

## Dates and Time

6:00 PM Sunday, August 3  
through  
1:00 PM Sunday, August 10

## Location

We are located in the beautiful  
*Meeting of the  
Great Rivers Bioregion*  
4300 Levis Lane  
Godfrey, Illinois 62035  
(near St. Louis, MO)

## Cost

\$550 includes lodging and all meals

## Registration Options

- Call: 618-466-5004
- Email: [info@lavistaelc.org](mailto:info@lavistaelc.org)
- Write us: La Vista E.L.C.  
4300 Levis Lane  
Godfrey, IL 62035

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is a ministry of the  
Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

Join us for our  
Summer, 2014  
Earth Literacy Program!

La Vista Ecological Learning Center  
4300 Levis Lane  
Godfrey, Illinois 62035

## “Exploring the Sacred Universe”



## *Earth Literacy Program*

**August 3 - 10, 2014**

*La Vista Ecological  
Learning Center*  
invites you to ponder  
the significance of  
the **Universe Story**  
on the scenic bluffs  
overlooking the  
mile-wide  
Mississippi River  
in Godfrey, Illinois

## Why an Earth Literacy Program?

All around us evidence is mounting that our current industrial perspective is harmful both to Earth and to humans. The corrective that is needed includes not only practical lifestyle changes, but also a shift in our basic understanding of what it means to be a human being on this rare and precious planet.

The purpose of this program is to provide an opportunity to explore the implications of this more expansive understanding of ourselves in the evolutionary process and our embeddedness in Earth's web of life.

The insights of Thomas Berry, Brian Swimme and Miriam MacGillis provide the foundation for the week.

*Join our unique learning community as we discover Earth's story is also our story!*

## Throughout the week you will:

- \* **AWAKEN** to the mystery of our origins and of our place within the evolutionary process
- \* **CONTEMPLATE** the sacredness of the Universe Story as a new transforming context for our lives
- \* **CRITICALLY EXAMINE** the perceptions that fashion our cultural world view
- \* **PARTICIPATE** in guided activities, instruction, dialogue, reflection, journaling, art, ritual, cooking, gardening and field trip
- \* **BE IMMERSED** in direct experience of the natural world
- \* **DEVELOP** practical skills for a more ecologically conscious life
- \* **SHARE** expertly prepared vegetarian meals

