

## News Release

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#### **Macomb 4-H starting Youth Conservation Council**

Macomb County youths, ages 13-19, interested in learning about local environmental issues and influencing public policy are invited to help establish a 4-H Youth Conservation Council.

Council members will learn team building, leadership and life skills while participating in science-based research on conservation issues and providing a “youth voice” at city, township or county government meetings.

Anyone interested in participating should contact Mary Gerstenberger at 586-469-6085 or e-mail [gerste10@msu.edu](mailto:gerste10@msu.edu).

#### **Volunteer needed to run intergenerational program**

Macomb County MSU Extension’s 4-H program is seeking an adult volunteer to take over an existing intergenerational program at the Lawrence Park Senior Apartments (on 10 Mile Road at Van Dyke in Center Line).

The group leader is needed to guide children and seniors through hands-on educational activities for an hour and 30 minutes, once a week, after school. Volunteers must be at least 19 years old.

For more information or to volunteer, call 586-469-5931.

#### **MSU Extension seeks volunteers to run boat cruises**

Macomb County MSU Extension is seeking adult volunteers to assist the Great Lakes Education Program (GLEP) as cruise leaders.

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Volunteers will guide fourth-grade students through water quality, natural resource conservation and aquatic ecology activities while boating on the Clinton River and Lake St. Clair.

Anyone wishing to volunteer must attend these trainings:

- 9 a.m. to noon, Thursday, April 3 (includes orientation)
- 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday, April 10
- 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday, April 17

All trainings will be held in the MSU Extension Assembly Rooms A & B, located at 21885 Dunham Road (near entrance E) in Clinton Township.

For more information or to sign up for the trainings, call 586-469-6430.

### **Residents can learn to be 'citizen planners' at program**

Macomb County residents interested in learning more about local land use planning and zoning are invited to attend the Citizen Planner Program, offered by Macomb County MSU Extension (MSUE).

The seven-session, non-credit series is designed for elected and appointed officials and residents interested in taking a more active role in local land use decisions.

Classes will be held from 6:30-9 p.m. every Thursday from April 10 through May 22.

Participants will learn the technical knowledge and leadership skills needed to understand and work more effectively on a planning or zoning committee.

A certificate of competency will be awarded to any participant who completes all course work and 30 hours of community service in land use planning.

The program costs \$385 and registration is required by April 3.

For more information or to register, call 586-469-6430. An application also can be downloaded at [http://web2.msue.msu.edu/citizen\\_planner/macomb08.htm](http://web2.msue.msu.edu/citizen_planner/macomb08.htm) and faxed to 586-469-6948.