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Goings On At Tollgate

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Digging Into Composting with SSLI Stewards

Tollgate's youth environmental council hosted a day filled with hands-on learning and fun on the farm. Thank you to presenters Sean Barton and his colleague Julia Haidler of MSU Grow Green Vermicomposting Program; Lillian Dean, Master Composter Coordinator; and students Emma, Leo, and Nadia for their practical, thought-provoking, and fun workshops!

Thank you to **SOCRRA** and **SCRAP Creative Reuse** and the many new and returning teen volunteers who came out to serve and lead. With over 85 registrants and 20 teen volunteers and presenters, the farm was alive with learning!

SSLI thanks sponsors **WM** and **Community Financial Credit Union** for their generous support which made this capstone action project possible and to **Great Lakes Ace Hardware** for donating the buckets for the build-a-vermicomposting-bucket activity.

If you or someone you know is 13-19 years old and interested in being a part of Tollgate's 4-H environmental council called SSLI, registration remains open until November 30th.

<https://forms.gle/a6eaLzY4wiX7iakz9>



NIGHT HIKE

OWL PROWL AND FOLKLORE

NOV. 18TH - 6:00 PM

OWLS ARE OFTEN SEEN AS THE MYSTERIOUS GUARDIANS OF THE NIGHT. MORE OFTEN HEARD THAN SEEN, WE'LL DISCUSS OWL ADAPTATIONS AND "WHO" WE MIGHT EXPECT TO ENCOUNTER ON TOLLGATE FARM AS WE TRAVERSE ITS WOODS AND FIELDS.

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Learning Fresh from the Farm

The phone is ringing off the hook as teachers and group organizers book programs for 2023 winter and spring farm visits. Learners explore how they can make a difference in the world around them as they investigate science phenomena happening on the farm. Aligned with literacy, math, and Next Generation Science standards, Tollgate's interactive programs utilize place-based learning as students connect their farm adventures with concepts learned in the classroom.

Visit the fields, forest, greenhouse, and barns and investigate where your food comes from and so much more! Programs can be tailored for all ages. Topics include maple sugaring, plants and pollination, ecosystem explorations, water literacy, sheep to sweater. Farm visits can be requested [here](#). Financial aid process is [available](#). Questions? Email [Ellen Koehler](#).

Keep your eyes peeled!

Registration for the Tollgate Stewards Teen Leadership Program opens mid-December. This experience offers teens ages 13-19 a chance to enrich, mentor, and lead campers while gaining valuable leadership and life skills.

In a positive youth development environment, teens develop



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MSU TOLLGATE FARM STEWARDS TEEN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Farm - Friends - Fun

responsibilities associated with potential career paths before entering college, all while having fun with friends down on the farm!



Save the dates June 16 - 17 for the 2023 MSU Tollgate Starry Night on the Farm!

Starry Night on the Farm combines adventure and learning for a fun family overnight. What better way to celebrate summer's arrival than to join us at MSU Tollgate Farm and Education Center for an exciting outdoor overnight learning experience? This family-oriented visit will give you a rare glimpse into what goes on after sundown on the farm. Come explore the night sky and the importance of agriculture and the sun in our daily lives.

Registration coming soon!
Questions? koehle43@msu.edu



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