



Adult Programs

Why Compost Your Household Food Scraps?

How to turn food waste into a valuable resource!

Thursday May 3, 7 - 8p.m.

Come listen to Nick Skeadas, founder of *Curbside Compost*, a local company that offers a unique curbside service. He will share why it is so important to create compost and how his work makes it user friendly and beneficial to participate in his curbside program.

*Fee: \$10 per member,
\$15 per non-member*

Earth Art

Saturday May 12, 1 - 3 p.m.

Join artists, Kris Holm and Victoria Wyndham, for an unforgettable afternoon at the farm creating earth friendly artwork using only the elements of nature, your bare hands, and imaginations. *Free*

Join us for a Bobcat Talk!

Have you seen a bobcat at your house?

Thursday May 17, 7 - 8:30 p.m.



We are delighted to welcome back one of our favorite wildlife biologists, Melissa Rusczyk. She is from the State of CT DEEP Wildlife Division and will share information about

the work that is being done within our state regarding bobcats."As top predators, it is important to monitor their population because their presence affects many other species including competing predators, prey species and animals in direct competition with prey" Brandon Bernhardt, CT DEEP Wildlife Division.

*Fee: \$10 per member,
\$15 per non-member*

PROGRAM 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
- One-week cancellation is 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!

The History of Calendars

Columbus was not the only one that used the stars!

Wednesday May 9, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Join Fordham University astronomy professor Hans Minnich and learn about the history of the calendar, how it got started and how it evolved into what we have today. Did you know that the natural units for timekeeping used by most historical societies are the day, the solar year and the lunation? Come learn more about this fascinating topic!

*Fee: \$10 per member,
\$15 per non-member*

Special Events

For the Love of Gardening

Saturday June 9, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



New Pond Farm and the Redding Garden Club are pleased to co-sponsor a joyful tour through some of Redding's exceptional private gardens.

Garden Tour Only: \$40
Garden Tour & Lunch: \$55

For lunch details: www.newpondfarm.org



The Carmen Mathews Theater Fund Presents "THE ACTOR'S NIGHTMARE"

and Other Smart & Funny One-Act Plays

Saturday June 2, 7 p.m. and Sunday June 3, 2 p.m.

You are invited to our annual play reading! This year brings a night of one-act plays performed by professional actors who are near and dear to New Pond Farm. This will be a collection of smart and funny short plays written by a wide assortment of contemporary writers. The talented cast will include Kate Katcher, Julia Levo, Bob and Nancy Ponturo, Don Striano, Frank and Heather Whaley. All actors are back by popular demand and generously donating their time for this joyful fundraiser. After the performance we hope you will join the actors for libations, homemade desserts, and lively conversations!

Fee: \$40 per member, \$50 per non-member

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Family Programs

Peeper Patrol

Friday April 6 or

Saturday April 7, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Put on your boots and grab a flashlight, we are going out to look for amphibians! This annual event is great fun for the whole family. We will search the pond, marsh, and surrounding wetlands for a variety of species. Please wear waterproof boots and be sure to check those flashlight batteries before coming.

Members only!

Fee: \$15 per family

Farm Chores

Saturday April 7, or Sunday May 13,
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Who drinks milk, who munches hay, and who eats grain? Find out these answers and lots more. Come help us feed chickens, sheep, and cows.

Members only!

Fee: \$10 per family

Helping Honey Bees

Saturday April 14, 10 - 11 a.m.

Join us for a Honey Bee conversation with our Apiary Manager, Ann Murray. We will share a day in the life of a beekeeper, challenges facing bees today, and ideas of how you can help these important pollinators.

Fee: \$10 per member,
\$15 per non-member



Spring Astronomy

April 21 at 8 p.m.

Join our team of astronomy volunteers as we gaze through the telescopes at the Moon, Saturn, and deep space objects. Our team will also point out and discuss various seasonal constellations. *Note: Families are invited to a special preview in the Learning Center classroom at 7:30 p.m. This will give participants, especially children, a better understanding of what they will be viewing out on the hill.* Please dress for the outdoors, bring a flashlight for the walk to and from the observatory, and binoculars if you have them.

Fee: \$4 per member

(\$12 max. per member family),

\$6 per non-member

(\$24 max. per non-member family)

Family Campout

Friday May 18, 6 p.m.

Join Program Director, Tim Laughlin, for a family campout here at NPF. Our fun filled evening includes a night hike, sitting around a campfire, viewing constellations, and a celebration of our nocturnal neighbors prior to turning in for the night. Then awaken early to join our farmer for morning chores, followed by a farmer's breakfast.

Members only!

Space is limited.

Fee: \$50 per family

Middle School/ High School Students

Introduction to Fly Tying

Saturday April 28, 10 - 11 a.m.

Our Program Director Tim Laughlin, a veteran fly-tyer, would like to introduce you to the art of fly tying. Join him and make a "Woolly Bugger" that you will take home once it is finished. Once started this could become a lifelong hobby! *All equipment and materials will be provided.*

Fee: \$15 per member,

\$20 per non-member

Rocketry

Saturday June 2, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Come build a rocket and then launch it outside in the pasture. Watch it soar high in the sky and then take it home once it returns to Earth. *All materials will be provided.*

Fee: \$20 per member,

\$25 per non-member

Elementary School Students

Programs for Home Schoolers and for RES Students

Who Have Early Dismissal Because of Conferences

Mask Making Workshop: Bird Masks

Tuesday April 3, 1 - 3 p.m.

Join world renowned puppeteer, Adelka Polak, as she guides you through the process of creating your very own bird mask that will be taken home at the end of the class. *All materials are provided.*

Fee: \$20 per member,

\$25 per non-member

Making Frog Puppets

Thursday April 5, 1 - 3 p.m.

Join world renowned puppeteer, Adelka Polak, and celebrate "World Puppetry Day" by making and taking home a frog puppet that you create. *All materials are provided.*

Fee: \$20 per member,

\$25 per non-member

Mother's Day Craft

Wednesday May 9, 4 - 5 p.m.

Join NPF artist-in-residence, Kris Holm, in creating a special hand made gift for Mom.

Fee: \$12 per member,

\$16 per non-member

Feathers, Beaks, Hoots and Tweets - the Amazing World of Birds!

Tuesday May 22, 4 - 5 p.m.

Visit our Barred Owl, Bernard, and discover cool adaptations that allow owls to fly silently, to see at night, and to digest meals of mice and frogs! Become Nature Detective and, using mounted specimens, figure out why birds look the way they do and what adaptations help them to survive.

Fee: \$8 per member,

\$12 per non-member

Tadpoles, Dragonflies, and Beetles

Wednesday June 6, 4 - 5 p.m.

Fun at the marsh! Using strainers and nets we will capture, observe, and then release specimens found in this fascinating habitat. Come see who is hopping, swimming, or diving in this body of water!

Fee: \$8 per member,

\$12 per non-member

See More New Pond Farm programs on the next page!

SUMMER SHAKESPEARE

for Middle and High School Actors

Much Ado About Nothing



Get ready for war heroes, bumbling policemen, mock weddings and masked balls, deception, dancing and of course, a little romance.

This engaging three-week theatre program with director Nancy Ponturo will incorporate acting, movement, and voice. Students will become more familiar with the intricacies of the Shakespearean language, garner a sound knowledge of the text, and get a glimpse into life in Elizabethan times as they prepare for their performances. We aim to stimulate their imaginations through an innovative and fun approach to classical material.

Dates: June 25 - July 14 (excluding July 4)

Times: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

(Longer rehearsals during week #3.)

Evening Performances: 7/12 at Meadow Ridge, 7/13 and 7/14 at NPF

Fee: \$675 per NPF Family Member; \$750 per non-member

For more information please go to www.newpondfarm.org ■

New Pond Farm's Summer Camp 2018

The Perfect Place for 8-12 Year Old Adventurers!

For over 40 years, New Pond Farm has hosted a unique summer camp that brings together children from the cities of Connecticut with area youngsters. If you have an 8-12 year old who would enjoy making new friends from different backgrounds and becoming a part of the farm family, then New Pond Farm is just the place!



In five action-packed days you will become a beekeeper, a farmer, a naturalist, a vegetable gardener, a chef, an artist, a map & compass treasure hunter, and a scientist! Form friendships with our residential campers from Danbury, Bridgeport and Norwalk while eating delicious foods from the garden and dairy, swimming in our crystal clear pool, going on a farm campout, and enjoying loads of fun games! We can't wait to see you!

Session 1: July 2-6 • Session 2: July 16-20 • Session 3: July 30-August 3

Each session runs Monday- Friday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Registration is now open — \$250 deposit is required.

One week of camp costs \$550 for NPF Family Members and \$625 for non-members and includes snacks, lunch, the campout, and a T-shirt.

Membership

At New Pond Farm the majority of our operating budget is dependent on memberships, program revenues and private grants. We welcome your support! To fully explore the benefits of New Pond Farm, visit www.newpondfarm.org; you can join online or you can make your contribution using this form, payable to New Pond Farm Education Center and send it to:

New Pond Farm Education Center
Box 116, West Redding, CT 06896

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Adult	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$75
<input type="checkbox"/> Supporting	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining	\$300
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	\$500
<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor	\$1,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Guardian	\$5,000

Name(s) of family members: _____

MAILING ADDRESS INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Street: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

email: _____



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