

Celebrate Your Birthday at New Pond Farm Education Center

Our staff is proud to offer fun and educational birthday parties where guests can visit with the animals, explore the property, learn a new skill, or make a keepsake. **Parties are available for children turning three and up who are Family Members of New Pond Farm.**

We are located on 102 beautiful acres with rolling pastures, deciduous woodlands, stream and pond. The property includes 19th Century barns, a maple syruping shed, and an authentically recreated Native American Encampment complete with longhouse and wigwam. New Pond Farm is home to a variety of livestock including a herd of dairy cows, sheep, and a flock of chickens; as well as native and exotic reptiles and amphibians.

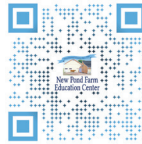
Our birthday parties are a great way to explore the property and to make discoveries along the way! They are thoughtfully designed in ways to keep party goers of all ages happily engaged!

Parties include:

- 60 minutes of staff-led programming. Choose from one of the many options outlined in this brochure.
- 30 minutes of family-led food and fun at the picnic area, up on the porch or in our classroom
- A New Pond Farm Education Center t-shirt for the birthday child.

Additional Details:

- \$125 for up to eight children and \$12 for each additional child
- 20-child maximum (including birthday child and siblings) unless otherwise noted



Prefer a party focused on science experiments, orienteering, handicrafts, or something else you don't see here? Let us know and we'll do our best to design a party just for you.

To learn more about any of our birthday party programs, inquire about a topic you don't see offered or check availability, please call our office at 203-938-2117 or email gwen@newpondfarm.org.



About New Pond Farm Education Center

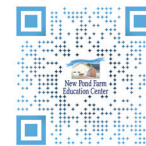
For over 35 years we have provided our members with ways to explore their passions for the natural world.

Following the vision of our Founder, actress Carmen Mathews, our talented staff members provide a myriad of opportunities for our members, donors, volunteers, and friends. Carmen's interest in the environment, agriculture, science, local history, and the arts paved the way for hands-on educational experiences that take place on our glorious 102-acre property.

We offer our popular birthday parties to our New Pond Farm Family Members. If you are not a member, please consider joining!

Sustaining Membership*:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10/month | <input type="checkbox"/> \$25/month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15/month | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50/month |
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Annual Membership:

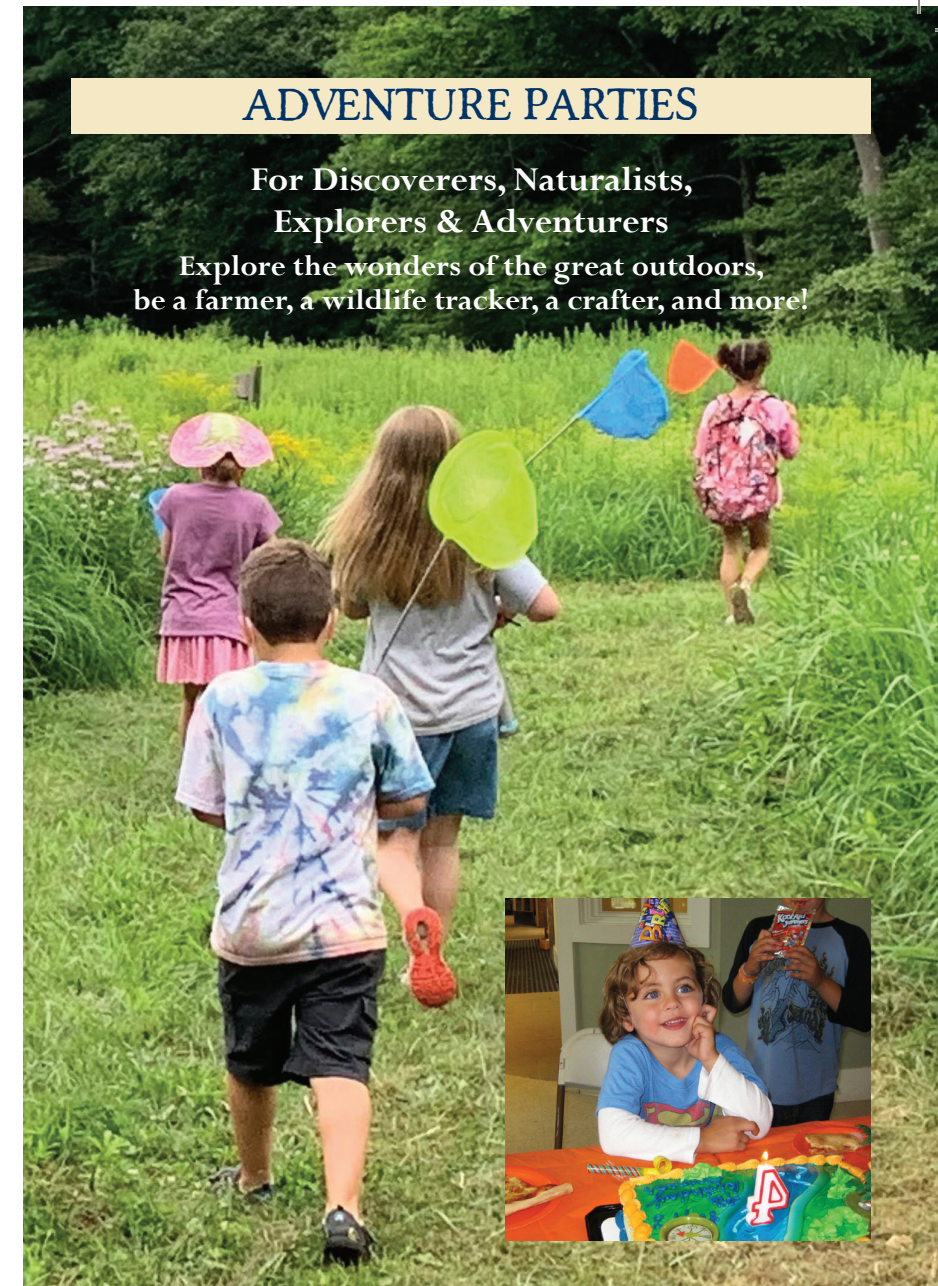
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporter \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> Provider \$2,500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributor \$300 | <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian \$5,000 |
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**Charged to your credit or debit card each month*

Contributions may also be made online at www.newpondfarm.org

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Employer Matching Gift | <input type="checkbox"/> Legacy Membership |
| Please call Ann Taylor 203-938-2117 | |

To learn more about membership, or to join, please visit newpondfarm.org or give us a call at 203-938-2117



ADVENTURE PARTIES

For Discoverers, Naturalists,
Explorers & Adventurers

Explore the wonders of the great outdoors,
be a farmer, a wildlife tracker, a crafter, and more!



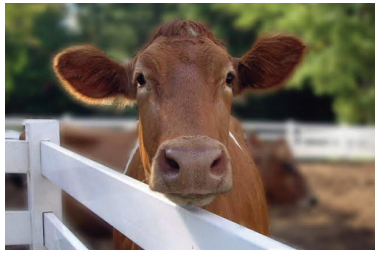
On every acre,
in all we do, we
plant seeds for a
lifetime of active
engagement with
the natural world.

DISCOVERERS TURNING 3

FUN ON THE FARM

Adapted for the youngest of visitors, a farm birthday brings the barnyard to life in a way that is fun and engaging for all. Games, stories, and visits with the animals will all be a part of this unique party.

Limit: 8 participants



EASTERN WOODLAND INDIANS

Travel the woodland path to our authentically recreated encampment, complete with thatched longhouse and barked wigwam. Sit by the fire on deerskin-covered logs and explore ways our local tribes lived off the land.

Guests will have the chance to try fur scraping, corn grinding, and play traditional games.



FRESHWATER HABITATS

Discover the wide variety of animals that live in and around the waters of New Pond Farm. At both the stream and pond, guests will search for live creatures while learning about the important role they play in these habitats.

Available May-September



REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS

Get up close and personal with our fascinating collection of living creatures. Guests will meet gentle lizards, cricket-munching geckos, tortoises with great personalities, and even our friendly snake Amelie, a beautiful and clever Hognose! This is a fantastic program for all budding naturalists!



NATURALISTS TURNING 4 & OLDER

FARMER FOR A DAY

Our most popular birthday program is the quintessential New Pond Farm experience. Guests will tour the property and learn about life in the coop, hunt for sheep in the pastures, touch a cow and see where milk comes from, and perhaps discover other barnyard residents along the way.



MAPLE SYRUPING

Your child and guests will participate in each step required to transform Sugar Maple sap into sweet maple syrup. They will learn the Native American ways of sugaring, ID and tap a maple tree, visit the sugar shed to watch the evaporator at work, and taste a few maple products.

Available mid-February through mid-March



EXPLORERS TURNING 6 & OLDER

(All Naturalist programs can also be customized for this age group)

WILDLIFE TRACKING

Our 102-acre property is a wildlife sanctuary. Depending on the season, our young explorers may track animals in the snow, or take a wildlife walk, searching for signs that our wild neighbors have left behind. We will search for tracks, scats, pellets and sheds – all clues as to who makes the New Pond property home.



SEASONAL FARM & NATURE CRAFTS

Together we will create beautiful farm-inspired crafts to take home. Craft options will vary by season and age of participants but may include sunprints, rock painting, candle making, nature sculptures, and yarn sheep.

Limit: 10 participants.

Materials fee: \$20

TREASURE HUNT

What's more fun than an old fashioned treasure hunt! Following clues, guests will travel across the property in search of birthday treasure. Expect a few tasty surprises along the way. The Birthday Host may provide prizes for the end of the hunt or the goal can be reaching the birthday cake.

Limit: 12 participants



ADVENTURERS TURNING 10 & OLDER

(All Naturalist and Explorers programs can also be customized for this age group)



NIGHT HIKE

Enjoy a magical evening along the trails engaged in games and activities focused on the senses. Guests will learn the calls of nighttime animals, detect food with their noses, and try to recognize colors in the dark. If clear, we will look skyward, and share stories of some of the visible constellations.

Limit: 12 participants

OUTDOOR SKILLS

Calling all outdoor-lovers! Come learn and practice basic outdoor skills including knot-tying and fire-building. Cooperative games and prizes will add to the fun.

Limit: 10 participants

