



New Pond Farm Education Center



WINTER ACTIVITIES FORM

Greetings from New Pond Farm Education Center!

We have had terrific feedback about our Fall Programs, and we are looking forward to sharing more outdoor programming with you throughout the Winter & Spring. Our safety protocols and procedures will still be in place. 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. *On the day of your program, we will ask you, as the parent/guardian, to sign the Release Form at the bottom of this page.*

Safety precautions that will be in place

Group Size: Six students and an educator in our children's programs or eight people and an educator in our family or friend group programs.

Masks: We ask that all participants wear masks to protect themselves and others. Our educators will be wearing theirs as well.

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

Locations: Our programs will be conducted outside on the property, so please have participants dress accordingly. In the event of a sudden change in weather conditions, participants will move into the Learning Center where we will be spread-out to maintain social distancing.

Restrooms: These will be cleaned between each use.

Handwashing: Handwashing stations or hand sanitizer will be provided, when needed.

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.

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 programs. When it comes to crafts, each child will be given their own supplies.

Before leaving home:

- Make sure all participants have a well-fitted mask or cloth face covering.
- Wear clothes and boots that are exploration-friendly and appropriate for the day's weather conditions!
- Please take temperatures of your participants to ensure that everyone is under 100°.

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 has 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 exciting outdoor programs, observing safety protocols throughout their time on the property!

This RELEASE FORM must be signed by each family on the day of your program — we will have blank copies available if necessary

____ To the best of my knowledge, none of my family members have been in contact with anyone who has Covid-19

____ To the best of my knowledge, none of my family members have 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 2021 season, but understand there are no guarantees that participants will not be exposed to Covid-19 there or elsewhere.

____ By signing this Release Form, I, the legal parent/guardian, grant permission for myself/my children to participate in the 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: _____ Parent/Guardian: _____ Signature: _____