



Spring 2009

ATTENTION ALL TEENS:

Take the challenge and join the Michigan 4-H Youth Conservation Council (M4-HYCC)! The M4-HYCC is a state-wide teen leadership opportunity for 25 selected youth between the ages of 13-19. As a team, the Council selects a conservation issue, researches the topic, develops an oral and written presentation, and then has the opportunity to make recommendations to one of the standing committees of the State Senate or House of Representatives that handle issues pertaining to natural resources and the environment.

The M4-HYCC is a unique state-level experience for teens to improve their skills and knowledge in public speaking, writing factual reports, awareness of current conservation issues, understanding the legislative process, and working effectively with a team of other teens from across the State of Michigan.

The M4-HYCC is not all work, we have fun too! The teen members enjoy meeting others from different Michigan counties and sharing ideas and experiences. They enjoy attending the state-level gatherings at Kettunen Center and near the Michigan State University campus for learning and social benefits. They communicate regularly on internet chat rooms and on an email listserv.

Many of the past M4-HYCC teens have had a successful experience on the Council and reapply for a second and third year. As a third year member, you are a teen advisor for the new Council members. Additional M4-HYCC benefits are the hands-on career investigation opportunities as teen members work in partnership with natural resource professionals, Michigan State University staff, state government staff, and other professionals.

Take the challenge and complete a M4-HYCC application today! Join the Michigan 4-H Youth Conservation Council and get involved in addressing conservation issues. You can help make a positive impact on public policy and the natural environment.

Visit the M4-HYCC website at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/m4hycc.html> for current project information. If you have any questions, please call 231-829-3421 or email at agrix@kettunencenter.org.

Please submit completed M4-HYCC applications as follows:

- ☐ by **October 2, 2009** – youth submit their application to their 4-H staff at their county MSU Extension Office.
- ☐ by **October 9, 2009** – County MSU Extension staff forward applications to:

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