What We Believe In

**Inclusion:**
Intentionally welcoming and embracing everyone.

**Stewardship:**
Responsibly using and caring for all our resources.

**Integrity:**
Demonstrating honesty, authenticity, and transparency within our organization and community.

**Experiential:**
Providing opportunities to enjoy, explore, and learn in nature.

**Partnership:**
Connecting and collaborating to effectively serve our community.

**Innovation:**
Using creativity and curiosity to continuously improve.

About The Blandford Farm

At Blandford Nature Center, The Farm is a short walk west of the Visitor Center. Come greet the goats, say "hello" to the sheep, explore the children's garden, and play in the farm-themed playscape. The opportunities are endless!

With 2.5 acres of land, our farm has been growing over 200 different varieties of vegetables and educating families on local agriculture through farm-related programming since 2010. We are Certified Naturally Grown (CNG), a part of Slow Food of West Michigan (SFWM), and Cropping System Certified through the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP). We offer a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program in which members purchase a "share" of the harvest that they can pick up each week.
Community Supported Agriculture

Community Supported Agriculture is a relationship between community members who prefer locally-grown food and the farmers that grow it. CSA members support and invest in the farm by purchasing a share of the harvest that they can pick up weekly.

**Vegetable Shares | 20 weeks**
Indulge in fresh, naturally-grown veggies from June to October! Weekly supplies of kale, garlic, cucumbers, peppers, and juicy tomatoes - just to name a few - are available to pick up at the Blandford Farm or at the Fulton Street Farmers Market.

**Flower Shares | 10 weeks**
Get weekly bouquets of gorgeous flowers! Share members will get a weekly bouquet, pre-arranged with a variety of seasonal flowers.

**Herb Shares | 10 weeks**
Enjoy fresh herbs every week! The Blandford Farm is partnering with Camilla Voelker to bring share members 4 bunches of fresh herbs every week.

Herb selections will focus on culinary staples such as dill, cilantro, basil, parsley, and sage, while also featuring medicinal plants such as plantain, milky oats, and bee balm. Share members will also receive a mini booklet detailing preservation methods and recipes. Read more about our partnership with Camilla by visiting our website.

**Goats and sheep and chickens, oh my!**
Our farm animal ambassadors are featured in unique programs designed to give you a hands-on, behind the scenes opportunity to learn and help out at The Farm. Our farm programs teach children livestock chores and farm animal care - feeding and watering all the animals that call The Farm home.

We invite visitors of all ages to enjoy, explore, and engage in nature through our farmed-themed community programs. Tap a tree, learn to garden, gather eggs, paint a pumpkin, enjoy a family bonfire, wiggle like a worm, and more - we provide a variety of options for you to connect with nature on the Blandford Nature Center Farm. Visit our Community Calendar on our website for more information on our farm programs and start planning a year full of Blandford fun!

**View the images below to see samples of veggies that may come in your weekly vegetable share!**
*Actual items may vary by season or due to field conditions.

**Visit our website to learn more or register for a Blandford CSA share at: blandfordnaturecenter.org/farm**