

SUMMER ACTIVITIES FORM

Once you have registered, please fill out this form and either scan and email it to:
info@newpondfarm.org or mail it to New Pond Farm Education Center; 101 Marchant Road; West Redding, CT 06896

Greetings from New Pond Farm Education Center!

Now that Governor Lamont has given organizations like ours the greenlight to host summer programs, we are looking forward to welcoming small groups of children and families back to the farm! We have missed you!

With this opportunity comes new safety protocols and procedures. We would like to assure you that we have thought things through carefully, and we are doing our best to ensure that parents, students, and our staff feel confident that we will be sharing a safe learning environment. We need to work together to make these protocols effective so please read this page carefully, after you have registered for a program, please sign the Paragraph of Understanding and Release.

Safety Precautions that will be in place

Group Size: Our 6-8 year and 9-10 year old programs will be limited to six children per program. Our 4 & 5 year old programs will be limited to four parent/child families.

Health Screening: We ask that parents arrive with their children 15 minutes prior to the start of each program to go through a quick health screening. Our staff members will be on hand at well-spaced tables, asking parents to fill out a form confirming that their child is not displaying typical Covid-19 symptoms such as flushed cheeks, difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle pain, and any visible rashes. There will be an oxygen saturation test using a pulse oximeter. Temperatures will be taken, anyone with a temperature of 100 degrees or more will be asked to go home.

We ask for your patience with this and your observance of our social distancing demarcations.

Note: all staff members will go through the same daily screening.

Masks: our teachers will be wearing theirs and we ask that all children wear masks or cloth face coverings to protect themselves and others. When we are predictably distanced, children will be invited to remove them.

Pool Noodles: These will be used to help with safe distancing when walking to and from teaching sites.

The Learning Center: Will be open to our staff members and students, not the general public.

Locations: Our programs will be conducted out on the property and under well-spaced pop-up tents. Children will be spaced at either end of our 6' tables when doing crafts. In the event of torrential rain or thunderstorms we will offer an alternate program and carefully space the children between our indoor Gathering Place and Classroom (two rooms in our Learning Center).

Signage: will be in place to remind all of us about the new rules

Bathrooms: We have four bathrooms for students, so a maximum of two people will be using an individual bathroom during any given program.

Enhanced Cleaning: Our tables, program equipment and any high-touch surfaces (door handles) will be sanitized at the beginning and conclusion of each class. Bathrooms will be wiped down with disinfectant between each use.

Hand Washing: Children will be asked to wash their hands several times during the two-hour program. Separate washing buckets will be provided for each child.

Tools & Supplies: We have an ample supply of items like pond strainers, magnifying glasses, and craft supplies so they will not have to be shared. Items will be washed down with disinfectant between classes. When it comes to crafts, each child will be given their own supplies.

Parking: During drop off and pick up social distancing must be observed. Please park in designated parking spots.

Before your child leaves home:

- Make sure your child has a well-fitted mask or cloth face covering
- Wear clothes and shoes that are exploration-friendly! No open-toed sandals, please. If you are signing up for Wetlands programs, then please wear shoes that can get wet. Hats are great!
- Put on sunscreen (and if you choose, bug spray)
- Pack a water bottle

Protocol if students or staff members have Covid-19 symptoms

- If a student or a staff member tests positive for COVID-19, or has come into prolonged contact with someone who has, we will maintain patient confidentiality but will notify all families and local health officials as soon as possible.
- Anyone who is determined to have had close contact with the affected person will be excluded from future programs for 14 days (credit given)
- Should public health guidelines change our plans, we will alert families and refund registration fees if requested.
- Our caring and professional staff members are committed to providing your children with exciting outdoor programs, observing safety protocols throughout their time on the property!

Paragraph of Understanding & Release

_____ To the best of my knowledge, my child has not been in contact with anyone who has Covid-19

_____ To the best of my knowledge, my child has not been displaying any symptoms of Covid-19

_____ I have read the safety precautions that are being put in place by New Pond Farm Education Center ('The Center') for the 2020 summer season, but understand there are no guarantees that my child will not be exposed to Covid-19 there or elsewhere.

_____ By signing this Paragraph of Understanding and Release, I, the legal parent/guardian, grant permission for myself/my children to participate in summer programs at New Pond Farm Education Center. I agree to release and hold harmless The Center and its directors, officers, employees, and other children at The Center from any and all injuries or claims which may result from my/my children's participation at The Center, including but not limited to exposure to Covid-19.

Date: _____ Name: _____ Signature: _____