



# School Programs

STONE BARN'S  
CENTER FOR FOOD  
& AGRICULTURE™

2009–2010



**Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture** is a not-for-profit farm and education center that offers a unique experience: the opportunity to learn about agriculture firsthand on a working farm and build connections to the food we eat. We invite students to get their hands dirty and contribute to the success of our farm.

All school programs are designed to integrate a farm tour, hands-on learning in the form of a seasonal farm chore, and an activity that encourages students to develop literacy skills related to ecological community-based food production.

Students are encouraged to explore but must respect our farmers' work, our crops and our livestock. When visiting the farm, students may encounter uneven terrain, farm equipment, electric fences and unfamiliar sights, sounds and smells.

Following are descriptions of school field trips for the 2009/2010 school year. Prices are for individual classes of up to 25 students and include a packet of follow-up activities to use in the classroom. All programs support the New York State Learning Standards.

We are open for school groups Monday through Friday. We will accept applications for 2009/2010 beginning April 14, 2009. Programs are conducted rain or shine.

Stone Barns is listed in the Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES Environmental Resource Directory. To receive state aid for your visit, please make field trip arrangements with us and then contact BOCES at 914 248 2339 for the necessary forms.

School Program Hours  
Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

# Programs

## Kindergarten

*Fee: \$220/class of up to 25  
Program length: 1 hour*

### Exploring the Farm

(September – June) Children have an opportunity to discover the important role farms play in their lives. They visit the animals and explore the fields or greenhouse.

## Grades 1 – 2

*Fee: \$275/class of up to 25  
Program length: 2 hours*

### Farm Animals at Stone Barns

(September – November, March – June) Learn about how our animals live at Stone Barns. Includes visit to animals, animal chore and activity.

### Inch by Inch

(September – November, March – June) Learn about plants at Stone Barns and discover what parts of plants we eat. Includes tour of growing operations, plant chore and activity.

### Farm Life

(September – November, March – June) Learn about the lives and needs of animals and how to grow vegetables on a sustainable farm. Includes tour of growing operations and animals, farm chore and activity.

### Eggs and Chickens

(April – June) Students visit our chicks and chickens and participate in hands-on chicken-related activities.

### New! Winter Farm Exploration

(December – February) Visit the animals in their snug winter homes and learn how to grow vegetables throughout the winter. Includes a farm chore or craft.

## New York State Standards Connections for Grades 1 – 2:

Science Standard 4; ELA Standard 2; Health, Physical Education, and Home Economics Standards 1 and 3.

## Grades 3 – 5

*Fee: \$275/class of up to 25  
Program length: 2 hours*

### Animal Care at Stone Barns

(September – November, March – June) Learn about how we care for animals at Stone Barns, with a focus on raising animals using sustainable methods. Includes visit to animals, chore and integrated writing or art activity.

### What's Growing

(September – November, March – June) Learn about four-seasons growing and ecological agriculture, with a focus on seeds, planting and harvesting. Includes tour of growing operations, chore and integrated writing or art activity.

### New! The Farm in Winter

(December – February) Learn how we care for animals in the winter farmyard and how we grow vegetables in our minimally heated greenhouse. Includes a farm chore or craft.

### New! The Farm in Full

(September – November, March – June) Discover the sustainable farming methods we use to raise animals and plants for food. Includes tour, chore and integrated writing or art activity.

*Programs continued on the following page*



## Special Programs for Grades 3 – 5

*Fee: \$400/class of up to 25  
Program length: 3 hours*

### On the Farm at Stone Barns

(September – June) Adapted from a program designed by Spoons Across America, this program will be offered twice each month on Thursdays.

In a complete farm-to-table experience, students explore the farm, participate in a harvest, prepare lunch with the Blue Hill at Stone Barns chefs and then sit down to a delicious meal with food they have harvested and prepared. The program culminates in a discussion about the benefits of locally grown food.

### New York State Standards Connections for Grades 3 – 5:

Science Standard 4; ELA Standard 2; Health, Physical Education, and Home Economics Standards 1 and 3.

## Middle School and High School

*Fee: \$275/class of up to 25  
Program length: 2 hours*

### Pasture-Raised Animals

(September – November, April – June) Explore the methods used for the pasture-raising of animals, including choice of breeds, nutritional requirements, pasture rotation and housing needs and design.

# Programs Continued

### Four-Seasons Growing

(September – November, March – June) Learn about rotational and companion planting, heirloom varieties and weed suppression, as well as the propagation, cultivation and harvesting of crops using sustainable methods.

### Sustainable Farming

(September – June) Examine the methods used to grow crops and raise livestock on a sustainable farm, in comparison to a conventional farming system.

## Special Programs for Middle School and High School

### Making the Farm-to-Table Connection

*Fee: \$330/class of up to 25  
Program length: 2 1/2 hours*  
(September – June) Learn the importance of farm-raised produce and livestock by working alongside our farmers. Students will trace an animal and/or plant from its origin to the table. Focus is on sustainable practices and includes simple food preparation and tasting.

### From Farm to Forest

*Fee: \$275/class of up to 25 (Stone Barns Center); \$150/class (Rockefeller State Park Preserve; cash or check payable to New York State Parks)*  
*Program length: 4 hours.*  
(September – June) In Partnership with the Rockefeller State Park Preserve. Understand the relationship between the cultivated lands of Stone Barns and the forest habitat of the Rockefeller State Park Preserve. Includes an exploration of Stone Barns, a hike to the Rockefeller State Park Preserve and a guided forest ecosystems walk with a park naturalist.

### Design Your Own All-Day Program

(September – June) Choose one of the Stone Barns middle school or high school programs and pair it with a program at the Rockefeller State Park Preserve. Picnic tables are available at both locations.

### New York State Standards Connections for Middle School and High School:

Science Standard 4; ELA Standard 2; Health, Physical Education, and Home Economics Standards 1 and 3; Social Studies Standards 1 and 3.

### Farm Experience for Teachers

You've scheduled a field trip to Stone Barns Center for your students, but how can you more effectively prepare them for their experience, and how can you go deeper into learning about sustainable agriculture with your students when you are back in the classroom?

We're here to help! Groups of teachers from a school or district can schedule a hands-on farm experience at Stone Barns, and have the opportunity to work with our staff to begin to design customized follow-up lessons and activities that will enhance an integrated, standards-based curriculum for their students.

For more information about farm experiences for teachers, please contact Judy Fink, Education Programs Director, at 914 366 6200 x113 or by e-mail at [judyf@stonebarnscenter.org](mailto:judyf@stonebarnscenter.org).

Please visit our website at [www.stonebarnscenter.org](http://www.stonebarnscenter.org) for information about other programs for teachers in the 2009/2010 school year.



# Application for 2009/2010 School Programs

We will accept applications for 2009/2010 school programs beginning April 14, 2009. Upon receiving your application, we will contact you to schedule a date. Dates are not final until we send you a written confirmation and invoice.

Please print clearly.

Teacher's name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

School address \_\_\_\_\_

School phone (with area code) \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone (with area code) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (required) \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of classes (up to 25 students per class) \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of students \_\_\_\_\_

## Kindergarten

Exploring the Farm

## Grades 1 – 2 (check one)

- Farm Animals at Stone Barns
- Inch by Inch
- Farm Life
- Eggs and Chickens
- Winter Farm Exploration

## Grades 3 – 5 (check one)

- Animal Care at Stone Barns
- What's Growing
- The Farm in Winter
- The Farm in Full
- On the Farm at Stone Barns

## Middle School and High School

(check one)

- Pasture-Raised Animals
- Four-Seasons Growing
- Sustainable Farming
- Making the Farm-to-Table Connection
- From Farm to Forest
- Design Your Own All-Day Program

Please mail, fax or e-mail form to:

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