House

(269) 671-2416

www.kbs.msu.edu/visit/manor-house

The Kellogg Manor house is part of the MSU Kellogg Biological Station located between Battle

Creek and Kalamazoo on Gull Lake at 3700 E. Gull Lake Drive in Hickory Corners, MI. The former summer home of cereal magnate W.K. Kellogg has been restored to its original grandeur. The gardens surrounding the house have been partially restored and the Manor is once again a beautiful and stately residence. The house is open April-December for a 1pm tour (about 1 hour long). Entrance fee is \$5. Please call for more information.

Woldumar Nature Center

(517) 322-0030

www.woldumar.org

Nestled along the Grand River, Woldumar offers visitors five miles of natural trails. Provides various nature-related programs for schools, "Camp Discovery" for children and teens, and great events for the whole family.



The WolduMarket Gift Shop has nature-related items and interpretive displays. Woldumar awaits the hiker or cross-country skier who can enjoy the feel of the Great North Country right here in Lansing. Located at 5739 Old Lansing Road, Lansing, MI. Trails open daily, dawn to dusk.

Calendar of Activities

Including on- and off-campus activities!

For information on sports activities, please visit

<http://msuspartans.collegesports.com/>

Annual Events

Call the number provided or go online for more information about these events.

MARCH

Maple Syrup Festival, Fenner Nature Center, Lansing. Come celebrate the uniquely North American tradition of making maple syrup. We will demonstrate how maple sap has been collected and made into delightfully sweet syrup throughout the ages. Private group tours are available during the weeks prior to the festival for an additional fee. www.mynaturecenter.org.

APRIL

Earth Day Extravaganza, Fenner Nature Center, Lansing. Officially recognized on April 22nd, is a day when people across the country show their support for the environment. Here at Fenner, we celebrate this day with our biggest volunteer workday of the year. www.mynaturecenter.org.

Small Animals Day, East Lansing. Bring your family and learn about baby animals at the annual spring Small Animals Day, located in the Exhibit Area of the MSU Pavilion. You will see MSU dairy and beef cattle, pigs, sheep, horses, and chickens. NOTE: There will be no farm tours given this year and parking is only available at the MSU Pavilion. \$3/person, event is from 9am-1pm. (517) 355-0232.

http://www.canr.msu.edu/canr/events/event/small_animals_day.

Race for the Place 5K Run/Walk/Wheel, East Lansing. This April race is open to the public and features a 5K run, competitive run/walk/wheel, and kids' fun runs. The 3.1 mile course winds through the MSU campus along the Red Cedar River, and it begins and ends at the Jenison Field House. Proceeds from the event benefit MSU Safe Place. (517) 355-1100. <http://safeplace.msu.edu/race-information>.

MAY

Victorian Days Festival, Grand Ledge. Participate in a weekend salute to summer and the Victorian era. Themed activities for the whole family

including High Tea, period crafts, Civil War Encampments and riverboat rides. 10am-5pm. Free Admission. www.victoriandays.org.

Spring Fling, Mason. Come experience all that Spring Fling has to offer. Includes a 5K run, craft show, pie sale, duck race and much more-there's something for everyone. (517) 676-1046. www.masonchamber.org.

Michigan State University Spring Arts & Crafts Show, East Lansing. Over 300 exhibits showcase crafters and artists from throughout the Midwest on the arbor-like campus of MSU near the Union. The show is hosted by the University Activities Board. (517) 355-3354. <http://uabevents.com>.

East Lansing Art Festival, East Lansing. Free fine art festival in downtown streets featuring artists from around the country, live local music, children's art activities, food vendors, and artist demo area, a poetry reading, theater teasers and more art-related activities. (517) 319-6804. www.elartfest.com.

Cristo Rey Fiesta, Lansing. This annual fiesta features the best in Mexican food, traditional music, dazzling folklore, and a Mexican marketplace. (517) 394-4639. www.cristoreychurch.org.

JUNE

Be a Tourist In Your Own Town, Lansing. This city-wide celebration showcases the local museums, galleries, theaters and attractions of Greater Lansing. (517) 487-6800. www.lansing.org/batoyot.

Gizzard Fest, Potterville. This annual festival is world renowned and draws over 16,000 people annually. There is a classic car show, arts and crafts, 3-on-3 basketball and softball tournaments, mini modified pulling tractors, antique tractor show, parade, fireworks, beer tent, music and lots to eat, including gizzards. www.gizzardfest.com.

Oldsmobile Homecoming, Lansing. This is the largest one-day Oldsmobile-only car show and swap meet in the world. Oldsmobiles will range in age from 1903 to the last cars built in 2004. Find over 500 show cars and 100 car-related swap meet and vendor spaces. Takes place at 6101 Anacapi Blvd., in Lansing, MI (one mile north of I-496, Creyts Road North). www.reolds.org.

Lansing Juneteenth Celebration, Lansing. Commemorating the end of slavery in the United States by celebrating the joys of liberty, educating the community about our heritage and by promoting positive cultural interaction. This three-day event includes music, dance, entertainment, education and celebration. (517) 394-6900. www.lansingjuneteenthcelebration.org.

Red Cedar Jubilee, Williamston. The Red Cedar Jubilee features parades as well as craft shows, a demolition derby, lawn mower races, a duck drop

and a food and beverage tent with live music. While in town visit the antiques district. www.williamston.org.

Yankee Doodle Days, Grand Ledge. This annual event features fun for the entire family with a parade, craft show, carnival, fireworks, and kids' day activities. (517) 627-2383. www.grandlegedchamber.com.

Summer Solstice Jazz Festival, East Lansing. The festival will hit downtown with two extraordinary evenings of jazz that will keep you swinging and dancing. Free of charge, sponsored by the East Lansing Arts Commission. (517) 319-6927. www.eljazzfest.com.

Festival of the Moon & Sun, Old Town Lansing. The Festival of the Moon features micro-brewed beers, great music and more, the Friday evening before the Festival of the Sun. The Festival is one of Michigan's largest beer and wine tasting festivals, with local live music. (517) 485-4283. www.festivalofthesun.com.

Delta Rocks! Family Festival, Delta Township. A free family festival at Sharp Park, which features clowns, petting zoo, inflatable attractions, kids' make-it and take-it crafts, music, super sling shot, face painting, concessions and more. (517) 323-8555. www.deltami.gov.

JULY

Eaton County Fair, Charlotte Fairgrounds. Whether you enjoy tractor and truck pulls, motor-cross races, demolition derbies or concerts by nationally renowned performers, you can find it all at the Eaton County 4-H Fair. (517) 649-8580. www.eatoncountyfair.com.

Common Ground Festival, Lansing. Music, food and fun can be found along the banks of the Grand River as thousands of participants are drawn to hear nationally known artists. Be sure to bring a blanket and enjoy a concert under the stars. (517) 267-1502. www.commongroundfest.com.

Car/Capital Auto & Bike Show, Downtown Lansing. The birthplace of Oldsmobile transforms into a showplace for antique and collector cars, hot rods and race cars with live entertainment, music and much more. (517) 372-0529. www.reoldsmuseum.org.

AUGUST

Island Art Fair, Grand Ledge. The Annual Island Art Fair features over 100 juried artists selling their works on the island in downtown Grand Ledge. Enjoy live music, festival food and Grand Princess boat rides. Free admission. (517) 627-9843. www.ledgecraftlane.com.

Ingham County Fair, Mason. Celebrating over 160 years, the fair offers something for everyone, including hundreds of exhibits, the excitement of the

grandstand events, large midway, a petting zoo and more! (517) 676-2428. <http://inghamfair.org>.

Bath Days Festival, Bath. Home of the "International Bath Tub Races," this family-friendly festival includes craft and car shows, children's entertainment and play area, a parade and, of course the main feature - bath tub races down Main Street! www.bathdaysfestival.com.

Lansing Jazzfest, Old Town Lansing. Tour the streets of Old Town with its galleries and art exhibits, while you enjoy music from some of the region's best jazz musicians. (517) 371-4600. www.jazzlansing.com.

Great Lakes Folk Festival, East Lansing. East Lansing plays host to this festival filled with live music stages and a dance pavilion, as well as food and traditional crafts from across America. (517) 355-2370.

Renegade Festival, Old Town Lansing. Three days of free theatre showcased in Lansing's most artistic district-Old Town; featuring a wide range of performance styles including comedy, puppet shows, musicals, improv, staged readings and more! (517) 927-3016. www.renegadetheatrefestival.org.

Mint Festival, St. Johns. Celebrate over 100 years of mint farming in Clinton County with an art fair, specialty food concessions, parade, Queen's Pageant and various sporting tournaments. The festival highlight continues to be the world class rodeo. (989) 224-7248.

Dewitt Ox Roast, DeWitt. For years the residents of DeWitt have celebrated along the banks of the Looking Glass River with an arts and crafts show, food and beverage tents, a parade, classic car show, entertainment, fireworks at dusk and more! (517) 669-3413. www.dewittoxroast.net.

SEPTEMBER

Frontier Days, Charlotte. Pioneer spirited guests will enjoy this annual event featuring one of mid-Michigan's largest parades, a championship rodeo, flea market, fireworks, more than 250 arts and crafts exhibits, an old-fashioned saloon and much more! (517) 543-3325. www.charlottefrontierdays.com.

Down Home Days, Mason. Browse through the many arts and crafts exhibits while enjoying local entertainment on the historic Ingham County Courthouse Square. Weekend events calendar can be found at www.masonchamber.org. (517) 676-1046.

Old Town Bluesfest, Old Town Lansing. The streets of Old Town are filled with blues music. See live performances on two stages, and enjoy food vendors and beverage tents. (517) 371-4600. www.oldtownbluesfest.com.

Oktoberfest, Old Town Lansing. Old Town Oktoberfest, Lansing's only German-style festival, features all things German, including live Polka, tasty food, and of course, wonderful German beers. Festival patrons receive a souvenir mug to remember the event. (517) 485-4283. www.oldtownoktoberfest.com.

OCTOBER

The Board of Water & Light Chili Cook-off, Lansing. More than 40 local businesses compete annually to win the hearts, palates, and votes of attendees. Competitors showcase culinary skills for a great cause at a riverside party with 1,500 gallons of chili, cold beer and margaritas and live bands. At Adado Park on the west side of Grand River 5pm-9pm. (517) 702-6730. www.lbwl.com/cco.

MSU Homecoming Parade, East Lansing. The MSU Homecoming Parade features the MSU Spartan Marching Band, Sparty, MSU Cheerleaders and Dance Team, MSU Athletic Teams and Coaches, Michigan High School Bands, student and community groups and much more. It takes place in downtown East Lansing the Friday of Homecoming weekend beginning at 6pm. Student and community groups are welcome to participate. (517) 884-1000. <http://homecoming.msu.edu>.

Color Cruise and Island Festival, Grand Ledge. Take a trip down memory lane in an old-fashioned covered wagon or glide down the scenic Grand River on a riverboat. Pioneer demonstrations captivate visitors with cider pressing, live folk music, traditional dance and more. (517) 627-2383. www.grandledgemi.com/events_and_festivals.php.

Michigan Great Lakes International Draft Horse Show & Pull, MSU Pavilion, East Lansing. (517) 204-6730. www.mgli.org.

Boo at the Zoo, Potter Park Zoo, Lansing. All little goblins and ghosts welcome as we celebrate Halloween at the zoo! 12pm to 4pm. Featuring our animals, mascots and other activities, including our Boo Tunnel, hayride, face-painting, trebuchet and more! (517) 483-4222. <http://www.potterparkzoo.org/>.

Apple Butter Festival, Fenner Nature Center, Lansing. Join us as we celebrate the fall harvest with our annual Apple Butter Festival. This event gives visitors a chance to reconnect with nature through and exploration of heritage arts, crafts, games and, of course, to help cook authentic apple butter over an open fire. (517) 483-4224. www.mynaturecenter.org.

NOVEMBER

East Lansing Film Festival, East Lansing. A world-class film festival offering independent features, documentaries and shorts as well as tributes, seminars,

premieres and parties. (517) 980-5802. www.elff.com.

Silver Bells in the City, Lansing. The city will be aglow with holiday decorations as we light Michigan's official holiday tree. Over 100,000 people will line the streets to watch the electric light parade and join the fun at this free family event. (517) 372-4636. www.silverbellsinthecity.org.

Global Festival, East Lansing. This multicultural event celebrates and creates awareness of international cultures through displays, and performances by MSU international students and scholars. This free event is family-friendly and open to the entire community. Held in the MSU Union. (517) 353-1720. <http://cvip.isp.msu.edu/globalfestival>.

Wonderland of Lights, Lansing. Potter Park Zoo is transformed into a magical winter wonderland with thousands of holiday lights and extraordinary displays. (517) 483-4222. www.potterparkzoo.org.

DECEMBER

Holiday Hullabaloo, Old Town Lansing. Join the Old Town Commercial Association for the Holiday Hullabaloo! Stop in to the various businesses to get in the holiday spirit while shopping for some unique gifts. (517) 485-4283. www.iloveoldtown.org.

MSU Arts & Crafts Holiday Show, East Lansing. The annual show will be held at the MSU Union on the corner of Grand River Ave. and Abbot Road in East Lansing, MI. With four floors of booths, this show is one of the largest holiday arts and crafts shows in the state. Admission is free and there is ample, free parking close to the building. (517) 355-3354. www.uabevents.com/artsandcrafts.html.

Miscellaneous

Junior Spartan Club

(517) 355-1610

msuspartans.com

Take part in the fun and excitement of Spartan athletics! Join the Junior Spartan Club open to Pre-K to 8th grade. Membership includes a t-shirt, a membership card and free admission to selected home sporting events and special events. More information at: <http://spartanyouth.msu.edu/Resource.aspx?ResourceID=106>.

City of East Lansing Parks, Recreation & Arts

(517) 333-2580

ELPRA offers many classes for youth and adults. They host numerous special events and summer sports camps. Call for a current catalog. ELPRA also offers Day Camps for children entering kindergarten through 8th grade. Each week is theme-based with part-time or full-time availability.

YMCA

www.ymcaoflansing.org

The YMCA has three branches in Lansing to serve you, offering classes, sports for ages Pre-K thru high school, and summer camps and clubs.

Call for a brochure, or come by for a visit!

Oak Park YMCA

900 Long Boulevard
Lansing, MI, 48911
(517) 827-9700

Parkwood YMCA

2306 Haslett Road
East Lansing, MI 48823
(517) 827-9680

Westside Community

3700 Old Lansing Road
Lansing, MI 48917
(517) 827-9670

Downtown YMCA

119 N. Washington Square
Lansing, MI 48933
(517) 827-9640

Mystic Lake Camp

9505 W. Ludington Dr.
Lake, MI 48632
(989) 827-9650

For information about parks:

Ingham County parks

(517) 676-2233

Eaton County parks

(517) 627-7351

Lansing Parks & Recreation

(517) 483-4277

East Lansing Parks

(517) 319-6809

www.lansingmi.gov/parks



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For family resources, visit:

<http://worklife.msu.edu>

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www.spartanyouth.msu.edu

To order more copies, please contact:

MSU WorkLife Office

479 West Circle Drive

Linton Hall, Suites 116/118

East Lansing, MI 48824

<http://worklife.msu.edu>

worklife@msu.edu

(517) 353-1635

