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Registration will open on **Wednesday, March 7 at 10 a.m. ET**. Prior to registering, please review all details on the registration page at alumni.msu.edu/grandparents.

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30 Participants
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20 Participants
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126 Open, Deep, Dark? What is Going on Online?
30 Participants
This course will provide a hands-on understanding of the way that the Internet is being misused by criminals, extremists, and nation-states around the world. We will learn the difference between what is on the Open Web, and pull the curtain back on the Dark Web so it is clear what it is and how it works.

127 Playful Polyhedra: Making Models and Paper Folding
30 Participants
Geometers have studied the mathematical beauty and symmetry of the Platonic solids for thousands of years. In this class we will investigate why there are only five Platonic solids, and then make these five Platonic solids in class. Students will take their polyhedra home at the end of the session.

128 Should Government Be Run Like a Business?
130 Participants
This class will start with the question: Why not let a business person have a chance to be President? Hear about three major reasons, economic and philosophical, why this is a complicated philosophy in a liberal democracy.

129 Sowing and Growing: The Art of Seedkeeping
12 Participants
What are the connections between poetry and planting? Join us as we read poems by female writers and make a variety of crafts related to land and plants.

131 Taste of Japan: Japanese Food Culture
20 Participants
Come learn about Japan and enjoy some delicious food! Learn how to roll your own sushi, practice eating with chopsticks, and explore Japanese culture. All participants will receive sushi rolling materials and other surprises to take home!

132 The Historical Student Experience at MSU: Dorm Life
25 Participants
Have you ever wondered what it was like to live on campus in the 20th century? What did students do for fun? What did they eat? What rules were they expected to follow (and did they)? Explore the history of student life at Michigan State with archivists from the MSU Archives. Grandparents will be encouraged to share their stories with us! The presentation will be followed by fun activities.

133 The Joy of Chemistry
175 Participants
This program will highlight the excitement of chemistry with a fun variety of demonstration exhibitions and hands-on activities. Thrill to the color-changing oscillating reaction! Make a magnet levitate using a superconductor! Do the chemiluminescent “Firefly” reaction! We'll close by doing a spectacular thermite reaction, which spews large amounts of molten iron. Participants will take home a sample of Spartan green Slime they will make themselves and will make tasty liquid nitrogen ice cream.

134 The Science of Optical Illusions
32 Participants
This class will have you seeing things! Participants will observe some mysterious illusions, such as holes through their hands and non-real colors. In the end, everyone gets to take home a little dinosaur that appears to watch you!
135 Thy Praises, MSU: University Traditions Past and Present
75 Participants
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139 Where Does Milk Come From?
25 Participants
Visit the MSU Dairy Teaching and Research Center and learn all about cows! This class will tour the farm, teach about the cow’s lifespan from birth to adult, what they eat, and how they are milked and cared for. Everyone will get to milk a cow and see our famous cows with a window in them. A dairy treat will be provided at the end of the tour.

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30 Participants
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221 Having Fun With the Business Model Canvas
50 Participants
The Business Model Canvas is a great way that entrepreneurs start out with their idea to make sure that it is viable and that the people want it. This session will use the canvas but put a fun spin on it with the children’s ideas of a new company and how they can explore it with their grandparents.

222 History of Sparty
75 Participants
You have seen him at athletic events, in parades, around campus on game day, in ESPN commercials, at weddings, birthday parties, alumni club events, and promoting literacy to children in schools. He is everywhere; he is loved and he is an embodiment of what it means to be a Michigan State Spartan. Have you ever wondered how our beloved Sparty became the MSU icon he is today? In this session you will learn the origins of Sparty, the Sparty Mascot Program, and get a rare insiders look at what it is like to portray Sparty. There are many exciting aspects of the program that most Spartans do not have the opportunity to witness. Join us for an in depth look of Sparty, The Gentle Giant.

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20 Participants
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25 Participants
Are you creative? Do you enjoy solving problems? Engineers – women and men – are changing the world through innovative design and research. Explore hands-on engineering activities. Learn how you can build engineering skills and aim for a great career! Ages 11 and up.

227 Just What’s in that Water? Exploring the Red Cedar River
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25 Participants
Coca-Cola! One of the most iconic, American brands in the world. Come join us for a history lesson on this and a chance to see a unique collection of Coca-Cola glass bottles!

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16 Participants
Beginning instruction in Pickleball, which is the fastest growing sport in America. Grandparents and their grandchildren will leave the session with a working knowledge of the game and a desire to continue to play this great sport. Fun for all ages!

233 Pizza 101
40 Participants
Demonstration on how to prepare dough, how to handle dough, different methods of baking, and finally, each person gets to prepare their own pizza.

234 Ready, Set, Mush!
30 Participants
Participants will learn about sled dog racing and meet a retired Iditarod sled dog. This session will include a hands-on, minds-on, obstacle course in which participants have to complete several tasks in order to finish the race. Be ready to move and have fun while learning about the world of sled dogs. Some of this session will take place outside.

235 Running Cars on Plants
30 Participants
During this presentation, the audience will participate in an experiment investigating the process of fermentation in bags with baker’s yeast, warm water, and various sources of plant sugar. Participants will observe and measure evidence of the chemical changes associated with fermentation: bag inflation (CO₂) and indicators of ethanol production. A short presentation about the Great Lakes Bioenergy Research Center (GLBRC) and the importance of biofuels research and production will also be given.
236 Sketch, Doodle, and Draw Sparty

30 Participants
Learn to draw Sparty from a series of simple shapes. Circles, triangles, squares, and ovals are all you need to be able to draw to create Sparty!

237 South of the Border Cuisine

16 Participants
How to prepare and season the ingredients for tacos, nachos, homemade pico de gallo, and guacamole.

238 The Seasons-Planetarium Show

130 Participants
This class will give an overview of how the day and night sky change through the year. Students will predict and observe how the sun’s path changes over the year and learn how that relates to changing seasons. They will learn why we see different constellations through the year by looking from an earth and space-based perspective. Ages 8 to 10.

239 Tricking your Brain: Cognitive and Memory Illusions

30 Participants
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30 Participants
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244 Zeke the Wonder Dog

50 Participants
Join the energetic Zeke as he shows his talents, which have captivated Spartan Stadium and Breslin Center crowds. Zeke’s handlers will show you easy tricks you can teach your pet.

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What’s lurking in and around the river that runs through the MSU campus? Find out about the Red Cedar River and the fish, insects, and mammals that live in and around it. Identify live insects, learn how to filet a fish, and see and touch pelts of animals.
325 Learning How to Design Video Games
20 Participants
In this class we will learn about pursuing video game development as a career. We will also talk about how design a fun game, and then we’ll work on designing our own games.

326 Life Beneath the Naked Eye
16 Participants
This session will highlight the use of a scanning electron microscope, which is tool useful for research and education in science and engineering. We will examine insects and a variety of materials at high magnification to understand their structure and function. Children of all ages are invited to use a high powered microscope.

327 Open, Deep, Dark? What is Going on Online?
30 Participants
This course will provide a hands-on understanding of the way that the Internet is being misused by criminals, extremists, and nation-states around the world. We will learn the difference between what is on the Open Web, and pull the curtain back on the Dark Web so it is clear what it is and how it works.

328 Pizza 101
40 Participants
Demonstration on how to prepare dough, how to handle dough, different methods of baking, and finally, each person gets to prepare their own pizza.

329 Running Cars on Plants
30 Participants
During this presentation, the audience will participate in an experiment investigating the process of fermentation in bags with baker’s yeast, warm water and various sources of plant sugar. Participants will observe and measure evidence of the chemical changes associated with fermentation: bag inflation (CO₂) and indicators of ethanol production. Also, a short presentation about the Great Lakes Bioenergy Research Center (GLBRC) and the importance of biofuels research and production will be given.

330 Should Government Be Run Like a Business?
100 Participants
Starting with the question: Why not let a business person have a chance to be President? Learn about three major reasons, economic and philosophical, why this is a complicated philosophy in a liberal democracy.

331 Sowing and Growing: The Art of Seedkeeping
12 Participants
What are the connections between poetry and planting? Join us as we read poems by female writers and make a variety of crafts related to land and plants.

332 Spartan Dollars and Cents
30 Participants
Let’s talk money! Through fun, hands-on activities, we will explore the world of finances and increase your money smart knowledge.

333 The Science of Optical Illusions
32 Participants
This class will have you seeing things! Participants will observe some mysterious illusions, such as holes through their hands and non-real colors. In the end, everyone gets to take home a little dinosaur that appears to watch you!

334 Theatre Games and Improvisation
40 Participants
This fast-paced, accessible, and fun workshop will explore a series of easy theatre games and improvisational activities for both novice and experienced learners. A variety of games and activities will lend insight into improvisation and acting on a Wharton Center stage!

335 Tricking your Brain: Cognitive and Memory Illusions
30 Participants
In this session, we will demonstrate how your brain can be tricked, and do experiments to see whether children or adults’ brains are more easily fooled. Participants will learn about how psychologists study attention and memory, and how you can improve your skills at any age!

336 Watercolor Painting on Cold Press Paper
20 Participants
Come and join a watercolor specialist, Sandi Shults and learn the art of watercolor painting. Over the past 30 years of being an artist Sandi has created an easy technique in watercolor painting for all ages to enjoy.
337 What are Spotted Hyenas?  
**21 Participants**  
Join the MSU Hyena Project in learning about these underappreciated animals? Learn to identify hyenas by their spots like a field scientist, see their skulls up close, and put yourself in the pawprints of a young male hyena leaving home.

338 Where do Sheep Come From?  
**25 Participants**  
Visit the MSU Sheep Teaching and Research Center and learn all about sheep! This class will tour the farm and learn about the sheep from birth to adult, what they eat and how they are milked and cared for. Everyone will get to milk a sheep. A sheep treat will be provided at the end of the tour.

339 Where Does Our Food Come From? The Amazing Honey Bee  
**40 Participants**  
A large portion of the world food supply is directly or indirectly affected by honey bee pollination. Learn about the honey bee, their impact on our food supply and how we can help this amazing insect.

340 You Think You Know, but You Don’t...Nor Can You! David Hume’s Skepticism  
**75 Participants**  
Does knowledge about the world come from the senses? If so, as David Hume argues, it is not possible to be rationally justified in believing anything at all about the world. This includes beliefs about yourself, right and wrong, God, and whether billiard balls cause each other to move!

341 Zeke the Wonder Dog  
**50 Participants**  
Join the energetic Zeke as he shows his talents, which have captivated Spartan Stadium and Breslin Center crowds. Zeke’s handlers will show you easy tricks you can teach your pet.

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**SESSION 4:**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 28**

400 Air Gun  
**32 Participants**  
Participants will have hand-on experience shooting Olympic-style air rifle and air pistol. Session includes a safety briefing and introductory shooting fundamentals.

401 Archery  
**22 Participants**  
Class will begin with a quick safety briefing and each person will be fitted with the proper safety gear and archery equipment. The MSU archery team will be instructing on the proper form for archery.

402 Bad Astronomy-Planetarium Show  
**130 Participants**  
Were the Apollo visits to the Moon actually a hoax? Have aliens landed on Earth? Can you tell your future by the stars? Prepare to debunk and tackle pseudoscience head-on with this planetarium show. Based on the popular book and website of the same name, this show offers a unique and fun approach to learning about the cosmos. Join the Bad Astronomer Phil Plait as he takes a critical look at popular myths and misconceptions to show audiences how science can be used to evaluate questionable claims.

403 Bucket Band  
**35 Participants**  
Come play and create music! Using buckets we can compose and play our very own music. No prior musical experience needed.

404 Building Your Dream Community  
**40 Participants**  
This activity-based session will look at how the availability of resources impact communities. In teams, participants will build their own communities using Legos and other materials supplied. Each team will have different materials or “resources” available to them. Following the “building” phase, communities will be compared, and an interactive discussion will take place.
405 Calming and Relaxation

*25 Participants*

Life gets busy and pretty hectic sometimes—wouldn’t it be nice to know some ways to keep calm and take a moment for yourself? In this class we will discuss different methods for relaxation. We will learn breathing exercises to help you through tough moments and make calming jars that you can take home. We will end our class with a muscle relaxation technique that will leave you feeling refreshed and renewed.

406 Cash Conversations with the Credit Union

*25 Participants*

Do you know the similarities and differences between credit unions and banks? Have you been struggling to save money for something you really want? Join the MSU Federal Credit Union through an interactive journey to learn about financial institutions, the differences between needs and wants, the real cost of your wants and how to save money to achieve your goals.

407 Cookie Decorating Basics

*14 Participants*

In this class, participants will learn how to decorate cookies utilizing a sugar icing. Learn how to flood, swirl, and make designs in this introductory class to fancy cookie decorating.

408 Crazy for Crêpes: Exploring a French Culinary Tradition

*20 Participants*

Crêpes are thin pancakes served as either snacks or meals, which are popular throughout the French-speaking world. In this course we will learn how to make them, enjoy the fruits of our labor, and learn a little French culture, history, and language along the way. All recipes will be included so you can enjoy these delicious Gallic goodies again at home.

409 Creating, Innovating, and Prototyping

*20 Participants*

Prototyping is a designer’s practice where quick sketches, drawings, and wireframes are developed for an idea, app, or product. In this session, we’ll talk about why designers prototype, and, more importantly, we’ll do some prototyping together to create a new, interactive app.

410 Egg Drop Experiment

*50 Participants*

Participants will learn about how packaging is used to contain, protect, and provide utility to its product and the consumer. In this session, each participant will be given materials to design their very own egg package and then put their design to the test. Students will do a hands-on drop test using traditional dynamic testing equipment. The session is a fun and energetic introduction to the importance of the science of packaging!

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412 Engineering Design with Straws and Tape

*40 Participants*

An introduction to engineering is provided through videos, dialogue, and hands-on activities. All participants will be able to actively build a tower of straws and tape that uses their ingenuity to soar to the ceiling and hold a set weight.

413 Explore the Fascinating World of Insects at the MSU Bug House

*30 Participants*

Learn about the amazing diversity and biology of insects and other arthropods. A short lecture/presentation will be followed by observing our displays of insects from around the world and the opportunity to see, touch, and hold some of our live beetles, cockroaches, tarantulas, and scorpions.

414 Geodes: Hidden Quartz Treasures

*100 Participants*

What are geodes? How are they formed? Where are they found?
415 Having Fun With the Business Model Canvas
50 Participants
The Business Model Canvas is a great way that entrepreneurs start out with their idea to make sure that it is viable and that the people want it. This session will use the canvas but put a fun spin on it with the children’s ideas of a new company and how they can explore it with their grandparents.

416 History of Sparty
75 Participants
You have seen him at athletic events, in parades, around campus on game day, in ESPN commercials, at weddings, birthday parties, alumni club events, and promoting literacy to children in schools. He is everywhere; he is loved and he is an embodiment of what it means to be a Michigan State Spartan. Have you ever wondered how our beloved Sparty became the MSU icon he is today? In this session you will learn the origins of Sparty, the Sparty Mascot Program, and get a rare insiders look at what it is like to portray Sparty. There are many exciting aspects of the program that most Spartans do not have the opportunity to witness. Join us for an in depth look of Sparty, The Gentle Giant.

417 How to Change the World in 30 Days
20 Participants
How often have you watched the news and thought, that shouldn’t happen! Or, If I ruled the world, I would ... This 90-minute class is your chance to identify a law or government policy that you want to change, a key policy maker who has influence, and the tools to make it happen. Participants will leave with an action plan and/or a letter to a policy maker.

418 Law and Order: MSU
50 Participants
Do you ever wonder whether laws are important, or what would society look like without them? In this session, you’ll explore the role of laws in society and think about how laws affect our everyday lives. You’ll also play games where you create your own laws, and participate in the mock trial of a famous character!

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420 Make Your Own Book!
16 Participants
Learn how to make your own book from a single sheet of paper without glue or staples! Six-page, eight-page, and fourteen-page books are some of the techniques we’ll teach you. Decorate your book with rubber stamps and illustrations from rare books in Special Collections.

421 Once Upon a Doc
30 Participants
Come learn about the benefits of Osteopathic Medicine (OM) as a way of healing the body through techniques and interacting with current MSUCOM medical students. The primary philosophy of OM is to treat the body through a system of therapy known as Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (OMM). Join us for a demonstration!

422 Physics is Fun!
250 Participants
Come and see exciting physics demonstrations about the most important physical laws governing our world.

423 Pickleball for the Family
16 Participants
Beginning instruction in Pickleball, which is the fastest growing sport in America. Grandparents and their grandchildren will leave the session with a working knowledge of the game and a desire to continue to play this great sport. Fun for all ages!

424 Ready, Set, Mush!
30 Participants
Participants will learn about sled dog racing and meet a retired Iditarod sled dog. This session will include a hands-on, minds-on, obstacle course in which participants have to complete several tasks in order to finish the race. Be ready to move and have fun while learning about the world of sled dogs. Some of this session will take place outside.
425 Sketch, Doodle, and Draw Sparty
30 Participants
Learn to draw Sparty from a series of simple shapes. Circles, triangles, squares, and ovals are all you need to be able to draw to create Sparty.

426 Sowing and Growing: The Art of Seedkeeping
12 Participants
What are the connections between poetry and planting? Join us as we read poems by female writers and make a variety of crafts related to land and plants.

427 The Geography and Evolution of Lake Michigan Coastal Dunes
50 Participants
This session will focus on the origin and evolutionary history of Lake Michigan coastal dunes. It will present research findings that document a complex history of formation and change of this iconic landscape for the past 5,000 years.

428 Thy Praises, MSU: University Traditions Past and Present
75 Participants
From freshman beanies to Sparty Watch and the Midnight Scream, Michigan State has a long history of interesting traditions. Join us as we explore some of the practices that have defined the Spartan student experience over time.

429 Understanding How Our Brains Work: Key Concepts and Interactive Learning
12 Participants
This class will teach about how our brains work and how the cells in the brains communicate with each other. It will be a mix of talking about the brain, hands-on activities, and time for a question and answer session.

430 Cross Generational Positive Communication
30 Participants
At its root, communication presents a simple process of using words, sounds or behaviors to exchange information. This process, however, can get clouded when those words and behaviors mean different things to different people, based on generational perspectives. The simple exchange of information may become filled with misunderstandings, causing communication breakdowns and widening the “generational gaps”. This is an interactive experience designed to help participants enhance their ability to provide positive insight and communication in a cross generational experience, relationship, and/or family.

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432 Where Does Milk Come From?
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TUESDAY, JUNE 26
EVENING ACTIVITIES

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Art Party at the MSU Broad
Children and grandparents are invited to MSU’s contemporary art museum for a night of curiosity and creativity! There is something for everyone, including self-guided gallery tours, conversations with roving docents, and drop-in art activities. Don’t miss this evening of creative fun!

Bug House (2 sessions)
Join the experts at the MSU Bug House as they give an introduction to insects, how they develop and how they relate to other arthropods. Participants will have the opportunity to view displays of insects as well as view and handle live insects and arthropods.

Free Time!
Play games in the lobby, hang out in the local Sparty’s, explore campus, or walk to the Dairy Store and enjoy ice cream! This will give you the time to do things and visit the places on campus you don’t normally get to see.

Geodes: Hidden Quartz
What are geodes? How are they formed? Where are they found?

Movie
Enjoy snacks while sitting back and enjoying a family friendly movie.

MSU Pompon
Get up and get moving with the MSU Pompon team — 2017 Collegiate Champs! Learn about the importance of staying active every day. The team will lead a fun warm-up routine followed by a short pompon routine instruction. Time to show off your true Spartan Spirit!

MSU Spartan Marching Band Color Guard
Come join the coach and members of the Spartan Marching Band Color Guard for an evening of fun! Learn how to spin a flag, and complete a routine set to a fun song.

Mush! Dog Sledding and Training
Musher and educator Tasha Stielstra will highlight the world of sled dog training and racing in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula. Tasha will teach you about sled dogs and how they work together as a team. You will learn the rules of mushing, get to meet a real Alaskan Husky and watch as our model sled dog team works together. Sit back and relax during this entertaining and interactive presentation.

Wheelchair Floor Hockey
Attention hockey fans of all abilities! Come and experience the rules, participate in drills, and play in an exciting wheelchair hockey game. Wheelchair hockey is a fun and competitive game based on the use of wheelchairs on a gymnasium floor. Learn more about this sport, and how the modified ice hockey rules help to enable people with disabilities to play hockey and be active in a competitive setting. This class is open to everyone—power wheelchair and manual wheelchair users, as well as ambulatory persons with disabilities, and able-bodied individuals (sport wheelchairs will be provided for those who need them). All power wheelchair users please be sure to charge your power wheelchair the night before so that it is ready for end-to-end wheelchair hockey action!

Open Gym: Basketball
Enjoy playing basketball in the lower gym of IM Circle.

Open Swim
Spend the evening cooling off in the swimming pool at IM West. Please bring your ID badge, swimsuit, and a towel.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27
EVENING ACTIVITY

Green and White Night
Green and White Night is an exciting experience encompassing grandparents and their grandchildren within the culture of MSU’s clubs and sports teams — all while enjoying delicious food prepared by MSU’s Culinary Services team. Throughout the evening, enjoy watching performances and playing games together, helping to create family memories that last a lifetime.

Science Theatre
Learn and be amazed by this exciting and interactive theater-style show! Watch and participate in fun science experiments!

Sweets, Treats, and Games
Enjoy spending time playing board games, cards, and building puzzles while enjoying snacks and drinks that are provided.

Improve Your Physical Therapy IQ
Discover how physical therapists help people improve their ability to move, perform daily activities, recover from injury and live a healthy, active lifestyles. Get up and get active! Learn and perform treatments commonly used in physical therapy for a variety of medical conditions.

Music in the W. J. Beal Botanical Garden
Each summer, the MSU College of Music hosts a free concert series called “Music in the Garden.” The W. J. Beal Botanical Garden plays host to select student groups presented by the MSU College of Music. These 1-hour concerts happen rain or shine (rain location is the Music Building, 333 W. Circle Drive), and the MSU Food Truck and free Dairy Store ice cream (while supplies last) is on site for the audience to enjoy while they listen to the music! Join us with your blanket or lawn chair and enjoy the ambience of music and garden flora during this outdoor concert series.

Historic Trees of the W. J. Beal Botanical Garden
Join assistant curator Peter Carrington immediately after the Music in The Garden concert for a walking tour of truly historic trees that have shaped the heritage of the W. J. Beal Botanical Garden. One of these trees was of a species known only from fossils before being discovered in a remote valley in western China, and ours is from the very first batch of seed to arrive in the west. One is amongst the oldest of its kind in North America. The tour starts at approximately 8:10, right after the music ends, and continues for about 45 minutes.
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