## **INVEST IN OUR PLANET**

That's the theme of this year's global Earth Day celebration on April 22. Earth Day started in 1970 as a day to learn about ways we can improve our environment. Every little bit helps, so check out this quick list for some ideas to get involved.

**Plant a garden** at your home or school to beautify the property or feed the community. Make sure to use plants native to Michigan so they'll require less specialized care. Remember a watering schedule once the planting is done! Collect rainwater in a barrel and use it to water your garden.

**Post your own Earth Day video** on social media with a parent or guardian's permission to let your friends know you support the cause.

**Get informed.** Is your community challenged by water pollution or a shrinking tree population? What are the policies surrounding these issues? Once you know the facts, you can start thinking of solutions.

Form or join an environmental club at your school. Brainstorm ways you can team up to improve your environment, and then go out and conquer! Make your voice heard. Discuss your concerns in letters to your state and national representatives and senators.

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**Create Earth Day posters** with catchy headlines, pictures, and statistics. Ask your school for permission to post them in common areas.

**Organize a group hike** with an enthusiastic nature expert at one of Michigan's many state, county, or city parks. End the day with a picnic.

Earth Day is April 22!

Dreaming big starts small!

Dreams usually require some amount of money, and the sooner you start saving, the better. That's the point of this year's National Credit Union Youth Month in April. The theme is *Save Small*. *Dream Big. at your credit union*<sup>TM</sup>. MSGCU is ready to help. Deposit money into your MyMoney. club account (even small amounts) on a regular basis and watch your savings grow. The earlier you start a savings account, the more it will grow over time, and the easier it will be to achieve your dreams. **Learn more about National Credit Union Youth Month by visiting cuna.org.**  **Congratulations** to Kyle and Jessica for their winning submissions for **"What's your life plan?**" contest.

Kyle plans to make a great future for himself. He would like to go to the University of Wisconsin or Oakland University to study engineering, following in his family's footsteps. — Kyle, Age 17

Jessica's life plan is to watch, listen, and learn daily. She has learned much from her family when it comes to education and finances. Jessica has even started investing money and saving. She hopes to use what she has learned and incorporate into her daily plans for a successful future in the medical field.

— Jessica, Age 15



## What role do you play in keeping our earth healthy?

Tell us in 100 words or less, and feel free to add pictures or photos to your submission. Email your entry along with your name, age, address, and phone number to contest@msgcu.org. Every teen with a winning entry will receive a **\$75 deposit\*** in their MyMoney.club account.

## Deadline for entry is Friday, May 20.

\* Contest limited to members ages 13 to 19. No substitution for prizes. Winners must be a MyMoney.club member of MSGCU at the time of selection. No purchase necessary. Only one entry per member. The winners will be contacted during the month of June. By submitting this entry, you consent to the reproduction and/ or authorize the use of your images, words and likeness for promotional and educational purposes by MSGCU. Relatives of MSGCU employees and Official Family members are not eligible to win. Previous winners provided by MSGCU.



## Looking for a job?

It's all about what matters to you. Are you looking for a job that pays well or has great hours that fit your life? Something that's creative or reflects your personal interests? Take a look at our list to see if anything excites you.

- Golf caddie at your local course or lifeguard at a pool
- Landscaper for a nursery or as a self-employed entrepreneur
- Camp counselor for younger kids
- Babysitter for your siblings or neighborhood kids
- Fast food or restaurant employee
- Car wash attendant
- Dog walker for neighborhood canines or kennel assistant for a rescue group
- Grocery store cashier or bagger
- Tutor for younger kids who might benefit from your knowledge
- House cleaner for friends and relatives
- Barista at the local coffee shop
- Retail clerk at your local shopping area

No matter which job you land, remember, it's important to save a portion of your paycheck to have extra funds for a rainy day, something fun, or to grow for years to come.

