

## **Green Day Celebration at Tryon Farm ~ Children's Programming Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 2008**

Presented by Nicole Messacar and Noelle Conklin  
of the LaPorte County Soil and Water Conservation District



10:00am-12:00pm:

### Vermicomposting:

Join Nicole and Noelle in learning about Red Wigglers and how they help the soil and provide great nutrients for your garden! We will explore the anatomy of the worm, the ways in which they enhance the soil, and their roles as nature's custodians, farmers and recyclers! We will follow the exploration with the construction of a worm bin! Instructions will be available to take home so that families can construct their own worm bins for in-home use!

12:00pm-12:30pm

### Lunch/Snacks

Break for some organic and healthy snacks donated by the LaPorte SWCD!

12:45pm-2:00pm

### Make your own Nature Journal

We will use some "found" materials and some supplied by the SWCD to construct and decorate our own nature journals. We'll then use the journals on a Habitat Hunt around the farm where we will record our findings. After the Hunt, kids will be free to take their journals home with them.

2:00pm-3:00pm

### Habitat Hunt

Kids will become explorers as they arm themselves with magnifying lenses, binoculars and notepads and look for various types of habitat around Tryon Farm. This is an opportunity for kids to sharpen their sense of observation and learn about the various types of habitats and critters that live in this unique environment. Plenty of time will be allowed for quiet observation, sketching in notebooks, and getting down and dirty with nature! We'll explore a forest environment, a wetlands environment and a prairie environment, and compare and contrast them all.

**Cost: \$5 per child for the entire day**