

**From Okemos High's O-ZONE to Michigan State's IZZONE:
The Red Cedar Journeys of "The Chieftain Fourteen"**

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*Proud Chieftains fly their colors high,
Maroon and white unfold,
Through endless years of days gone by
This wondrous tale is told:

Beside a stream where people dreamed
And planned their life anew,
There stands a school both proud and strong,
Praise Okemos so true.*

Lyrics and Melody by H. Owen Reed for
Okemos High School ~ 1958

Victory for MSU

*On the banks of the Red Cedar
There's a school that's known to all
Its specialty is winning
And those Spartans play good ball.*

"Victory for MSU" ~ 1959



Michigan's Red Cedar River (between Okemos and East Lansing)