



Kaitlyn Sproles

Environmental Education Outreach & Volunteer Coordinator

Education:

B.S. Fisheries & Wildlife Sciences, University of Missouri, 2013

B.S. Forestry Management, University of Missouri, 2013

M.A. Environmental Education, Goshen College, 2017



Merry Lea

*Environmental Learning Center
of Goshen College*

About Me

- Spent 2 years in rural Paraguay in the Peace Corps
- Moved to Noble County from Missouri for graduate school & never left
- Married my amazing husband, Michael, in 2017
- Adorable 2-year-old son, Bradley Misha
- Worked at Chain O'Lakes State Park
as the Interpretive Naturalist (~4 years)



About Merry Lea

- Founded in 1967 & ownership transferred to **Goshen College** in 1980
- **Program Areas:** PreK-12 Environmental Education, Collegiate Programs, Land Management & Research, Teaching Farm
 - Programs range from a Master of Arts in Environmental Education, an undergraduate semester (Sustainability Semester), an outdoor nature preschool in partnership with Cole Family YMCA, field trips for K-12, adult and family workshops, annual public programs, professional development opportunities, homeschool programs, and SO much more!
- Merry Lea is **FREE** and **open to the public** daily from dawn to dusk!
 - There are 8 – 9 miles of hiking trails for you to explore
- Serve over 8,000 field trip kiddos each year
- Multiple program area sites that stretch over **1,189 acres!**
- **Learn more** at goshen.edu/merrylea



A day in the life



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ORGANIZE



EXECUTE



Community Involvement

- **Albion/Wolf Lake Area**

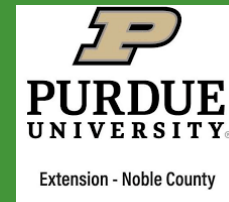
- Education, Nature, Outdoors, Connecting With Land, Creation Care, and more!



Board Member:

Noble County CVB (2017 - 2020)

Purdue Extension Noble County (2019 - present)



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We are always seeking out
volunteers. If you or someone you
know is interested, please reach
out!

To see our upcoming events, visit
www.goshen.edu/merrylea/events

We hope to see you soon!



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