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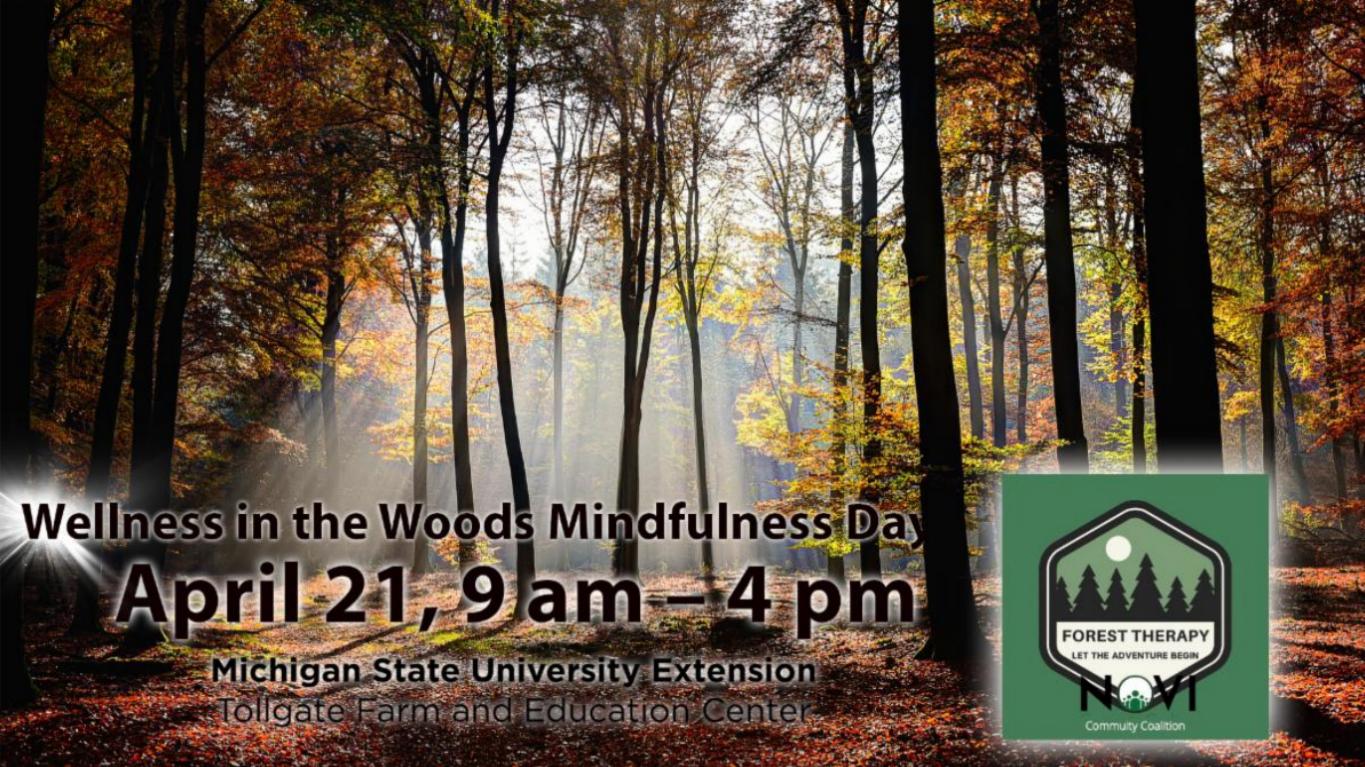


Goings On At Tollgate



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**Wellness in the Woods Mindfulness Day**  
**April 21, 9 am – 4 pm**

Michigan State University Extension  
Tollgate Farm and Education Center



**Wellness in the Woods Mindfulness Day at MSU Tollgate Farm**  
**April 21, 9 am – 4 pm**

Join us for a refreshing nature-based experience combining forest therapy, mindfulness, yoga, and information to help individuals reconnect, relax, and renew. Yoga, forest therapy walk, mindfulness craft, ACEs stress management presentation. Lunch and bag with mindfulness tools included. Presented by Novi Community Coalition in partnership with MSU Tollgate Farm and Education Center. Cost: \$10 per person. Registration nonrefundable.

Contact Ellen Koehler at 248-701-9956 or [koehle43@msu.edu](mailto:koehle43@msu.edu) for more information.

**[Click Here](#)** to Register.

# Michigan State University Extension Tollgate Farm and Education Center

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## MSU TOLLGATE FARM SUMMER CAMP



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### MSU Tollgate Farm Camp invites you to its 2023 season - registration OPEN NOW!

Whether it's our Summer Farm Camp, Horse Camp or S.T.E.A.M. Break Camps, there's something for everyone! Follow the links below to register, or read more in our attached 2023 catalog and on the [camp website](#).

### Follow these links to register:

[Farm Summer Camp](#) (Ages 4-12)

[Horse Camp](#) (Ages 9-14)

[S.T.E.A.M. Break Camp](#) (Ages 6-12)

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# NIGHT HIKES

## 2023 SCHEDULE

APRIL 28, 2020 8:00PM - I FROG-GOT WHAT THE TOAD SAID

MAY 26, 2023 8:00 PM - SPRING HAS SPRUNG

JUNE 30, 2023 8:00 PM -SURVIVING THE NIGHT

AUGUST 25, 2023 8:00 PM -BATTY ABOUT BATS?

SEPT 29, 2023 7:00 PM - FOXY LOXY ON THE PROWL

OCT 27, 2023 6:00 PM - OWL PROWL

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## Join the Tollgate Garden Volunteers

Do you enjoy the Tollgate Gardens? Enjoy working in gardens? Enjoy learning about gardens? Then consider joining the Tollgate Garden Volunteers. The Tollgate Garden Volunteers, (TGV) is an organization consisting of volunteer gardeners dedicated to enhancing and maintaining the educational gardens at MSU Tollgate Farm and Education Center. This group has been established for over 25 years and consists of beginners and Master Gardeners alike! There are well organized experiences for a wide variety of garden horticultural interests in over 20 named gardens. Whether your interest is roses, pollinator gardens, vegetable gardening or just enjoying the time spent in the gardens with other gardeners we have a place for you! Tollgate volunteers are friendly people from diverse backgrounds who readily share their gardening knowledge. There are opportunities to work in groups or individually based on your comfort and interest level. We sponsor weekly Saturday Garden Group activity days March through October but there are also weekday volunteering options. In addition, we host monthly educational meetings with garden speakers. For more information on how you can become a MSU Tollgate Garden Volunteer check out volunteering on the MSU Tollgate web page - <https://www.canr.msu.edu/tollgate/volunteering/garden> or contact Roy Prentice, Farm Manager at [prentice1@msu.edu](mailto:prentice1@msu.edu)

A bald eagle's head is centered in the image, looking directly at the camera. The background is a dense forest of tall, thin trees. The text "WINGED WONDERS CAMP" is overlaid on the eagle's head and the forest background.

**WINGED  
WONDERS  
CAMP**

**July 10 - 14, 2023**

**Winged Wonders Camp** is a special birding camp for ages 10-13 held in conjunction with the MSU Kellogg Biological Station and the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary in Hickory Corners, Michigan. This year a special stop on the way home at the MSU Corey Marsh Biological Preserve allows campers to visit with ornithologist Jen Owns. Explore farm and wild birds at Tollgate on Monday and Friday. Tuesday through Thursday, camp out under the stars, swim at Windmill Island, and bird with educators Misty Klotz, Ellen Koehler, and Eliot Nelson.

### **Register - Winged Wonders**

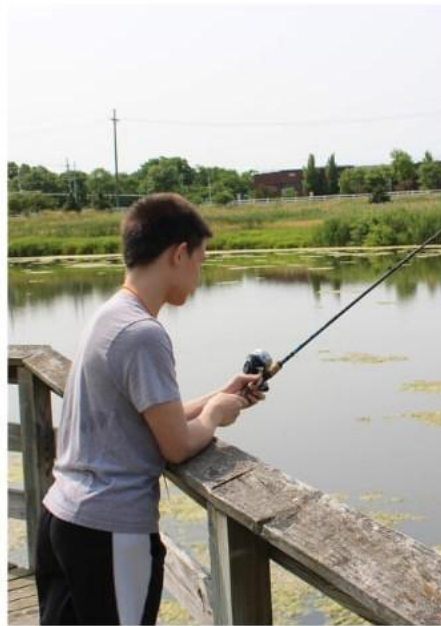
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## **Starry, Starry Night**

Join us for Starry Night on the Farm, a fun family overnight celebrating astronomy, agriculture, and the coming of summer. Hands-on astronomy learning, night sky viewing, solar system games, Oakland Astronomy Club, the star lab, walking model of the solar system, animal chores, and a farm fresh breakfast. Make good memories with family and friends as you explore Tollgate Farm and all that it has to offer. June 9 - 10, 2023  
Spaces fill quickly.

Register [Here](#).

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## **Outdoor Adventure Camp**

Take survival camp to a whole new level and challenge yourself with exciting wilderness skill-building experiences. Test your limits in the forest and fields of Tollgate as you develop a survival mindset. Try your hand at fire-building, wilderness first aid, outdoor cooking, shelter-building, climbing, and team-building trust initiatives. Travel by bus for an outdoor adventure on the Huron River. Thursday overnight cookout and camp out on the farm are included.

### **Register - Outdoor Adventure Camp**



## 2023 MSU Tollgate Farm 4-H Stewards Teen Leadership Program

The Tollgate Camp Teen Steward (15-19 yrs) and Tollgate Steward-in-Training (13-14 yrs) positions are for teens interested in gaining experience working with youth in the outdoors in agriculture and natural sciences.

A steward is a person whose responsibility it is to take care of something. This experience offers teens a chance for teens to enrich, mentor, and lead campers while gaining valuable leadership and life skills. In a positive educational environment, teens experience the responsibilities associated with potential career paths before entering college. Stewards and stewards-in-training develop a deep understanding and knowledge of the farm and our educational camp program as they develop skills which will strengthen their academic and work careers.

**[Click Here to Apply.](#)**

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Unfortunately we will not be accepting Summer CSA orders this season. Stay tuned for a possible fall/autumn CSA program enrollment.

We're sorry for the inconvenience.



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## Work at Camp!

Do you want to spend your summer outdoors, educating youth about the environment, and having fun?



We're seeking individuals with a background and passion for education, agricultural science, cooperative games, music, food science, entomology, forestry, gardening, fisheries and wildlife. You'll be working with youth ages 4-19, so this is perfect job for K-12 educators or anyone looking to dip their feet into the world of environmental education.

Positions Open:

- Summer Camp Educational Leaders
- Summer Camp Communications Leader
- Summer Camp Garden Kitchen Leader
- Specialty Camps Communications Leader and Stewards Assistant
- Horse and Speciality Camp Leader
- Day Camp Assistant Coordinator

**[CLICK HERE](#)** to learn more or email [hamil466@msu.edu](mailto:hamil466@msu.edu)



## Host Your Next Event Here At Tollgate Farm!

Weddings, Birthday Parties,  
Business Meetings, Conferences,  
Retreats, Graduation Parties

**Click Here for More  
Information.**

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To view all of our up-coming events - **[Click Here](#)**

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