

The Savings Scoop

Michigan Schools & Government Credit Union



Plan your amazing SUMMER

Stars, stripes and a teenager from Ohio.

As the United States grew and changed, so did our flag. When Alaska and Hawaii became states #49 and #50, President Eisenhower received thousands of ideas for a new flag. One idea for a 50-star flag came from Robert G. Heft, a 17-year-old high school student. He had created the design for a class project and was one of three to submit the version that is still in use today. Heft's original flag has flown over the White House, every state capital building, and eighty-eight United States embassies.

Source: ohiohistorycentral.org

Happy
Birthday
America

July 4, 1776

Reach for the stars!

Planning your amazing summer starts now.

Hooray summer! Longer sunny days and more free time mean you can do more of the things you want to do such as ...



Earn money. Let's face it, those vacation souvenirs aren't free. You'll appreciate having some extra cash and earning it is as easy as asking family and friends to hire you. You could pet sit, play with a toddler, pick up trash, pull weeds, sweep the garage, sell lemonade ... you get the idea.

Save money. Set a goal to save half of your earnings. Or, commit to saving 50 cents a day in a jar marked "Summer Savings." By summer's end you could deposit about \$50 in your Save-A-Lot Squad account!

Help someone. Together with your family, make a summer tradition of volunteering. You could clean up a beach, visit a pet shelter, or do something nice for a neighbor in need.

Be adventurous. Make this the summer you try something new such as horseback riding, surfing, archery, fishing, or stargazing. Visit Michigan.org to learn about all of the adventures you can have in the Great Lakes State.



so silly!

What does the sun use to take a drink?

Sunglasses

What's the new summer pirate movie rated?

ARRRRRRRR!

Where do sharks go on summer vacation?

Finland

BABY ANIMAL CONTEST WINNERS!

Congratulations to the winners of last issue's "favorite baby animals" contest! Anna, Elyse Kamryn, and Denver each received a \$25 deposit in their Save-a-Lot Squad account.



Anna N., age 10



Elyse W., age 11



Kamryn V., age 6



Denver R., age 6

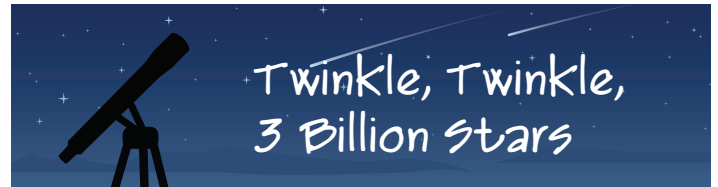


The best summer ever looks like this ...

Swimming every day, sleeping in, going to a cottage, heading to Cedar Point? **Show us what your "best summer ever" looks like.** Draw, paint, color, craft, use any materials you like to create your masterpiece. We'll choose the most creative submissions and winners will each receive a **\$25 deposit*** in their Save-A-Lot Squad account. Drop off your submission to any of our branches or email a photo of your entry to contest@msgcu.org. Don't forget to include your name, age, address, and phone number.

Deadline for entry is August 23, 2019.

*Contest limited to members ages 12 and under. No substitution for prizes. Winners must be a Save-A-Lot Squad member of MSGCU at the time of selection. No purchase necessary. Only one entry per member. The winners will be contacted by phone during the month of September. 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.



If you want a better look at the 3 billion or so stars in our Milky Way, ask your parents to take you to one of Michigan's six state-designated "dark sky" parks. The Alpena area is home to three of these preserves — Rockport State Recreation Area, Thompson's Harbor State Park, and Negwegon State Park. City lights or "light pollution" is very low there which means it's easier to see stars, meteors, planets, moons, and the aurora borealis.

Prefer to see the skies as ancient sailors did? The Inland Seas Education Association offers astronomy cruises out of Suttons Bay in their schooner-style tall ship complete with telescopes and an on-ship astronomer. Shepler's Mackinac Island Ferry also offers a Night Sky Cruise so you can hear and see star stories including August's Perseid Meteor Shower.

Want to see Michigan's night sky in an afternoon? Head to Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills or the Michigan Science Center in Detroit. Both offer planetariums that dramatically bring Michigan's night sky to life.

Sources: Michigan.org and skyandtelescope.com

Mark Your Calendars

Independence Day (Closed)
Thursday, July 4

Contest Deadline
Friday, August 23

Labor Day (Closed)
Monday, September 2

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