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.

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
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

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)

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 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)

Carol 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
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.

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**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

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**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.**
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$12 per member, $16 per nonmember

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**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.

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**Calling All Snowbird Snowshoe-ers**

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**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.

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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. I look forward to seeing you soon!

With warm regards,

Ann Taylor, Executive Director
ann@newpondfarm.org • 203-938-2117

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Membership Level (Annual)

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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

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

Address ________________________________ State ______ Zip ______

e-mail address(es) ________________________________

Tel. __________________________ Cell __________________________

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

□ Please sign me up for auto renewal annually. (Auto renewal requires a credit card.)

Amount ________ to be charged. Signature __________________________

Credit Card Number ___________ - ___________ - ___________ - ___________ CVC # ______ Exp Date ______

□ My billing address is the same as above. (If not, kindly provide.)

Employer Matching Gift Program: □ Yes □ No