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*Open Minds, Open Hearts, and Open Lands*

## 31st Annual Harvest Festival

Sat. Oct. 15, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
 (Rain date Sun. Oct. 16, 1 - 4 p.m.)

A fantastic family day with historical demonstrations, antique tools, livestock encounters, old-fashioned crafts, sheep shearing, & horse-drawn wagon rides (1 - 3 p.m.).

Special Guest: Master Falconer Brian Bradley with his live hawks and owls (2:30 - 3:30 p.m.)

**Please leave your dogs at home.**

*\$5 per person (3 years of age and up) or \$20 per family.  
 With small fees for crafts and food.*



Master Falconer, Brian Bradley, returns.



### Registration Information

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

## 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](mailto:info@newpondfarm.org)



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 2016**

## Adult Programs

### Become a Hands-On Researcher at Our Storm Site

Wed. Oct. 19, 11 a.m. - Noon



Join Program Director, Tim Laughlin, in researching the plant species that are emerging after Super Storm Sandy's microburst impacted this part of our property. Learn how this once dense White Pine Woodland is transforming itself into an exciting Scrub and Shrub area for wildlife. **Please dress for outdoor work.**

FREE

### Wreath Making

Thurs. Dec. 1, 10 - 11:30 a.m.  
or 6:30-8:30 p.m.



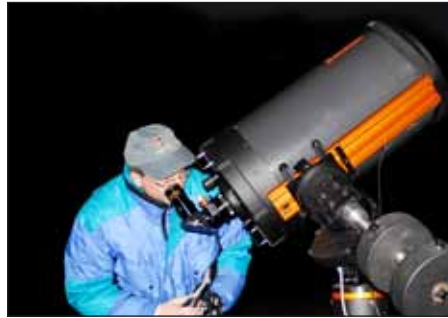
Fresh greens, pinecones, pods, bows, and frames along with expert hands will be here to greet you. Join us in our Gathering Place and make your own spectacular wreath this holiday season. Please bring a pair of work gloves and clippers. Light refreshments will be served.

\$50 per member, \$60 per nonmember

## Family Programs

### Two Fall Astronomy Dates

Sat. Nov. 5 or Dec. 3, 6:30 p.m.



Join our team out on Astronomy Hill for views of planets and fall constellations. Please bundle up, bring along binoculars if you have them and a flashlight. Please park by the Learning Center.

*Note: Families are invited to a special Preview in the Learning Center classroom, 30 minutes before the outdoor program begins.*

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

### Family Farm Chores

Sat. Nov. 12 or  
Sun. Dec. 11, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.



Who drinks milk? Who munches on hay? Who eats grain? Find out these answers and more when you help feed our chickens and cows! Please meet in the barn.

*Members only!  
\$10 per family per session.*

## Native American Celebration

Sat. Nov. 12, at 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Sit in our thatched longhouse and barked wigwam and take a trip back in time to learn about the Eastern Woodland Indians that walked these lands. Learn how arrowheads, spears, and other tools were created and used, make pinch pots, play Native American games, hear legends, and enjoy traditional foods as you learn about Native American cooking.

*\$15 per person  
(\$45 max. per member family)  
\$20 per person  
(\$60 max. per nonmember family)*

### Caroling in the Barn with the Animals

Fri. Dec. 2, 6 - 7 p.m. or  
Sat. Dec. 3, 5 - 6 p.m. or  
Sun. Dec. 4, 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 our cows and sheep and are led in song by talented musicians. Homemade cookies and farm fresh hot chocolate will be served!

*Members only, seating is limited:  
\$8 per person*

## Elementary School

### Blowing in the Wind — Seed Explorations!

Tues. Oct. 18, 2 - 3 p.m.

(children ages 4 and 5 with an adult)

Let's go for an autumn walk up the trail to discover the wonders of seeds- hitchhikers, parachuters, seeds hiding in berries and pods, nature has so many clever ways of making sure new plants will grow in the spring!

*\$8 per member child,  
\$12 per nonmember child*

### A Celebration of Fall Leaves

Thurs. Oct. 20, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

(children ages 6-8)

Using rainbows of fall leaves let's make mobiles, wreaths, and even necklaces. Come and create a seasonal craft to take home.

*\$8 per member; \$12 per nonmember*

### Nature Prepares for Winter

Wed. Nov. 9, 2 - 3 p.m.

(children ages 6-8)

Come and learn how our plants and animals are cleverly preparing for the cold months ahead! Meet some of our wonderful live reptiles and amphibians.

*\$8 per member; \$12 per nonmember*

### Nature Prepares for Winter

Thurs. Nov. 10, 2 - 3 p.m.

(children ages 4 and 5 with an adult)

Come and learn how our plants and animals are cleverly preparing for the cold months ahead! Meet some of our wonderful live reptiles and amphibians.

*\$8 per member child,  
\$12 per nonmember child*

### Holiday Crafts

Sat. Dec. 3, 10 a.m. - Noon



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!

*\$12 per member; \$16 per nonmember*

## Middle School & High School

### Rocketry: 3-2-1 Blast off!

Sat. Oct. 22, 10 a.m. - Noon



Join us to build and launch a rocket that flies up a couple 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!

*\$20 per member; \$25 per nonmember*

### Science Magic

Wed. Nov. 16, 4 - 5 p.m.

How can we make "magic" in the kitchen? Former middle school science teacher Tim Laughlin knows, and will share some cool ideas about using simple products to achieve amazing results. Come see flubber making, pepper fireworks, milk magic, water fireworks, oobleck, and more!

*\$8 per member; \$12 per nonmember*

### Holiday Crafts

Sat. Dec. 3, 1 - 3 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!

*\$12 per member; \$16 per nonmember*

### Jr. Staff

Wednesdays, Oct. 19-Nov 30, 4 - 5 p.m.  
(off on 11/23)

Program Director Tim Laughlin is looking for energetic, nature-oriented middle school students to join his Jr. Staff Program.

Students will meet Wednesday afternoons to work with the animals, clear hiking trails, checking bluebird boxes and more.

*\$60 NPF Family Members Only.*

## Calling All Snowbird Snowshoe-ers



Thanks to the generosity of our outdoor partner, *L.L. Bean*, we will have a few pairs of snowshoes for our members (adult and children's sizes) to sign-out and borrow while on the property. If you'd like to learn more about this or to be on Tim's "Call List" for impromptu snowshoeing, please email our Program Director Tim Laughlin [tim@newpondfarm.org](mailto:tim@newpondfarm.org).

## We're Open to Members




Our members are welcomed to enjoy the property; winter hours are from 10am to 4pm. We invite you to hike the trails, cross country ski/ snowshoe around the pastures, or sled down Astronomy Hill. **NO SKATING!!** Please park at the Learning Center and walk out to the pastures. Children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent. Please call to let us know you are coming, we ask that you leave your dogs at home.

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. I look forward to  
seeing you soon!

With warm regards, 

Ann Taylor, Executive Director  
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New Pond Farm is a 501(c)(3) organization eligible  
for corporate matching grants. All contributions are  
tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

## New Pond Farm Education Center

*Connecting people to the land which enriches and sustains us all.*  
The Environment • Natural and Local History • Astronomy • Agriculture • The Arts

### Membership Level (Annual)

- 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?*

- Programs for Urban Youth . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 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](http://www.newpondfarm.org)

Names and ages of children \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred method of receiving newsletters and calendars:  e-mail  USPS  Both

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Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_, please make check payable to New Pond Farm.

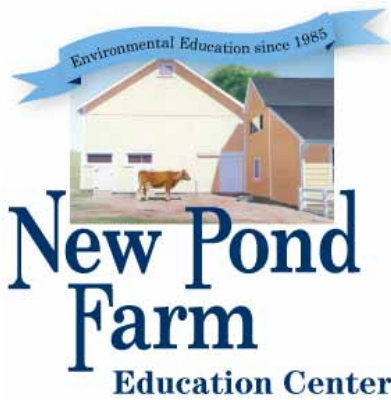
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