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Open Minds, Open Hearts, and Open Lands

Annual Harvest Festival

Sat. Oct. 14, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 (Rain date Sun. Oct. 15, 1 - 4 p.m.)

Join us for an exciting family afternoon on the farm amidst the beautiful fall foliage. There will be *historical demonstrations*: like rope making, open hearth cooking, broom making, and fleece spinning. Learn how to use a Make & Break engine and antique tools. There will be *livestock encounters*: enjoy a wagon ride through the pastures with a team of majestic Percherons (1-3 p.m.); watch our sheep being shorn then help to "skirt" the fleece, preparing it for spinning. Learn how to become a beekeeper and watch industrious honeybees in our observation hive. Meet our dairy cows, enjoy their freshly pasteurized milk and churn fresh butter. Try your hand at *harvest crafts*: create a grapevine wreath with dried flowers from our gardens, decorate a pumpkin, roll a beeswax candle, make gourd creatures, & MORE old fashioned fun!

Special Guest, Master Falconer Brian Bradley, will join us from 2:30-3:30 with his live birds of prey. Marvel as his falcons soar and dive over the pastures.

Reservations are not required. The cost of admission is \$5 per person (over the age of 3 years old) or \$20 per family with small additional fees for crafts and delicious seasonal fare thanks to the Girl Scouts of Redding.

Please leave your dogs at home.

For more information, please call (203) 938-2117 or visit www.newpondfarm.org

Historic Bus Tour in Celebration of Redding's 250th Anniversary

Sat. Oct. 21, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Come join local author and historian, Dan Cruson, for a bus tour of Redding that highlights many historic locations that were featured in Mark Twain Library's town-wide-read of "My Brother Sam is Dead". Starting at the farm we will travel past the location of Meeker's Tavern, the Anglican Church, Col. John Read's house, Putnam Park, Gallows Hill, and more. **Recommended for 5th graders thru adults**

Fee: \$25 per member, \$30 per non-member



Registration Information

- Registration & Prepayment required for ALL programs
- To register please call the office (203) 938-2117 or visit our website www.newpondfarm.org
- One-week cancellation required for refund
- Please park at the Learning Center and dress for the outdoors

At New Pond Farm, you can expect a season filled with exploration, discovery and authentic exposure! Join us in the fresh air and experience close encounters with animals and plants, and increase your knowledge of the natural world!

Autumn 2017

**A SPECIAL
SCHOOL'S OUT PROGRAM!
Spend a Fascinating
Afternoon with a
Schaghticoke Council
Member**

Tuesday November 7
Walk & Talk: 12 – 2 p.m.
Native American Snack: 2-2:30 p.m.
Native American Storytelling:
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.



Native American lifeways, past and present, will be shared during an intriguing walk and talk with an esteemed member of the Schaghticoke Council. Darlene Kascak, Education Coordinator, from the Institute for *American Indian Studies*, will take us through our encampment and museum and provide new insights into CT's indigenous people.

Immediately after the walk and talk participants will be offered a Native American snack!

- Walk, Talk, & Snack is recommended for 5th graders through adults.
- Storytelling will be for people of all ages.

Storytelling is Free!
Fee: \$15 per member, \$20 per non-member for Walk, Talk & Snack

Adult Programs

**Knitting and Spinning
by the Fire**
Sundays Nov. 5, & Dec. 3, 12-3 p.m.
Bring your knitting projects and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with seasoned knitters and Nutmeg Spinners. They will coach you on your knitting challenges and invite you to try your hand at their spinning wheels.

This program is free, but we ask that you to purchase a skein of NPF yarn (\$12) and to donate a scarf, hat, or pair of mittens to the Farm by April 1st.

**Adult Craft Night:
Wool Felt Pocket Dolls**
Tuesday November 14, 6 - 8 p.m.



Our Artist in Residence, Kris Holm, invites you to try your hand at sewing these sweet little dolls in one relaxing evening at the farm. Wool felt is soft to the touch and a pleasure to work with. These babies come together with just a few basic stitches and are stuffed with fleece from our very own sheep. You will be shown a variety of easy techniques to decorate your dolls with felting, embroidery, and applique. All materials are included.

Fee: \$20 per member, \$25 per non-member

Paper Pocket Holiday Stars
Saturday December 2, 1 - 3 p.m.



These intricate paper stars will make cherished gifts for family and friends. Our Star Master, Marion Hichwa, will share a colorful assortment of papers and then lead you through the step by step directions so that you will take home a fantastic work of art!

Fee: \$8 per member, \$12 per non-member

NPF Members are invited

to enjoy our property for hiking, snowshoeing, cross country skiing and sledding.

Please call before your visit or stop by the office when you arrive.

**** All children (young and old) must be accompanied by an adult.****

Please leave your dogs at home.

Wreath Making
Thursday November 30,
10 - 11:30 a.m. or 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.



Fresh greens, pinecones, pods, bows, and frames along with expert hands will be here to greet you. Join us in our Gathering Place and make your own spectacular wreath this holiday season. Please bring a pair of work gloves and clippers. Light refreshments will be served.

*Fee: \$60 per member,
\$70 per non-member*

Family Programs

Three Fall Astronomy Nights
Saturdays: Oct. 21, 7 p.m.;
Nov. 18, 7 p.m.; Dec. 16, 6:30 p.m.



Join our expert team of volunteer astronomers and discover planets, stars, and fall constellations. Dress for the weather, park at Learning Center, bring a flashlight, and be ready to walk out to Astronomy Hill, staying on the gravel farm road.

Note: A short preview class will be held 30 minutes before the actual start time in the classroom of the Learning Center to discuss what we are looking for that night and some astronomy etiquette.

*Each Program: \$4 per member (\$16 max. per member family)
\$6 per non-member (\$24 max. per non-member family)*

Autumn Hike to Mt. Baldy Saturday October 28, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Surrounded by fall foliage, this will be the perfect time for a hike up to the highest point on the farm, Mt. Baldy. Learn a little about the farm's geology, search for signs that our wild neighbors have left behind, and enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of the fall! Dress for the weather and be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes.

*Members only
FREE*

Family Farm Chores Saturday October 28 or Sunday November 12, both dates: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Who drinks milk, who munches on hay and who eats grain? Find out the answers to these questions and more! Help feed the chickens, sheep, and cows!

*Members only
Fee: \$10 per family*

Colonial Days

Saturday November 4, 1 - 3 p.m.

Travel back in time to "Colonial times" at NPF. In keeping with the town's 250th anniversary, come join us to see what activities were like without electronics. What would children do in their free time? Chores, cooking, sewing and candlemaking were all aspects of Colonial life here in Redding. Colonial keepsakes will be taken home at the end of the program.

*Fee: \$16 for member families and
\$20 for non-member families*

Caroling in the Barn with the Animals

Fri. Dec. 1, 6 - 7 p.m. or Sat. Dec. 2,
5 - 6 p.m. or Sun. Dec. 3, 5 - 6 p.m.



Begin the holiday season on a joyous note. Join us in the main barn as we sit on hay bales surrounded by cows and sheep and led in song by talented musicians. Homemade cookies and farm fresh hot chocolate will be served!

*Members only, seating is limited
Fee: \$8 per person (over the age of 3)*

Middle School & High School

Jr. Staff

**Tuesdays from Oct. 17 thru Nov. 28
(excluding Nov. 7) 4-5 p.m.**

Join Program Director, Tim Laughlin and complete a variety of tasks over the six-week program. Each week there will be a new and different opportunity. Work with farm animals, clear hiking trails, check bluebird houses, feed reptiles/amphibians, and more!

*NPF Family Members Only
Fee: \$60 per attendee*

Rocket Building

**Saturday November 11,
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**



Join us to build and launch a rocket that could potentially soar a hundred feet from the launch pad. Bring your smartphone and take a movie of your rocket's flight! Retrieve your rocket and take it home

Space is limited

Fee: \$20 per member, \$25 per non-member

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Elementary School

Enchanted Lanterns

Wednesday October 18, 4 - 5 p.m.

Join resident artist, Kris Holm, and capture a little light and magic in a jar with this miniature world of fairies, dragons and other mystical creatures. We will be shaping our creatures with yarn wrapped wire and decorating our lanterns with natural materials and found objects. All materials will be provided.

Fee: \$12 per member, \$16 per non-member

Pumpkin Carving & Decorating Thursday October 26, 4-5 p.m.

Tap into your creative skills to carve and decorate a fantastic pumpkin, just in time for Halloween! All materials, including pumpkins, will be provided.

Fee: \$12 for members, \$16 for non-members

Crafts of the Season

**Saturday December 2,
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

From traditional garlands made from cinnamon ornaments, baked oranges and laurel leaves, to enchanting snowmen, gnomes, and animals, we will be getting the season off to a festive start.

Fee: \$12 per member, \$16 per non-member

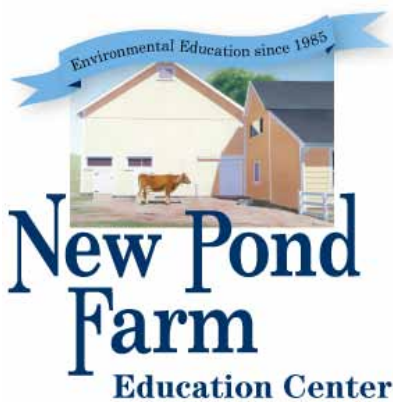
ADVENTURE BIRTHDAY PARTIES

**Naturalists, Explorers & Adventurers!
Autumn - Winter - Spring - Summer**



On our 102 beautiful acres we have unique resources such as diverse habitat, 19th Century barns, a maple syruping shed, and an authentically recreated Native American encampment complete with a thatched longhouse and barked wigwam; the pastures and barns are home for a variety of livestock. Our best resource however, is our enthusiastic and experienced teaching staff. They adjust our programs to fit your child's age and learning abilities. All of our programs are hands-on and active, keeping your child and his or her guests involved throughout the program.

To learn more about our Adventure Birthday Parties or to check availability, please call our office at 203.938.2117 or email info@newpondfarm.org.



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Dear Renewing or Prospective Member,

For over 30 years New Pond Farm Education Center has provided individuals, families and organizations with ways to explore their passions for the natural world.

Thanks to actress Carmen Mathews' vision, New Pond Farm provides a myriad of opportunities for our members, donors, volunteers, and sponsoring entities. Her dedication to programs for urban youth, the environment, agriculture and the arts paved the way for the hands-on educational experiences that take place on our glorious 102-acre property.

Thank you for helping to make all of this possible. We look forward to seeing you soon!

With warm regards,

Ann Taylor, Executive Director
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Connecting people to the land which enriches and sustains us all.
The Environment • Natural and Local History • Astronomy • Agriculture • The Arts

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- Individual \$50
- Family \$75
- Supporting Member. . \$100
- Sustaining Member. . \$300
- Patron \$500
- Sponsor \$1,000
- Guardian \$ 5,000

As a member, are you interested in providing additional support for an area that is especially dear to your heart?

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- The Working Farm (animals and agriculture) \$ _____
- Educational Programs \$ _____
- Re-planting of Native Species \$ _____
- The Arts (including performing/visual) \$ _____
- Please contact me about Legacy Membership.

Name(s) _____ or sign up online at www.newpondfarm.org

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