Over the past several years, Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center has undergone many exciting changes. One of the changes we have made is to launch the Merry Lea Sustainable Farm (located across the wetland from the Farmstead programming site) where we care for a variety of soils, plants and animals that provide high quality food for local markets. In fall 2016, we are excited to transition from the Farmcraft program to an innovative new program that will focus on exploring the Merry Lea Sustainable Farm as an edible ecosystem.

Get ready to learn about our Egg-mobile, dig through the soil to find all kinds of fascinating critters, learn about how plants are able to store energy from the sun, and interact with the animals that live at Merry Lea Sustainable Farm. We will start at the Farmstead and walk around the wetland to Merry Lea Sustainable Farm, exploring ecosystems along the way to see how they compare to the farm ecosystem. Following lunch at the Farmstead pavilion there will be additional activities. We look forward to sharing our approach to caring for our unique farm as an ecosystem, and to continue to serve you and your students!

In addition to this exciting new program we will continue to offer our line-up of other fall programs including Autumn Adventures, Exploring Nature, Rock Cycle, and Wonderful Wetlands, among others. Please visit Merry Lea’s website to get descriptions and other details about all of our programs [https://www.goshen.edu/merrylea/teachers/field-trips/](https://www.goshen.edu/merrylea/teachers/field-trips/).

We hope to see you in fall 2016! We start accepting registration requests for fall programs on April 1. Contact me with any questions you might have about our programs and to schedule a fall program for your students.