

## hello, summer

Many festivals, events, chances for volunteering dot the map in East Lansing during summer

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The warm weather, flip-flops and sun of an East Lansing summer have remaining MSU students shaking off the previous months' cold and taking to the outdoors, whether they're enrolled in classes, working or laying out in their front yards.

"I like the freedom of summer, pretty much I do what I want — I walk around, hang out on the porch," education junior Jesse Ferencick said. "It seems like people are more easygoing."

As to what to do during down time, East Lansing and Lansing have a plethora of festivals and activities lined up for the summer.

### Music festivals

The East Lansing and Lansing areas play host to a variety of music festivals over the summer, from rock to jazz to folk music.

The first of these is the Summer Solstice Jazz Festival, which will be held in downtown East Lansing from June 19-20.

The event is free and will feature local and national artists.

The festival draws a mix of people from community members to students, but they try to cater to students' tastes, said Ami Van Antwerp, spokeswoman for the festival.

"Usually toward the end of the festival we try to book bands that have big sounds and (can be danced to) so we end up getting a lot of young people there for that," Van Antwerp said.

East Lansing also will be hosting an 18-part concert series starting June 12. Concerts will be on Fridays and Saturdays in downtown East Lansing.

East Lansing isn't the only site for live music during the summer. Adado Riverfront Park in Lansing will host the Common Ground Music Festival July 6-12.

The 10th year of the festival brings with it some changes, said Common Ground spokeswoman Melinda Barr.

"There's no longer any entertainment or stages on the east

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