



Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College

P.O. Box 263, Wolf Lake, IN 46796 <https://www.goshen.edu/merrylea> 260-799-5869

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 <https://www.goshen.edu/merrylea/facilities-directions/>.

Cost:

- \$7.50 per student per session **OR**
- \$25.00 maximum per family per session.

Payment: We accept cash, checks or credit cards. Please make checks payable to Merry Lea. *Spaces will not be reserved for students with unpaid sessions.*

- Provide payment at least one week prior to each session **OR**
- Pay for multiple sessions at once before the first session.

Refund Policy: We will refund your payment at 100% if you notify us of a cancellation at least one week out. We will not refund your payment if notified less than a week out of your cancellation.

Registration: Please complete the web forms that appear on our website at <https://www.goshen.edu/merrylea/teachers/homeschool-series/>. For questions about registration, please contact Katie Stoltzfus at kcstoltzfus@goshen.edu or call 260-799-5869. We strongly recommend advanced registration, as the sessions fill quickly.

Weather 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 Merry Lea cancels a program due to inclement weather, we will provide a full refund. If you have any questions about whether or not a session will take place, please feel free to call Merry Lea before leaving home.

Additional Participants: A parent or guardian is welcome to accompany a child during the program but is not required to be present. Parents may also bring younger siblings but should come prepared to engage them with one-on-one activities in the event that Merry Lea programming does not hold their attention.

Expectations for Participation and Conduct: 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.