



## New Pond Farm Education Center

### WINTER & SPRING PROTOCOLS

#### Greetings from New Pond Farm Education Center!

We have had terrific feedback about our programs, and we are looking forward to sharing more outdoor programming with you throughout the Winter and Spring seasons. Our safety protocols and procedures are still in place, with a few minor changes. 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.

#### Safety Precautions that will be in place

**Group Size:** For the safety of our students and staff members, program sizes are limited.

**Masks:** We ask that all participants wear masks inside the building or when physical distancing is not possible - our educators will be wearing theirs as well.

**The Learning Center:** While primarily open to our staff and program participants, we are allowing the use of restrooms.

**Locations:** Our programs will be conducted outside on the property (rain or shine), 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.

**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 program.

#### Before leaving home:

- Make sure all participants have a well-fitted mask.
- Wear clothes, including shoes, that are exploration-friendly and appropriate for the day's weather conditions!
- Bring a refillable 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 has had close contact with the affected person will be excluded from future programs for 5 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!

#### By registering for any New Pond Farm Education Program, you agree to the following:

- To the best of your knowledge, no family members have been in contact with anyone who has Covid-19
- To the best of your knowledge, no family members have been displaying any symptoms of Covid-19
- You have read the safety precautions that are being put in place by New Pond Farm Education Center ("The Center") for the 2022 season, but understand there are no guarantees that participants will not be exposed to Covid-19 there or elsewhere.
- I, the legal parent/guardian, grant permission for myself/my children to participate in the programs at "The Center".
- 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.