Girls Rock Detroit, a unique summer camp for girls and female-identifying youth ages 8 to 16, will be hosted by MSU Community Music School Detroit the week of July 13th-18th. Through the course of the week, the campers, many of whom have no formal musical experience, will receive instrument instruction, form bands and write their own original songs. In addition to song-writing, the girls will attend workshops about a variety of subjects and view an interactive performance by a local female artist or band at the end of each day. The camp week concludes with a huge concert showcasing the original music of each of the bands at a local music venue.

Girls Rock Detroit is a safe, positive space filled with supportive role-models. Campers are mentored in an empowering, all-female environment filled with seasoned musicians, educators and activists. We offer financial aid in the form of sliding scale tuition for qualifying campers.
A Day at Camp
The first annual session of Girls Rock Detroit will take place July 13th - 17th. The Monday to Friday portion of camp operates 9am-5pm, followed by the Saturday afternoon showcase. Before and after-camp child care will also be available.

Instrument Lessons
Campers may choose to learn guitar, bass, drums, keyboard or DJ track. Girls Rock Detroit will provide every student with an instrument to play throughout the camp week, free of charge, though campers are welcome to bring their own. There is NO experience required to participate, and we absolutely encourage the girls to try new instruments. Instruments are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. Group classes average an overall 4:1 student-teacher ratio.

Band Coaching
Each afternoon, campers utilize the skills learned in instrument lessons during band practice. Bands are assigned on the first day of camp to an appointed band coach and counselor, and spend the remainder of the week working together to write an original song. Each band attends all workshops together and participates in various team-building activities throughout the week.

Workshops
Campers participate in two different workshops each day hosted by local guest speakers to build experience, teamwork, and self-esteem. Workshops may cover a wide range of subjects, including vocal technique, recording, managing equipment, body confidence, self-defense and women’s rock history. Activities like making buttons, zines and t-shirts are fun ways to engage campers in the band experience.