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## ADVENTURE PARTIES

FOR  
NATURALISTS,  
EXPLORERS AND  
ADVENTURERS



[newpondfarm.org](http://newpondfarm.org)

## Exciting Adventure Birthday Parties

We are located on 102 acres complete with gently rolling pastures, deciduous woodlands, a stream, pond and marsh. We have such diverse resources as 19th Century barns, a maple syruping shed, and an authentically recreated Native American encampment complete with a thatched longhouse and barked wigwam. Our pastures and barns are home for a variety of livestock including a herd of dairy cows, sheep, and a flock of chickens. 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 lof our Adventure Birthday Parties or to check availability, please call our office at 203.938.2117 or email [info@newpondfarm.org](mailto:info@newpondfarm.org).

***New Pond Farm celebrates  
nature every day.***

## About New Pond Farm Education Center

For over 30 years New Pond Farm Education Center has provided our members 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.



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# "Naturalists" turning 4 and older

## FARMER FOR A DAY



Our most popular birthday program is the quintessential New Pond Farm experience. For starters, guests will learn about members of our

flock and life in the coop while collecting eggs from the laying boxes, they will visit our milking barn, brush a cow, and learn where milk comes from, and they will meet other residents of the barnyard.

*Add a beeswax candle craft: \$2/child*

## FARM & NATURE CRAFTS

Young art enthusiasts will enjoy



creating a beautiful New Pond Farm inspired craft of their very own. Our craft options will vary by season and by the age of participants.

*Materials fee dependent on chosen craft.*

## EASTERN WOODLAND INDIANS



Travel the woodland path to our authentically recreated encampment, complete with a thatched

longhouse and barked wigwam. Sit by the fire on deerskin-covered logs and explore ways that our local tribes lived off the land. Learn about shelters, food gathering, hunting, cooking, clothing, and roles of family members. Birthday guests will have a chance to cycle between fur scraping, corn grinding and game playing stations.

*Add a clay pinch pot craft: \$2/child*

## MAPLE SYRUPING



Your child and guests will participate in each step required to transform Sugar Maple sap into sweet maple syrup.

They will learn the Native American ways of sugaring, ID and tap a maple tree, visit the sugar shed to watch the evaporator at work, and taste a few delicious maple products.

*Available mid-February through mid-March*

## FRESHWATER HABITATS



From stream to pond to marsh, learn about the wide variety of animals that live in the waters of New Pond Farm. With

kitchen strainers, we will carefully collect (and release) live specimens from our marsh like tadpoles, dragonfly nymphs, and water beetles. We will also visit with native program animals that can be found in these habitats. We will introduce children to the importance of wetlands and their protection.

*Available May-June*

## REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS



Did you know that we have a fascinating collection of living reptiles?

Party guests will meet gentle bearded dragons, cricket-munching geckos, tortoises with great personalities, and even our program-friendly snakes like Amalie, our beautiful and clever Hognose! This is a fantastic program for even our budding naturalists!

# "Explorers" turning 6 and older

"Naturalist" programs can be customized for this age group.

## WILDLIFE



Our 102-acre property is a wildlife sanctuary. Depending on the season, our young explorers may track animals in the snow, or take a wildlife walk,

searching for signs that our wild neighbors have left behind. We will pay a visit to Bernard, our resident Barred Owl, learn about his amazing adaptations as a nocturnal predator, and we will dissect his pellets to see just what he's been eating.

## KITCHEN MAGIC



Rubberize an egg, turn milk into glue, and see if you and your friends can figure out how to squeeze an egg through an opening smaller than its diameter. We will

learn all kinds of magic tricks from the kitchen during this program.

*Limit 8 participants*

*Materials fee: \$20*

## FISHING



This is a special chance to enjoy a fishing session at our pond. Rods, nets, and bait will be provided for all fishermen in this catch and release program.

Parents should know that we will be using sharp hooks and that the instructor/parent will be baiting the hooks for all participants. *Limit 8 participants*

## BEEHIVE EXPLORATION



This will be the party that your friends will never forget! They will put on full bee suits and join our veteran beekeeper to learn about the fascinating workings of a beehive! Worker bees, drones, the queen, nectar, pollen, wax and honey....there is so much to see. You will learn why honeybees are so important to our food supply and of course, sample some delicious honey. Bee suits will be provided for participating children. Be sure to check with your guests about bee allergies.

*Available Spring & Fall*

*Limit 8 participants*

*Additional staff fee: \$40*



# "Adventurers" turning 10 and older

All programs in this brochure can be customized for this age group.

## FLY TYING



Did you know that the art of fly tying dates back thousands of years and that fly tying blossomed in both Europe and America in the 1880's. Come join us and introduce yourself to a skill that has been passed down from generation to generation. While you are at it, bring a friend or two and learn to tie a basic fly and bring it home when you are finished.

*Limit 8 participants*  
*Materials fee: \$5/child*

## FLY CASTING



Join our expert fisherman for a fly-casting lesson. Children will be taught the basics of fly-casting. Fly rods will be provided.

*Limit 8 participants*

## ROCKET SCIENTIST



In this fantastic hands-on program participants will carefully build their own rockets, then head out to our paddocks for an exciting countdown and launch. Rockets may be taken home.

*Limit 8 participants*  
*Materials fee: \$25/child*



## FORESTRY RESEARCH

Become a Citizen Scientist and discover the amazing field of forestry research. Study a specific plot in our scrub and shrub area that was affected by Super Storm Sandy. Use equipment just like a professional forester and help us to monitor the succession of this important wildlife habitat, all equipment will be provided.

*Limit 8 participants*

## TREASURE HUNT/ ORIENTEERING



What's more fun than an old fashioned treasure hunt? After learning how to use compasses and how to read a map, participants will head out to the pastures to find and collect their clues, which will be used to solve a puzzle leading them to a final destination. The Birthday Host may provide prizes for the end of the hunt or the goal can be reaching the birthday cake.

*Limit 12 participants*  
*(4 teams of 3)*

