



Volunteer Information

Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College
Phone: 260-799-5869; Fax: 260-799-5875
P.O. Box 263, Wolf Lake, IN 46796 ramiller@goshen.edu

Date: _____

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email address: _____

Emergency contact: _____ Phone number _____

Availability: Please check days of the week you can volunteer at Merry Lea.

____ Sun ____ Mon ____ Tues ____ Wed ____ Thurs ____ Fri ____ Sat

How often would you like to volunteer? _____ per _____
number of times week, month, or year

Background: Please list jobs (both for pay and volunteer) you've held in the past that may be relevant to volunteering at Merry Lea.

Are you a Master Naturalist? ____ yes ____ no

Are there any special circumstances we should know about to place you in the best volunteer position?
(for example, cannot climb steps, cannot walk long distances, or must bring children along)



Volunteer Interest Survey

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Please check the ways you are interested in volunteering at Merry Lea for the 2009 to 2010 season. If there is something you would like to try doing but feel you need more training, please write a "T" beside that item. Thank you for your willingness to support Merry Lea's work with your time and talents.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Education: Teaching & Guiding

- any programs
- Autumn Adventures
- Biodiversity
- Birds (Feathered Frenzy)
- Day Camps
- Exploring Nature
- Farmcraft
- Geology (Rock Cycle)
- Insects (What's Buggin' You?)
- Nature's Recyclers
- Sugar Bush stations
- Trees (Trees are Terrific)
- Water Quality
- Weather
- Wetlands (Wonderful Wetlands)
- Winter Nature

Age preferences for teaching assignments

- pre K to 2nd grade
- 3rd to 5th grade
- 6th to 8th grade
- high school
- adult

Education: Support

- Farmcraft support & set up
- Sugar bush program support (assist with daily program, tend fires, etc.)
- Sugar bush production support (sap collecting, season prep & tear down)
- Sugar bush donations (seek donations of canning jars and rings, winter outdoorwear)

Special Events

- Annual Hope Conference (fall)
- meals
- set-up/clean-up
- Enchanted Forest (end of October)
 - bookstore
 - dress up as an animal
 - refreshments
 - set-up/clean-up
 - tickets
 - tour guide

Nature Fest (late spring)

- bookstore
- meals
- teach a workshop
 - topic: _____
- Turtle Trot Race

Office Support

- bookstore
- data entry
- mailings

Buildings and Grounds

- build bird and bat houses
- check bluebird boxes
- cleaning
- construction
- Farmcraft gardens
- painting
- trail maintenance

Research

- bird banding
- bird counts
- botanical inventories
- ecosystem studies
- Frog Watch
- insect collections
- Monarch Watch
- plant collection
- water quality testing

Please check any other skills you would like to share with Merry Lea.

- animal care
- art (drawings, murals, etc.)
- canning
- cooking
- gardening
- music (instrument, voice)
- photography
- Powerpoint
- primitive skills
- repairing dippers
- seed starting
- sewing
- storytelling
- video filming and production
- wood splitting
- writing
- other

Please add any other comments below including notes about your volunteer preferences.



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References: List the names and contact information of 3 persons familiar with your work record, community activities, and character. Also, **please ask these persons to write a letter of reference for you and mail or email it to Merry Lea.** The letters will be kept on file.

name	relationship	telephone	address

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? _____ no _____ yes

If yes, please explain in a confidential letter.

I am aware that an adult **Limited Criminal History Check** may be conducted for the state of Indiana. I am aware that my references may be contacted for information concerning my work with them and my ability to perform the duties of my volunteer position.

signature

date