

A user-friendly GUIDE TO

# Recreation

FOR FAMILIES in Macomb County



## About This Book

This *Small Book* is designed to assist families in locating free or low-cost community services in Macomb County and is designed to be user-friendly.

The book first lists a "SITUATION" followed by a short descriptive phrase about each of the known services listed for that situation, an explanation of the services and eligibility requirements (if applicable), and finally, the telephone number for the service.

This book lists services by a service category, not by agency. This helps to speed the finding of needed services. For the most part, only Macomb County resources are listed. Exceptions to this are out-of-county resources included if a Macomb County facility is filled or county or state services that may be accessed in Macomb County.

To aid you in your use of this book, you will notice the following format: Each "*Situation*" is enclosed in a black box to differentiate it from other situations.

The symbol (~) is placed in front of each new service under that category. All known services for a situation are grouped under it regardless of what agency offers those services.

As names of agencies and programs frequently change, please note that the former name is indicated in brackets { }.

Every effort has been made to assure that the information is up-to-date and accurate. Due to the dynamic nature of organizations, information changes often.

We hope that you enjoy this resource and that you are able to locate help more quickly. For your information, *Small Books* are available on the following topics:

Adoption	Literacy
Child Abuse	Mental Health
Child Care	Parenting
Dementia	Recreation/Leisure
Dental	Runaway Services
Domestic Violence	Senior Citizen Services
Employment & Training Services	Sexual Assault
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder	Special Needs
Financial Assistance	Substance Abuse
Food	Suicide Prevention
Gambling Addiction/Problems	Support Groups
Resources	Teen Pregnancy Service
Health	Transportation
Homeless Services	Utility Assistance
Housing	Vision and Hearing Services
Legal Issues	Glossary

## Table of Contents

Resource Books	1
A youth needs free or low-cost leisure and/or recreation activities.	1
Community-based recreation programs	2-3
Community Education	4
YMCA Memberships	4-5
Camps	5
Summer programs	5-6
Recreation activities	6-8
Notes	9-11
Acknowledgements	12

## RECREATION / LEISURE ACTIVITIES

### RESOURCE BOOKS

**KID'S CATALOG OF MICHIGAN ADVENTURES** lists over 1,400 activities and sites. Available in bookstores.

**THE GUIDE TO FUN FOR FAMILIES** lists ideas for family activities and places to visit throughout the year! From museums, nature centers, and attractions to local libraries, parks and recreation departments and theaters, you will find endless possibilities for enjoyment, learning and relaxation. This edition includes ideas to do at home! **Download a copy from:**  
<http://www.misd.net/earlychild/2008FunGuide.pdf>

**SITUATION: A youth needs free or low-cost leisure and/or recreational activities.**

### PROGRAMS ORGANIZED AND COORDINATED BY NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

- ❖ **Boy Scouts\*** provides opportunities for character building, citizenship training, personal, mental and moral fitness through pack activities for boys grades 1 - 8 and young men and women of high school age. Fees: There is a national registration fee of \$10.00. This can be earned through fund-raising activities. Available from Boy Scouts\*:

Macomb County north of 14 Mile	Boy Scouts Clinton Valley Council	(248) 338-0035 (Pontiac)
Macomb County south of 14 Mile	Detroit Area Council of Boy Scouts	(313) 897-1965 (Detroit)

- ❖ **Camp Fire USA\*** provides activities for boys and girls aged 5 - 18. Membership fee: \$12.00 per year. Call for a club near you. Available from Detroit Area Council Camp Fire Boys and Girls\*, Southfield, (248) 559-5840.

- ❖ **Girl Scouts\*** provides fun opportunities, for girls aged 5 through 17, in developing self-esteem, learning to relate to others, making decisions, contributing to society, coping with issues of growing up, and cleaning up the environment. Activities for each age level are designed to promote racial and ethnic pride and respect. Available from Girl Scouts of Macomb County\*, (586) 263-0220.
- ❖ **4H\* Project Clubs** provides recreational clubs for youth based on areas of interest including: arts and crafts, computers, ecology, personal appearance, food and nutrition, gardening, horses, etc. There are 25 clubs currently in Macomb County (10 are handicapped only). Cost: determined by individual clubs, usually free. Available from MSU Extension\*/4H\* who will also provide assistance in developing other project- related clubs as well, (586) 469-6431.
- ❖ **Boys and Girls Clubs of SE Michigan\*** provides recreational and educational opportunities for youth aged 6 - 18 including a gymnasium, arts and crafts center, computers, learning and game rooms as well as baseball and soccer. Registration fee: \$30.00 Available from the Vic and Lucille Wertz Club, Shelby Twp., (586) 566-5516.

**COMMUNITY-BASED RECREATION PROGRAMS**

- ❖ **Parks and Recreation** provides activities throughout the year including: playgrounds, preschool day camps, aerobics, bowling, athletic camps, swimming, concerts, tennis, etc. Activities vary. Contact your local Parks and Recreation Department for their brochure:

Chesterfield Township Department of Parks and Recreation	(586) 949-0400
Clinton Township Department of Parks and Recreation	(586) 286-9336
Center Line Department of Parks and Recreation	(586) 757-1610
Eastpointe Department of Parks and Recreation	(586) 445-5080
Fraser Department of Parks and Recreation	(586) 294-0450

Harrison Twp. Committee for Parks and Recreation	(586) 466-1406
New Baltimore Department of Parks and Recreation	(586) 725-0291
Richmond Department of Parks and Recreation	(586) 727-3064 ext. 105
Roseville Department of Parks and Recreation	(586) 445-5480
Romeo Department of Parks and Recreation	(586) 752-6543
Shelby Twp. Department of Parks and Recreation	(586) 731-0300
St. Clair Shores Department of Parks and Recreation	(586) 445-5350
Sterling Heights Department of Parks and Recreation <b>(Has numerous programs for youth with disabilities)</b>	(586) 446-2700
Warren Department of Parks and Recreation	(586) 268-8400

*The following cities, villages or township do not have a Department of Parks and Recreation or do not offer recreational activities through the government offices:  
Armada, Mt. Clemens, Utica, and New Haven.*

## COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Community Education provides some recreational programs through local school districts. Check with your local Adult and Community Education programs:

Anchor Bay (586) 725-2861 ext. 1822	Richmond (586) 727-3565 ext. 6008
Chippewa Valley (586) 723-2050	Romeo (586) 752-0310
Clintondale (586) 791-6300 ext. 4001	Roseville (586) 445-5597
Eastpointe (586) 445-4451 ext. 201	South Lake (586) 285-8880
Lake Shore (586) 285-8880	Utica (586) 795-2300
L'Anse Creuse (586) 783-6330	Van Dyke (586) 758-8300
Mt. Clemens (586) 783-6420	Warren Consolidated (586) 698-4409
New Haven (586) 749-3401	Warren Woods (586) 439-4408

## YMCA MEMBERSHIPS

- ❖ **Financial assistance that assures that everyone can belong to the YMCA\***. Assistance is based on income level and household size. Types of memberships include: youth, teen, adult and family. For more information contact your local YMCA\*:

Macomb Family YMCA*, Mt. Clemens	(586) 468-1411
Lakeshore YMCA*	(586) 778-5811
Warren YMCA*	(586) 751-1050

## CAMPS

- ❖ Guide: Michigan Children's Camps Accredited by the American Camp Association, (517) 337-0367.
- ❖ Summer Campership opportunities are available for youth. Applications are taken during March. Available from United Way Community Services\*, (586) 463-5660.
- ❖ Christian Camping experiences for girls (Camp Stapleton) and boys (Camp Ozanam) ages 8 - 12. Available from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul\*, (313) 393-2930.

## SUMMER PROGRAMS ORGANIZED/COORDINATED BY NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

- ❖ **Summer recreational programs for youth** are sponsored by community organizations and funded by United Way for Southeastern Michigan\*. Call UWSEM\* for the program in your area, (313) 226-9400.
- ❖ **Partial and full Financial Aid to Girl Scout-Sponsored summer camps for girls ages 6-17.** Day camps are usually held at local parks and run from 9:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. The full cost ranges from \$45.00 - \$65.00, plus a \$10.00 Girl Scout membership, if not currently a member. Activities include: crafts, songs, games, nature hikes, canoeing, etc. Locations are throughout the county. Registration begins in the spring. Available from Girl Scouts of Macomb County. Contact the Program and Communication Director, (586) 263-0220 ext. 227.
- ❖ **Free six-week summer Day Camp program** for girls in Macomb County. Activities include: first aid training, arts and crafts, math, science and technology, field trips. Available from Girl Scouts of Macomb County\*, (586) 263-0220 ext. 229.

- ❖ **Partial and full Financial Aid to Girl Scout-Sponsored summer camps for girls age 6-17**, financial aid available upon review (not by a committee). The full cost of Resident camp ranges from \$185.00 - \$575.00, depending on the length of the camp session. The camp fees include membership in the Girl Scouts if the girl is not already a member. If you would like more information please contact the Camp Hawthorn Hollow camp office at (810) 367-3318.

**RECREATION ACTIVITIES SPONSORED BY FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

<b>CIDER MILLS</b> provide a learning experience in the making of cider.	
Blake's Cider Mill	(586) 784-5343
Coon Creek Orchard	(586) 784-5062
Middleton Cider Mill	(586) 731-6699

<b>FESTIVALS</b> available during the summer for outdoor entertainment.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>Mt. Clemens River Sight and Sounds Concerts</b> are available every Friday in July and August at the Clinton River Gazebo in downtown Mt. Clemens. Free admission and parking.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Concerts are available at Freedom Hill. For more information, call (586) 268-7820.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Ethnic Festivals are available at Freedom Hill. For more information, call (586) 979-8750</li> </ul>	

**LIBRARIES**  
provide entertaining and educational programs for children and families. Call your local library for a schedule of events.

### MALLS

provide community events for the public.  
Contact your local mall for a schedule of events.

### MINIATURE GOLF

Metropolitan Beach Putt-Putt	(586) 463-4581
Van Dyke Sports Center, Inc., Warren	(586) 979-2626

### MOVIES

Year-around, discounted children's movie matinees are offered at Loeks-Star Theaters. Contact your local theater.

### PUBLIC PARKS

Freedom Hill	(586) 979-8750
Metro Beach Metropark	(586) 463-4581

### SPORTS CENTERS Macomb County Centers

C.J. Barrymore's Sports Center, Clinton Twp.	(586) 469-2800
Liberty Park of America, Sterling Heights	(586) 978-9070
Warren Racquetball and Fitness, Warren	(586) 574-2580
Whirly Ball of Michigan, Clinton Twp.	(586) 792-4190

### THEATER

Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton Twp.	(586) 286-2222 (Ticket information)
Youth Theater	(586) 286-2222

### THEATRICAL GROUPS TO JOIN

**All the World's A Stage Junior Players** is available for youth who want to learn acting. For more information, call Lou Fazzini, (586) 226-2248.

### TOURS

Crocker House, Shelby Township	(586) 465-2488
Morley Candy Makers, Inc., Mt. Clemens	(586) 468-4300
Mt. Clemens Train Ride	(586) 463-1863
Selfridge Military Air Museum, Selfridge	(586) 307-5035
Sterling Heights Nature Center	(586) 446-2710







## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This booklet has been developed from "*Making the Right Connection*", a project of the Macomb County Inter Agency Council and its Youth Council Subcommittee.

For the complete Resource Directory, please go to [www.misd.net/connection](http://www.misd.net/connection)





GREAT PARENTS MACOMB\*  
Serving families with children birth to age 5

For information on other resources for families of children  
age birth to 5 years, please call:

1.866.4MACOMB

1.866.464.2662

\* This document was printed through the State of Michigan Great Parents grant  
awarded to Macomb Intermediate School District.  
Agencies throughout Macomb County are program partners.