Tollgate Spring Break Farm Camp
Registration Information Packet

Thank you! We appreciate your registration for Tollgate Summer Camp!

Contacts and Contingencies

Camp Emergency Phone:

734.347.8035
(Cell phone of Alan Jaros, Education Director)

Garden Kitchen Office Phone: 248.347.0269 Extension 220

Tollgate Programs General Office Phone: 248-347-0269

If you will be arriving late, picking up early, or have an emergency, please contact us as soon as possible.

In the event of an emergency, you will be contacted at the phone number you provide on the registration form. If you would like to change the emergency number, please notify staff on the first day of camp.
What to Expect
At Tollgate Summer Camp, participants will be assigned their developmentally-appropriate group for this week of farm adventure, education, and fun! Activities are created with experiential and inquiry-based methods and are led by certified teachers and trained staff. Participants will experience standards-based, hands-on activities that are geared for their appropriate development levels.

Participants will get a lot of time with the farm animals and everyone will have the opportunity to perform some of the farm “chores” like collecting eggs and feeding the goats. We will be spending a lot of time outdoors hiking, engaging in games, and paying attention to wild and domestic life on the farm. We will also visit the hoop house and pond. In the Garden Kitchen, we will be making nutritional snacks and learning about seasonal and local food.

For a visual guide to our programs, and to continue the learning process at home, be sure to check out our Facebook page for daily blog postings! Find us at: https://www.facebook.com/ExperienceTollgate.

Groups
Each camper will be assigned to a developmentally-appropriate group for the week of camp. Expect that each group has approximately 12 participants or less. Each group has an assigned Education Leader with youth development experience and science enthusiasm. Our staff includes certified teachers, education majors, and science majors.

Daily Schedule

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Lunch and Snacks
We ask that you provide your child with a healthy, nutritious sack lunch for each day of camp. We cannot provide refrigeration for lunches, so please use insulated lunch totes if possible. Your camper will be active all day; please provide them a sufficiently nutritious meal and include a water bottle if available. In addition to lunch, each group will prepare a morning and afternoon snack made with fresh ingredients and will learn about seasonal and local foods.
**ALLERGY AVOIDANCE**

Please do not pack any peanut or tree nut products in your child’s lunch. Alert camp staff if your child has any food allergies (please also note it in the medical form). Aware of food allergies, we do not permit the participants to share lunches.

**Medical Procedures**
If your child requires medication while at camp, we ask for compliance with the following standards:

- All medications must be in their original containers bearing the pharmacy label and camper name—and have specific instructions for use
- Medications must be current, not expired
- All medications must be registered with the camp staff in order to monitor each dose

All campers with severe allergies must provide an Emergency Action Plan. This should include the triggers of the reaction, signs of the reaction, and necessary steps if a reaction should occur. If your child requires an Epi pen, your camp leader will have this on their person at all times.

**What to Pack**
Please dress your campers appropriately! Closed toe shoes and socks with comfortable clothing are necessary. Choose comfortable, rugged clothes, shoes or boots that can get muddy and mucky. Please pack an extra set of clothing, and a sweatshirt in a labeled bag or backpack. Because your child will be spending a lot of time outdoors, please also pack appropriate outdoor gear (hats, bugspray, etc). Don’t forget to include sunscreen!

**Drop Off and Pick Up Schedule and Procedure**

- Please be timely with dropping off and picking up. We have lots of activities planned and don’t want participants to miss out on any fun.
- Participants must be signed in at the beginning of the day and signed out at the end of the day. This is for participant safety.
- If someone other than the drop-off person is picking up your child, please let camp staff and your camper know. We want to avoid confusion at the end of the day.
- If you are going to be late picking up your child, please notify camp staff via the emergency phone number. If you are more than 15 minutes late to pick up your child and you do not notify camp staff, you will be charged for aftercare.

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Parking Policy
On the first day of camp, you will notice signs directing you to the MSU Tollgate Activity Center (known to participants as “The Garden Kitchen”) where sign-in and sign-out will occur each day. Please use this packet to help prepare your child for the drop off in order to make it smooth and a comfortable transition to their first day of camp. Parking space is limited at the MSU Tollgate Farm. Please be efficient in your drop off and farewells. We appreciate your help.

What to Bring on First Day of Camp

___ Signed Behavioral Expectation Contract for each participant

___ Signed Media/Medical Release for each participant

___ Nutritious sack lunch

___ Change of clothes, including sweatshirt, extra pair of socks, water-proof shoes

___ Appropriate outdoor gear* (raincoat, poncho, rain boots, mittens/gloves, hat)

___ Medication labeled and with instructions

___ An excited adventurer!

*Umbrellas are not needed for this program. Ponchos/raincoats are best.