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## **Macomb County youth can explore future possibilities at 4-H Exploration Days**

Macomb County youth have the opportunity to attend the 47th 4-H Exploration Days, Michigan State University's (MSU) largest pre-college program, June 21-23 on the MSU campus. This year's theme is *Journey to Success*.

4-H Exploration Days gives youth ages 11 to 19 an authentic collegiate experience as they stay in MSU residence halls and explore areas of interest and career options, increase their awareness and readiness for college, and develop decision-making, independence and teamwork skills. Participants live like college students and attend sessions that range from veterinary medicine to web design, performing arts to environmental education and many more.

When not in action-packed learning sessions, students will have a plethora of recreation and MSU facility tour choices such as the MSU Breslin Center, Demmer Center, National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory and 4-H Children's Garden.

In total, more than 200 hands-on classroom and field trip sessions are offered. Participants also have fun and make friends with people from different backgrounds and areas. Oversight and guidance is provided by 4-H volunteers who are on hand at all times. The 4-H Exploration Days are annually attended by 2,500 youth and adult chaperones from across Michigan.

The cost is \$165 per person, plus any applicable session fees. Youth not enrolled in 4-H pay an additional \$10 4-H participation fee. Registration books are available from county MSU Extension offices and online at [http://bit.ly/4H\\_Expo\\_Program](http://bit.ly/4H_Expo_Program). The registration deadline is April 26. Sessions are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, so early registration is encouraged.

Following their involvement, participants are eligible for nomination to apply for a \$2,000 MSU Pre-College Program Scholarship 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.

For more information about 4-H Exploration Days, visit <http://bit.ly/ExpoDay-Info> or contact Macomb County MSU Extension at (586) 469-6431 or [Macomb.4h@macombgov.org](mailto:Macomb.4h@macombgov.org).

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