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
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.

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.**

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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
FREE

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: $10 per family

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 are 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

To register online, please visit www.newpondfarm.org, or call us: 203-938-2117
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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