



STONE BARN
CENTER FOR FOOD
& AGRICULTURE™

Farm Camp 2012



Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture is 80 rolling acres of fields, gardens, pastures and woods in Pocantico Hills, New York, where rich traditions of community-based farming are merging with the 21st century.

At Stone Barns Center, we're all about celebrating farm-to-table agriculture on a daily basis. We're busy raising crops and animals in all four seasons, borrowing from traditional as well as modern methods, and we welcome visitors year-round.

Check out a full schedule of events and programs at www.stonebarnscenter.org or stop by the Visitor Center at the farm. Join a class, sign up for a workshop or get your hands dirty helping with farm chores. We have programs for kids and adults, plus activities for the whole family to enjoy.

About Farm Camp

Stone Barns Center's Farm Camp is in its eighth season. Camp sessions are designed for rising first graders through rising eighth graders. Campers learn about farm life in small groups of 10-12 children taught by two passionate and experienced counselors. Our campers have the opportunity to see how the farm works and get their hands dirty by pitching in with farm chores and learning alongside our farm staff. Every camp session includes garden work, animal chores, cooking, crafts, games and hiking. At Farm Camp, we also explore the farm-to-table connection. A staff cooking specialist helps campers prepare healthy snacks several times per week, and older campers will cook a full lunch together in a professional kitchen.



Daily Camp Schedule (9:00 AM – 3:30 PM)

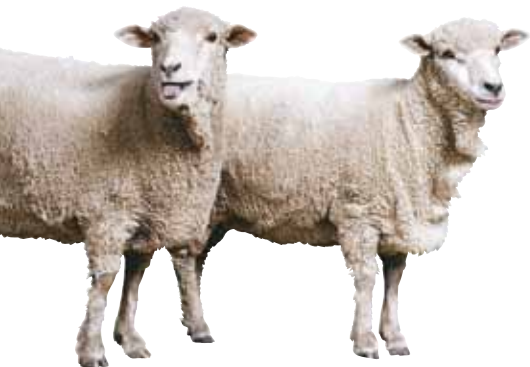
9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	Check-in and welcome
9:15 AM – 9:30 AM	Morning circle
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Morning chores and activities in small groups
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch and recreation
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Afternoon chores and activities in small groups
3:00 PM – 3:15 PM	Clean-up
3:15 PM – 3:30 PM	Pick-up



Membership

Here at Stone Barns, members are a valued part of our community. Members can take advantage of exciting benefits such as discounts on program registrations and Farm Store purchases, early or exclusive special event invitations, and free parking. Stone Barns members at the Seedling level (\$125) and above receive first opportunity to register for Farm Day Camp and a 10% discount on camp registration fees. Become a member before January 17 to take advantage of this opportunity. To join, upgrade or renew your membership, please call 914 366 6200 x140 or visit our website.

Program Information



Session Descriptions

At Stone Barns Center, our farmers are busy growing crops and raising animals. Camp activities are determined based on what is happening on the farm each day. In July, campers will help with our garlic harvest; and come August, we will have more tomatoes than we can pick. Our busy hens will lay eggs all summer long for campers to collect, while our pigs root through the shady woodlands. Farm Camp offers both one-week and two-week sessions to accommodate busy summer schedules.

Counselor-in-Training Opportunities

For ages 15 – 17

Do you enjoy working with kids? Would you like to earn community service hours? How do you feel about spending your summer outdoors? For more information about becoming a counselor-in-training (CIT) at Farm Camp, visit our website at www.stonebarnscenter.org or contact farmcamp@stonebarnscenter.org.

One-Week Sessions

Camper entering first through sixth grade:

A Week on the Farm

June 25 – June 29 \$380 Members / \$420 Non-members

August 13 – 17 \$380 Members / \$420 Non-members

Dig in for a week of farm fun. Organized in groups by grade, campers will help in the garden, work with the animals, explore the woods and prepare farm-fresh snacks.

Two-Week Sessions

Sprouts Camper entering first and second grades:

Nature on the Farm

July 2 – 13* \$680 Members / \$756 Non-members

July 16 – 27 \$756 Members / \$840 Non-members

July 30 – August 10 \$756 Members / \$840 Non-members

Camper will learn about Stone Barns Center and perform chores alongside the farmers. Activities will include egg collecting, planting seeds, exploring our woods and making snacks.

Growers Camper entering third and fourth grades:

Cycles of Farm Life

July 2 – 13* \$680 Members / \$756 Non-members

July 16 – 27 \$756 Members / \$840 Non-members

July 30 – August 10 \$756 Members / \$840 Non-members

Camper will explore our gardens, visit our woods and care for our farm animals. Emphasis in this session will be on the cycles found in nature and specifically on our farm. We will spend our days doing farm chores, playing games, hiking and creating snacks from food we harvest.

Farmers Camper entering fifth and sixth grades:

From Garden and Pasture to Kitchen

July 2 – 13* \$680 Members / \$756 Non-members

July 16 – 27 \$756 Members / \$840 Non-members

July 30 – August 10 \$756 Members / \$840 Non-members

Camper will start each day with morning farm chores and learn about the role farms play in their lives. They will tend the fields, care for the animals and learn how to prepare farm-fresh food. In addition to daily camp activities such as collecting eggs, harvesting veggies and moving the sheep, campers will begin to explore the farm-to-table connection. Whether picking tomatoes and learning to make salsa, or collecting eggs and learning to make omelets, campers will trace their food from field to plate.

Foragers Camper entering seventh and eighth grades:

Food, Farming, and Community

July 2 – 13* \$680 Members / \$756 Non-members

July 16 – 27 \$756 Members / \$840 Non-members

July 30 – August 10 \$756 Members / \$840 Non-members

Camper will have the opportunity to get more deeply involved in every aspect of the farm and surrounding woodlands. In addition to more in-depth chores, they will learn about wild edibles, discuss food policy, and prepare a healthy, seasonal meal in a professional kitchen.

*9 day session due to July 4th holiday

Information for Parents

Dates to Remember

Pre-Camp Open House

Friday, June 22 from 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Come meet the Farm Camp staff, check out the camp facilities and ask questions.

July 4th Holiday

Farm Camp will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th in observation of Independence Day.

Family Farm Visit

Last Friday of each session from 2:30 – 3:15 PM.

Come to the farm and join in the fun! Parents/guardians are invited to work and learn alongside their campers in the pastures or vegetable gardens.

Refund Policy

Withdrawal prior to May 14, 2012: Total fee less 25% for administrative costs will be refunded if the space can be filled from our wait list. If the space cannot be filled, a refund will not be issued.

Withdrawal after May 14, 2012: No refunds will be given for any reason.

Carpooling

Are you interested in contacting other camp families about carpooling? Check the carpool box on the registration form. In May we will distribute a list of all interested families.

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Hours of Operation:

Monday and Tuesday closed
Wednesday – Sunday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

- Farm Camp runs Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM, regardless of the weather.
- All campers need to bring a lunch and snack to camp daily. Additional snacks will be prepared with the cooking specialist throughout the week.
- Campers should dress for the weather and plan to be outdoors for most of the day. Please pack a change of clothes daily.
- All campers must wear closed-toed shoes to camp. Flip-flops and sandals are not acceptable for camp activity, and campers will not be permitted to go out with their groups if wearing them.
- Every camper needs a reusable water bottle, sunscreen and a hat. Please remember to label everything.
- Campers are encouraged to explore the farm with their counselors and are expected to listen carefully and respect our farmers' work.
- Stone Barns Center is not a nut-free facility. While we do not use nut products in our craft or cooking projects, campers are allowed to bring nut products in their snacks and lunches.
- Stone Barns Center enjoys a partnership with Blue Hill at Stone Barns restaurant. Although the restaurant's busy working kitchen cannot accommodate campers on a daily basis, all campers registered for a two-week Farmer or Forager session will have an opportunity to cook in the professional kitchen once per session.
- Occasionally, Stone Barns Center staff take pictures of camp activities for use in farm publications and for advertising and promotions. Camper names are never used in connection with these photos.

Pick-up and Drop-off Information

- A note written and signed by a parent/guardian and given to the camp director is required to release a camper to someone other than a parent/guardian.
- Campers are not admitted to the buildings before 9:00 AM. Pick-up is between 3:15 – 3:30 PM.
- If you need to drop off your camper late or pick up your camper early, please let us know so that we can make arrangements.

Registration Information

New this year: Registration for Farm Camp is now available online!

- Registration begins for members at the Seedling (\$125) level and above on January 17th and for the general public on January 30. Online registration is accessible through our website: <http://www.stonebarnscenter.org/our-work/childrens-education/farm-camp/>
- Farm Camp registration is processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Registrations will be accepted until each session is full, at which time a waiting list will be available.
- Immunization records must be submitted by mail, fax or email along with your initial online registration; once the immunization records have been received, you will be sent a link to complete your transaction and finalize your registration. You will then receive a confirmation email indicating that your camper is enrolled.
- If immunization records and/or payment are not submitted, Farm Camp reserves the right to assign your space to another camper
- Please call or e-mail Meghan Ryan, Camp Director, if you have any questions or would

Frequently Asked Questions

We hope that the answers to the following questions are helpful. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact us directly at farmcamp@stonebarnscenter.org.

Q: Does Stone Barns provide transportation to Farm Camp?

A: Stone Barns does not provide transportation to Farm Camp. We encourage campers to carpool and facilitate that process by providing carpool lists for each session. Please check the carpool box on the registration form if you are interested in finding other camp families who would like to carpool.

Q: What is the minimum age of campers?

A: The minimum age of our campers is rising 1st graders.

Q: How old are the counselors?

A: Each group of 10-12 campers has one Instructor, one Counselor and one to two CITs. Instructors are college graduates, many of whom are classroom teachers or Masters students getting their degrees. Counselors are primarily college students. Camp staff participate in an intensive 3-day training each summer, which includes: group dynamics, teaching techniques, first aid and emergency procedures. CITs are high school students who receive community service hours for their unpaid time at Farm Camp.

Q: What time is drop-off and pick up?

A: Morning drop-off is between 9:00-9:15am. Primary guardians need to walk their campers into the Courtyard and sign them in with the Camp Director. Early drop-offs will not be permitted as we will not staff the Farm Camp areas until 9:00am. Afternoon pick-up occurs between 3:15-3:30 in the courtyard. Primary guardians need to sign their campers out with the Camp Director. If you would like to authorize another guardian to drop-off or pick-up your child, please contact the Camp Director.

Q: Can I sign my child up for one week of a two-week session?

A: We are not able to split two-week sessions, as campers truly benefit from the friendships they create and the knowledge they gain from this prolonged exposure to the farm. While we encourage campers to join us for two weeks, we do offer two one-week sessions to accommodate busy summer schedules.

Q: What should my child wear to camp?

A: Your child should dress appropriately for the weather, as we will be outside in all weather conditions except for thunder and lightning. Old sneakers or hiking/work boots work best for camp. No sandals please. Lightweight and light color clothing and a hat will help to keep your camper cool during the hot summer. Shorts are acceptable, but keep in mind that most groups visit our woodlands or pond area where insects and bushy plants abound. Sprouts should also plan on bringing a change of clothes each day.

Q: What should my child bring to camp?

A: Please send your child to camp with a reusable water bottle, a lunch and a snack every day. Refrigeration will not be provided. Please write your child's name on everything and check in our Lost and Found Box if something comes up missing. Farm Camp is a place where children connect with friends, counselors and nature; we ask that cell phones, hand-held electronic games and music players be left at home.

Q: What happens if it rains during camp? What happens if there is a heat advisory?

A: In the case of light rain or drizzle, campers will continue their planned outdoor activities. In the event of heavy rain or thunderstorms, all campers will move indoors and will rotate through a number of indoor educational stations until the weather subsides. In the case of a heat advisory, campers will move between indoor and outdoor spaces and seek shade during outdoor activities. Cooling stations/water games will also be available. Water stations are stocked with cool water throughout the camp day, and camp staff are trained to be sure campers stay hydrated.

Q: My child has a nut allergy. Is Stone Barns a nut-free facility?

A: Stone Barns is not a nut-free facility. While we are not nut-free, we do not use nuts in any of our snacks/meals for Farm Camp and we provide a nut-free table for campers with allergies to use for lunch. Additionally, all campers wash hands before and after lunch. We can modify the snacks/meals we cook with campers for many types of food allergies/intolerances, however in some cases campers will need to bring their own food. Please indicate your camper's allergy on your registration form and the Camp Director will contact you for further clarification.

Q: My child takes prescription medication daily. Can Stone Barns Farm Camp administer my child's medication?

A: Camp Educators and Farm Staff are trained in CPR, First Aid and Epi-Pen use, however there is no registered nurse on site. By law, Stone Barns Farm Camp Staff are not permitted to administer medication to your camper (with the exception of an Epi-Pen). Your child must self-administer any medication that you bring. If you are sending your child to camp with medication, you must provide a signed doctor's note outlining dosage and schedule. Medication must be sealed and clearly labeled with your child's name. All medication must have a current manufacturer's expiration date. If you have any questions about our medical policy, please contact Meghan Ryan, Camp Director.