Merry Lea Homeschool Series Policies

- **Target Audience**: Sessions are open to students in grades 1 through 12. *Students must be at least 6 years of age to participate.*

- **Meeting Location**: Varies for each program. Please refer to the Program Descriptions link for locations and a brief summary of program content. For directions to each location, please visit http://merrylea.goshen.edu/about-merrylea/directions-and-maps to see detailed information.

- **Cost**: $7.50 per student per session OR $35.00 per student for all five sessions if paid by the October session OR $25.00 maximum per family per session (This discount is only for families who will not attend all sessions in the series.)

- **Payment**: We accept cash, checks or credit cards. Please make checks payable to Merry Lea. Payment in full is required at the time of registration. Spaces will not be reserved for students with unpaid sessions. In order to receive a refund, families need to contact Merry Lea and provide 48 hours notice of a cancellation.

- **Registration**: The homeschool series is designed for students in grades 1 through 12. A student must be 6 years old to participate. Please fill out the homeschool registration form found on our website http://merrylea.goshen.edu/teachers-k-12-programs/homeschool-series. For questions about registration, please contact Maria Tice at mariact@goshen.edu or call 260-799-5869. *We strongly recommend advanced registration, as the sessions fill quickly.*

  - In the event that the desired session is full, you may choose to add your students to a waitlist for that session. Parents should provide their preferred contact information (telephone number and/or email address) to receive notification if space becomes available. In addition, it is helpful to know how much advanced notice is required for a family to be able to participate. We make every effort to notify waitlisted families of a space at least 24 hours before the start time of the session.

  - Beginning in August 2014, we expanded the number of sessions for homeschool programs. We now offer 2 sessions for each homeschool program. For example, we offer the Autumn Adventures program on both October 14 and October 15, 2015. Registration will be limited to 30 students per session. *Families should select and register for only one day per program.* This change allows more families to participate while maintaining small class sizes and excellent instruction.
• **Cancellation Policy and Procedures:** We will make every effort to conduct homeschool classes as scheduled. However, sessions may be cancelled or rescheduled due to severe weather forecasts or alerts. In these cases, we will call or email all registered families as soon as the decision is made. If you have any questions about whether or not a session will take place, please feel free to call Merry Lea before leaving home.

• **Expectations for Participation and Conduct:** A parent or guardian is welcome to accompany a child during the program but is not required to be present. We expect that all students will demonstrate respect for fellow students and teachers at Merry Lea. Outdoor education involves exposure to some natural hazards like trips and falls, insect bites and stings and irritating plants. The Merry Lea educators try to minimize these risks. It is imperative, then, that students listen to directions in order to maintain safety out on the trail and inside the facilities. Students who repeatedly ignore instructions or who have demonstrated dangerous behaviors toward themselves or others may be asked not to return to future homeschool series programs.