

Environmental Education Since 1985



New Pond Farm Education Center

WINTER-SUMMER 2024

Dear Members and Friends,

We are delighted to share our very first Three-Season Calendar with you! Our creative staff members and special guests have outdone themselves, putting together an amazing array of winter and spring programs for learners of all ages.

Summertime on the farm is also going to be filled with adventures for new age groups! Please take a look at the many new opportunities for Summer Sprouts, Nature Trekkers, and Wayfinders.

We hope that our special events will catch your eye. Our annual Play Reading will feature the beloved classic "All About Eve." This fundraiser will be made possible by some of our favorite professional actors. Also, you don't want to miss our Garden Tour. We are so excited about this event, which we will be co-sponsoring with our friends at the Redding Garden Club. Eight extraordinary Redding gardens are guaranteed to inspire you, and there will be delicious box lunches available at New Pond Farm.

As always, we look forward to seeing you soon and to sharing the many wonders of the natural world. Thank you so much for your generous support! You help to make all of this possible.

With warmest regards,

Ann Taylor,
Executive Director

SPECIAL EVENTS



Old Fashioned Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 23

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

(Rain Date: March 30)

Bundle up for one of the most egg-citing events on the farm! Children from toddlers to teens will "hunt" our beautiful pastures and gardens for hand-dyed eggs. Different areas for each age group and great prizes for all! Please bring a basket and dress for an early spring (aka muddy) farm.

Members only! Space is limited. \$15 per child

"ALL ABOUT EVE" A Play Reading

Saturday, April 6

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

*"Fasten your seatbelts,
it's going to be a bumpy night."*



Join Actor/Director, Nancy Ponturo, and her talented cast for an exciting adaptation of Mary Orrs' 1946 classic, "The Wisdom of Eve," which inspired Joseph Mankiewicz's award-winning film.

All actors are back by popular demand and generously donating their time for this joyful fundraiser. Please join us for the play reading, libations, homemade desserts, and lively conversations with the actors!

\$60 per member, \$70 per non-member. Seating is limited so please make your reservations soon!



Bio Blitz

Saturday, April 27

Join an enthusiastic group of scientists and staff as we work to inventory the biological diversity of our pond, marsh, and stream. Help us better understand the local flora and fauna that are found in each habitat and in the process gain skills and knowledge that will lead to a deeper connection with the natural world.

More details coming soon! Check our website, www.newpondfarm.org

For the Love of Gardening

Saturday, June 15

Every three years, we partner with the Redding Garden Club to bring you a self-guided tour of several private gardens here in Redding. This year will include a joyful tour of eight exceptional gardens that you won't want to miss!

More details coming soon!



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

ADULT PROGRAMS



Trash Talk

Thursday, January 25, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Confused about what goes in the trash can versus the recycling bin? Wondering what you can do with your family's food waste? Come get these answers and more while learning the ins and outs of solid waste management in Connecticut. With a representative from the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority (HRRRA) here to share their knowledge and answer your questions, you will leave with the knowledge on how to reduce waste, save money, and help the planet.

Free. Registration required

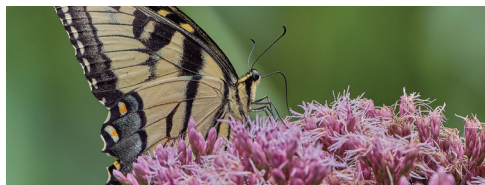


Fireside Yoga

**Tuesdays, February 6, 13, 27
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

Join our community for a Fireside Yoga Series at New Pond Farm this February. Gather indoors by the crackling fireplace as you immerse yourself in meditation, energetic vinyasa flows, and soothing, restorative breathwork. In the depth of winter, connect your inner light to the raw warmth of the fire and invite it to revitalize your spirit. No prior experience necessary. Please bring a mat, blanket/towel, and reusable water bottle.

Each class is \$20 per member, \$25 per non-member



Rewilding Your Yard

Tuesday, February 13, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Interested in rewilding your yard? Unsure about what is involved or where to start? Join local naturalists Cathy Smith and Joe Bear as they walk you through the steps to creating a healthy, nature-friendly area on your property. Light refreshments will be served.

Free for members, \$10 per non-member



Pruning 101

Saturday, February 17, 9 AM - 12 PM

Bring your pruners and loppers and learn from the pros the why, when, and how to properly prune your trees and shrubs. Join Master Gardener Claire Matzke and licensed arborist Lenny Macari as they lead you through an informational session in the Learning Center followed by hands-on instruction outdoors.

\$20 per member, \$25 per non-member



Knitting by the Fire: Cable Knit Cowl

**Sundays, February 18, and March 3
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

Join us by the fire for this two-session course where you will create a beautiful cable knit cowl while learning a few different knitting techniques. This course is designed for those who have some knitting skills, but beginners are welcome too! During this course, we will review the basics and learn how to do cabling to create a beautiful cowl from start to finish. Please note some work outside of class may be required. All supplies will be provided.

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



Backyard Syruping Workshop

**Saturday, February 24
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

Have you ever wanted to make your own maple syrup? Let us teach you each step of this sweet process and review the materials needed for backyard production. Please dress for the outdoors.

\$15 per member, \$20 per non-member



Paint and Sip

Thursday, March 7, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Enjoy a fun night out as our artist instructor leads you on a step-by-step journey to create a wonderful masterpiece inspired by New Pond Farm's beautiful landscape. All experience levels are welcome. We will provide an 11x14 canvas, all painting supplies, and light refreshments.

\$30 per member, \$40 per non-member

**Have an idea for a program?
Let us know! Please contact
our Program Director at
emily@newpondfarm.org**

ADULT PROGRAMS



Woodcock Walk

Saturday, March 9, 5:45 PM - 6:45 PM

Saturday, March 16, 6:45 PM - 7:45 PM

"Peent, peent", the nasally call of the American Woodcock is hard to mistake. Join NPF Board Member Bruce Ward as we look and listen for this sometimes difficult to spot little shorebird. With a preference for young forests and shrubby fields, males will be out calling and performing aerial displays in an effort to attract a mate for the spring breeding season.

Free for members, \$10 per non-member



Needlework Drop-In

**Sundays, March 24, April 21, May 5, June 9
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

Join us for a relaxing afternoon of knitting, crocheting, embroidery, and other needlework. We will gather around the fireplace and share stories, ideas, and advice as we each work on our own projects. Open to all experience levels. Come be inspired, meet new friends, and learn something new.

No registration required For more information, contact Stacey Valimont at stacey@newpondfarm.org



Spring Migration: Birding with Joe Bear

Tuesday, April 23, 7:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Wednesday, May 15, 7:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Catch the spring migration by joining expert birder and environmentalist Joe Bear on a leisurely 2-hour walk through our diverse habitats. We will search in open fields, woodlands, and wetlands - seeking those on their way back to their summer breeding grounds.

Free. Registration is required



Wildflower Ramble and Brown Bag Lunch

Wednesday, April 24, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Each year in memory of one of our founding board members, Helen Hermes, we take a leisurely stroll down our streamside trail to discover some of her favorite spring ephemerals. Trout Lily, Rue Anemone, Dutchman's Breeches, Trillium, and Spring Beauties will all be here to greet you! Bring a brown bag lunch and share happy conversations on our balcony as you enjoy the weeping cherry blossoms and views into our early spring pastures.

FREE thanks to the Schroeder Education Fund

**Coming in May:
Cooking Series and Outdoor Yoga!
Check the website for updates.**



Birding and Breakfast with Miley Bull

Tuesday, May 7, 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Miley Bull is a one-of-a-kind treasure, a well-known ornithologist, a world traveler, a raconteur, and CT Audubon Society's Senior Director of Science and Conservation. Please join Miley for a fascinating morning in search of spring warblers, bluebirds, swallows, and other feathered residents. Breakfast treats await when you return to the Learning Center.

\$15 per member, \$20 per non-member



Honey Tasting

Saturday, May 4, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Join NPF Apiary manager, Ann Murray, for a tasty exploration of one of the most popular products of the beehive - honey! Our honey bees forage on many different types of flowers throughout the spring, summer, and fall. As the floral sources change, so does the flavor of their treasured honey. We will discuss the differing nectar sources of hives around the world as we taste our way through the program!

\$15 per member, \$20 per non-member

ADULT PROGRAMS

Tree ID

Saturday, June 1, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
(Rain Date: Sunday, June 2)

Connect with the local landscape by learning to identify trees using their silhouette, branching patterns, leaf shapes, bark, and more. Join arborist Robert Finch for a fun and informative hike around the property and learn how to recognize common species.

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



Embroidery for All Levels

Saturday, June 1, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Come learn a variety of common embroidery stitches while creating either a sampler style or small flower pot design. Finished work will be displayed in a small hoop.

\$20 per member, \$25 per non-member



Pollinator Garden Tour and Tea

Monday, June 10, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Take a break from your busy schedule and spend an afternoon visiting our farmhouse gardens. Enjoy our Fred Schroeder Pollinator Garden, which will be brimming with native plantings, bees, and butterflies. Tour our Shakespeare and Herb Gardens, and share iced tea, lemonade, and homemade treats in our shade garden.

Members Only! Free. Registration required.

FAMILY PROGRAMS



From Prep to Plate: Dairy Delights

Saturdays, 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

January 27 - Yogurt

February 10 - Butter

February 24 - Cheese

Challenge your family's creativity in the kitchen with these fun, hands-on workshops! Join Registered Dietician Jessica Pelletier and learn the many benefits of dairy products while preparing, experimenting with, and tasting delicious yogurts, butters, and cheese made with milk from New Pond Farm's dairy herd.

*Each program is \$30 per member family,
\$35 per non-member family*



Farm Chores

Weekends: February 17, March 17,

April 13, May 5, 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Dress for the outdoors and join farmers Mike or Rachel as they complete daily farm chores. Get a first-hand look at everything it takes to keep our chickens, sheep, and cows happy and healthy.

Members Only! \$15 per family



Astronomy: Viewing the Night Sky

**February 17, March 16, April 13,
May 17, June 15** *Please check website for times*

Join our knowledgeable team of volunteer astronomers out on Astronomy Hill for views of constellations, star clusters, planets, and more! Gaze through telescopes, hear stories about the stars, watch a short slide presentation, ask deep questions, and connect with other night sky enthusiasts.

This is an outdoor program, please dress for the weather and be prepared for a short walk from the parking lot out to the Observatory.

\$10 per member, \$12 per non-member



Full Moon Hike

Friday, February 23, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Bundle up and join us for an outdoor hike illuminated by the glow of the Snow Moon. Together we will experience the magic of the woods at night - listening for owls, coyotes, and other nocturnal animals, sharing stories about the night sky, and appreciating the unique beauty of New Pond Farm at night.

**This program is designed for adults and families with school aged children*

\$10 per member, \$12 per non-member

FAMILY PROGRAMS



Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, March 2

Seating Times: 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00 AM

Celebrate a delicious New England Tradition! Start the morning with a homemade breakfast of bacon and pancakes topped with fresh berries and our very own maple syrup. Then bundle up and head down to our Sugar Shed to watch the farmers as they boil down the next batch of sap from our sugar maple trees.

Members Only! \$10 per person, children 3 and under are free (\$30 max. per)



Stargazing

Friday, March 8, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Come out to Astronomy Hill for a low-tech night of stargazing. With chairs, blankets, and mugs of hot cocoa, we will turn our gaze skyward in search of late winter constellations. Part science, part folklore - this relaxed evening will include the sharing of myths and legends behind common constellations.

**This program is designed for adults and families with school aged children*

\$10 per member, \$12 per non-member



Gardening Basics: Drop-In Programs

Saturday, March 16 - Planting Cold

Weather Crops

Sunday, May 19 - Spring Planting

Saturday, June 8 - Garden Tasks: Feeding, Staking, Thinning and more

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Stop by our vegetable garden to learn some of the many ways you can grow food for you and your family. Come just to observe and ask questions, or get your hands dirty and help out.

Free



Egg Decorating Using Natural Dyes

Sunday, March 17, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Join NPF Educator Kristina Scaviola as she leads your family through the steps to create uniquely dyed eggs utilizing natural materials. While the dye sets, go on a farm tour featuring our own friendly flock of chickens. Kristina will share the origin of this style of egg dying through the lens of her Latvian culture as well as share some Latvian language and lore. For all ages.

\$15 per member family, \$20 per non-member family



Spring Equinox Campfire

Wednesday, March 20, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Join us around the campfire as we celebrate the Spring Equinox with treats and stories. We will consider what the change of seasons means for the natural world and share what it means to us.

Members Only! Free. Registration required.



It's a Solar Eclipse!

Monday, April 8, 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

A solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes between the Sun and the Earth. On April 8, a total solar eclipse will cross North America and Connecticut will see 95% coverage. Come to New Pond Farm and experience this magical event alongside our team of astronomers. Safety is critical when viewing an eclipse. We will have specialized filters on our telescopes as well as safety glasses to share.

Free. Registration required. Space is limited.

FAMILY PROGRAMS



Peeper Patrol

Friday, April 26 OR Saturday, April 27
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Put on your rubber boots and grab your flashlight, we are going out to look for amphibians! This annual event is great fun for the whole family. We will search the edges of the marsh and surrounding wetlands for spring peepers, green frogs, pickerel frogs, and more!

Members Only! \$15 per family



Hiking 101

Saturday, May 11, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Have you always wanted to take your family for a hike in the woods but were worried about someone getting lost, hurt, hungry, or bored? Join NPF Educator Kristina Scaviola for a fun and easy family hike where she will cover the basics of following trail signs and hiker safety, while sharing helpful tips for snacks and activities to keep everyone energized and engaged.

\$10 per member family, \$20 per non-member family



Family Campout

Saturday, May 18, 6:00 PM -
Sunday, May 19, 11:00 AM

Join us for a fun-filled evening that includes a night hike, treats around the campfire, night sky viewing, and a celebration of our nocturnal neighbors! Wake up with the sunrise, then join our farmers for morning chores, followed by a light breakfast.

Members Only! \$80 per family, space is limited



World Turtle Day Celebration: Animal Meet and Greet

Thursday, May 23 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM OR
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Join us in a celebration of the world's turtles. Come meet our resident turtles and tortoises and learn what makes each special.

Free. Registration required

Visit A Hive

Take a personal tour of a honeybee hive! Put on bee suits and join our resident beekeeper, Ann Murray, as she inspects one of our working hives! Ann is an inspirational educator and longtime champion of honeybees. In this one-hour program you are guaranteed to be fascinated by these hardworking pollinators! This program is available for a parent and up to three family members. Timing will be arranged.

Members Only! \$50 per member family. If you are interested in participating in this program, please email us at info@newpondfarm.org

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

All programs are for students in grades 5 - 12 unless otherwise noted



Succulents: Wreath Workshop

Sunday, February 4, 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Just in time for Valentine's Day. Use your creativity to design your own heart-shaped wreath using succulents and other natural materials. Plant stylist Elissa Capetanakis, from Imaginariums by Elissa, will lead you through the steps to create a beautiful, healthy, and unique arrangement.

This program is also open to adults

\$25 per member, \$30 per non-member

This program is underwritten by the Schroeder Education Fund



In the Kitchen: Seasonal Baking

Sunday, February 11

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM: Valentine Treats

Saturday, March 9

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM:

Granola Yogurt Parfaits

Sunday, April 7

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Earth Day Cookies

Come practice your cooking skills while making, tasting, and taking home delicious seasonal treats.

Each program is \$25 per member, \$30 per non-member

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



Jr Staff: Animal Caretaker

**Weekends: February 18, March 16
April 14, May 4, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

Love animals? Come learn the ins and outs of animal care. Focused on our resident reptiles and amphibians, this hands-on program will have Jr Staff helping with feedings, cleanings, health checks, enrichment, and more.

Each program is Free for members, \$10 per non-member



Outdoor Adventurers, Grades 5 - 8

WITH BUS SERVICE FROM JRMS!

Wednesdays, 6 weeks, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Winter Session: February 28 - April 3

Spring Session: April 24 - May 29

Enjoy everything New Pond Farm's 102-acres have to offer. Afternoons will be spent exploring the outdoors and will include hikes, shelter building, games, animal encounters, campfires and more.

Each Session is \$90 per member, \$120 per non-member



Knitting Series: Make a Fringe Scarf!

**Sundays, March 3, 10, 17
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

This 3-part series is perfect for beginners who want to learn the basics of knitting. Over the course of three sessions, we will learn how to cast on, knit, purl, and a few other basics. By the end of this course participants will have created a beautiful scarf! Please note some work outside of class may be required. All materials will be provided.

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



Leatherworking

Sunday, June 2, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Are you interested in learning a new skill? This introductory course will guide crafters through the basics of working with leather and its tools. Come create a leather pouch using various hand tools. Through carving and stamping, you will have the opportunity to express your creativity.

\$25 per member, \$30 per non-member



Early Dismissal Programs WITH BUS SERVICE FROM JRMS!

**For students in grades 5-8
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

**February 9 - Nature Art
(indoors only)**

**March 15 - Survival Skills
(indoors and outdoors)**

School's out early, why not spend the afternoon at New Pond Farm? Take the bus and enjoy an afternoon of hands-on, nature related activities.

*\$30 per member child,
\$40 per non-member child*

NEW!! SUMMER CAMP FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS!

**Registration opens Tuesday,
February 13 at 9:30am**

See page 10 for details

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

All programs are for students in grades K-4 unless otherwise noted



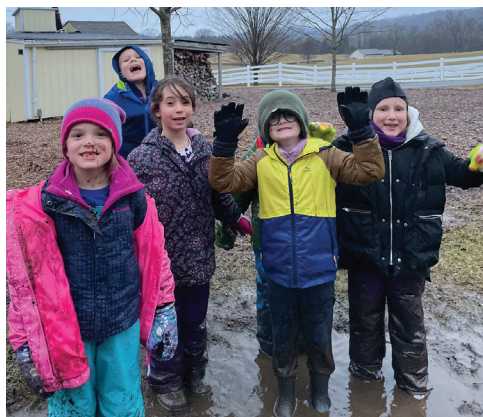
Afternoons at the Farm, Grades 2 - 4

WITH BUS SERVICE FROM RES!

Tuesdays, 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
meets 3 times each month
February 6, 13, 27 March 5, 12, 19
April 2, 9, 23 May 7, 14, 28

Enjoy an afterschool program filled with a variety of fun activities around the farm. This monthly 3-part series will include hikes, animal care, cooking, science, games, and more!

*Register monthly. \$45 per member child,
\$60 per non-member child*



Nature Explorers, Grades K - 2

Thursdays, 3 times per month
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
February 8, 15, 29 March 7, 14, 21
April 4, 11, 25 May 2, 9, 16

Join us for this monthly 3-part series full of outdoor nature adventures. Each week we will explore the property and make exciting discoveries in our woodlands, wetlands, gardens, and meadow. Each month may include hikes, games, animal encounters, campfires, and more. Our focus is on child-led, outdoor play.

*Register monthly. \$45 per member child,
\$60 per non-member child*

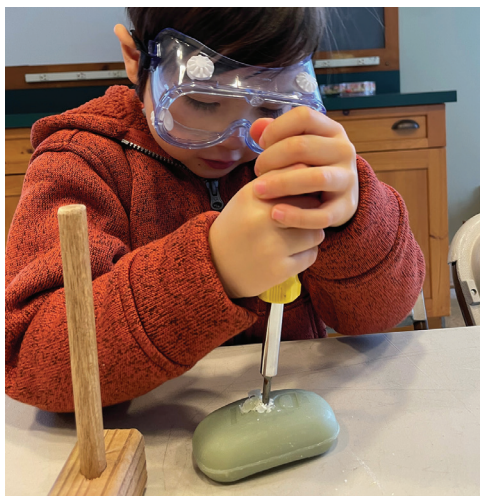


In the Kitchen, Seasonal Baking, Grades 2 - 4

Saturday, February 10
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Valentine Treats
Sunday, March 10
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM: Granola Yogurt Parfaits

Saturday, April 6
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Earth Day Cookies
Come learn basic cooking skills while making, tasting, and taking home delicious seasonal treats.

*Each program is \$25 per member child,
\$30 per non-member child*



STEM

Weekends, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Sunday, February 18 - Candy Science
Saturday, March 16 - Egg Drop
Sunday, April 14 - Sky Science
Saturday, May 4 - Hot Air Balloons

Each month we will explore a different theme as we ask questions and search for answers through observation, investigation, and experimentation.

*Each program is \$15 per member child,
\$20 per non-member child*



Animal Care Club, Grades 2 - 4

Mondays, 6 weeks, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Winter Session: February 26 - April 1
Spring Session: April 22 - June 3
(no class 5/27)

Join the Animal Care Club and learn how to care for the many reptiles and amphibians that live in the Learning Center. Participants will make salads for turtles, clean enclosures for snakes, exercise lizards, wrangle crickets for frogs, and much more!

*Each session is \$90 per member child,
\$120 per non-member child*

Easter Egg Trees

Sunday, March 24, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Create your own beautiful tree as you decorate hand-blown eggs. This is a perfect centerpiece for your spring table.

\$15 per member child, \$20 per non-member child

Mother's Day Craft

Sunday, May 5, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Shhh, it's a surprise! Let us help your child create a unique gift for that special someone this coming Mother's Day.

\$15 per member child, \$20 per non-member child

Father's Day Craft

Sunday, June 9, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Shhh, it's a surprise! Let us help your child create a unique gift for that special someone this coming Father's Day.

\$15 per member child, \$20 per non-member child

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Early Dismissal Programs

WITH BUS SERVICE FROM RES!

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

February 9 - Junior Zookeepers

(indoors only)

March 15 - Junior Scientists *(indoors only)*

April 10 - All About Birds

April 11 - Life in the Pond

April 12 - Nature Art

School's out early, why not spend the afternoon at New Pond Farm? Take the bus and enjoy an afternoon of hands-on, nature related activities.

*Each program is \$30 per member child,
\$40 per non-member child*

February Break Program

February 20 - 23, 4 days,

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

This 4-part program focuses on Animal Adventures. Throughout the week participants will learn about adaptations, tracking, food webs, flight, and more, all while spending time with friends exploring the woodlands, wetlands, and pastures at New Pond Farm.

\$180 per member child,

\$240 per non-member child

April Break Program

April 16 - 19, 4 days, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

This 4-part program focuses on Outdoor Skills and Adventure. Throughout the week participants will learn how to create shelters, read maps, track animals, build and cook over fires, tie knots, and more!

\$180 per member child,

\$240 per non-member child

SUMMER CAMP IS COMING!

Registration opens Tuesday, February 13 at 9:30am, See page 10 for details

TODDLER/PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS



Storytime for Children with Adults, Ages 1 - 5

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

Sundays: February 4, March 24,

April 28, May 5, June 9

Tuesdays: February 6, March 12,

April 2, May 14, June 11

Join us each month for nature stories and related activities as we explore the seasons at New Pond Farm. Activities may include live animal encounters, nature crafts, walks on the property, and more. Each session will include an outdoor component - please dress accordingly.

Each program is \$10 per member child, \$15 per non-member child. Adults and siblings under 1 are free.

Little Chefs, Ages 3 - 5

Wednesdays, 3 times per month

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

February 7, 14, 28 March 6, 13, 20

Winter fun in the kitchen! In this monthly 3-part series Little Chefs will learn to safely prepare and enjoy delicious snacks such as homemade granola, mini pies, muffins and more.

*Register monthly. \$45 per member child,
\$60 per non-member child*



Nature Explorers, Ages 3 - 5

Thursdays, 3 times per month,

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

February 8, 15, 29 March 7, 14, 21

April 4, 11, 25 May 2, 9, 16

Join us for this monthly 3-part series full of outdoor nature adventures. Each week we will explore the property and make exciting discoveries in our woodlands, wetlands, gardens, and meadow. Each month may include hikes, games, animal encounters, campfires, and more. Our focus is on child-led, outdoor play.

Register monthly. \$45 per member child,

\$60 per non-member child

NEW!! SUMMER CAMP FOR PRESCHOOLERS!

**Registration opens Tuesday,
February 13 at 9:30am**

See page 10 for details



Caregiver and Child Series, for children ages 18 - 35 months

Thursdays or Fridays, 6 weeks

10 AM - 11:30 AM

Winter Session: March 1 - April 12

(no class 3/29)

Spring Session: April 25 - May 31

A weekly caregiver and child program for our youngest members. Each week we will gather outdoors and spend 90-minutes connecting with nature and one another, through free play, exploratory walks, live animal encounters, nature crafts, and seasonal stories. This program is held almost entirely outdoors, but we will use our heated Warming Shed and Learning Center when necessary.

*Each session is \$135 per member child/adult pair,
\$165 per non-member child/adult pair*

Little Artists, Ages 3 - 5

Wednesdays, 3 times per month

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

April 3, 10, 24 May 8, 15, 22

Drawing inspiration from the natural world, Little Artists will create beautiful and unique works of art using a variety of materials including wood, clay, paint, fabric, and yarn.

*Register monthly. \$45 per member child,
\$60 per non-member child*

SUMMER CAMP

Registration opens Tuesday, February 13 at 9:30am



NEW!! SUMMER SPROUTS For Kids Ages 4 and 5

TUESDAYS - FRIDAYS, 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

SESSION 1: JULY 9 - 12

SESSION 2: AUGUST 6 - 9

New this year, Summer Sprouts is a program designed especially for children ages 4 and 5, who have not yet been to kindergarten. Designed to meet the developmental needs of preschoolers, Summer Sprouts will spend their days exploring the wonders of nature in a relaxed, supportive environment. Each week campers will embark on magical outdoor adventures that build confidence, spark creativity, and nourish their connection with nature.

This small group of campers will be led by experienced staff who have a passion for sharing their love of the outdoors with young learners.

Summer Sprouts will have lunch at the farm but will not have use of the pool.

\$217 per member, \$267 per non-member

(includes camp shirt; campers bring a bagged lunch)

NATURE TREKKERS For Students Entering Grades 1 - 5

MONDAYS - FRIDAYS, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

JUNE 24 - AUGUST 2 *No camp July 4th and 5th*
SIX WEEKLY SESSIONS

Get ready for another summer filled with fun and adventure at New Pond Farm! Our 102-acre outdoor classroom, with its woodlands, wetlands, meadow, and barnyard, will be ours to explore! Each day will bring new hands-on, outdoor adventures. Favorite camp activities include exploring in the stream, critter hunting at the pond, visiting the cows in the barn, harvesting veggies in the garden, hiking the trails, creating nature art, and so much more! This program includes swims in our pool under the supervision of a certified lifeguard.

\$465 per member, \$515 per non-member

*(\$279 per member, \$329 per non-member
for the week of July 4)*

(includes camp shirt; campers bring a bagged lunch)

NEW!! WAYFINDERS For Students Entering Grades 6, 7, and 8

MONDAYS - FRIDAYS, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

SESSION 1: JULY 15 - 19

OUT IN THE WILDERNESS

SESSION 2: JULY 22 - JULY 26

THE SCIENCE OF NATURE

SESSION 3: JULY 29 - AUGUST 2

ANIMALS AND THE ARTS

New this year, Wayfinders is a program specifically designed for young teens looking to continue to experience the fun and magic of summer camp at New Pond Farm.

Designed to meet the needs and interests of middle school students, Wayfinders will dive deeply into a weekly theme with projects, experiments, and activities that will challenge their minds, provoke their curiosity, and inspire their creativity.

Weekly activities will include timeless camp favorites such as live animal encounters, games, outdoor exploration, art, and swims in the pool, along with exciting, new experiences including an **overnight campout!**

Another unique component of the Wayfinders experience is the opportunity to work with younger campers as **"counselors-in-training"** during a part of each day. This crossover between groups gives the Wayfinders a safe and supportive work-like experience while providing our younger campers with fun and positive role models.

See website for additional details!

\$465 per member, \$515 per non-member

(includes camp shirt; campers bring a bagged lunch)

WE'RE HIRING!

Are you a college student or college graduate who loves children, nature and the outdoors, or know someone who is? Join our Summer Camp Team and spend your days alongside other enthusiastic staff sharing the wonders of the natural world with campers ages 4 - 13.

To learn more, please contact Emily Ciffone at emily@newpondfarm.org



MEMBERSHIP

Membership is one of our most important sources of support, and it allows us to keep the Education Center moving forward in many positive ways. We offer popular programming for people of all ages throughout the year, exciting hands-on field trips for area students, and scholarship opportunities for urban schools. All of our programs are designed to foster a love of the outdoors in the young and old alike.

All of Our Members Receive

- Seasonal Program Calendars and reduced rates on most programs
- Access to special members only experiences like family campouts, pancake breakfasts, farm chores, and our fun and educational birthday parties
- Emails with updates on programs, the property, wildlife, and the barnyard
- Trail maps and access to our 102-acre property for hiking, picnicking, drawing or painting, snowshoeing, and cross country skiing

Your Support Allows Us To

- Bring our mission statement to life: On every acre, in all we do, we plant seeds for a lifetime of active engagement with the natural world
- Encourage new membership and expand our outreach to the community at large
- Share hands-on programs with over 5,000 students each year from area schools in our field trip programs, bringing their in-school lessons to life
- Provide scholarship funds and programs for children in Title 1 Schools and also for those connected with our partnering urban agencies
- Maintain an award winning dairy farm, one of the last in Fairfield County
- Maintain our glorious 102-acre property with its perennial gardens, distinct wildlife habitats, 2.5 miles of trails, and more

Annual Member / Donor

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Contributor \$300 | <input type="checkbox"/> Provider \$2,500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family/Grandparents \$75 | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron \$500 | <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian \$5,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporter \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor \$1,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$_____ |

Sustaining Membership*

- ☐ \$10/mo ☐ \$15/mo ☐ \$20/mo ☐ \$25/mo ☐ \$50/mo ☐ \$100/mo ☐ Other \$_____

**Charged to your credit or debit card each month*

Contributions may be made online at www.newpondfarm.org

- ☐ Employer Matching Gift ☐ Legacy Membership — Please call Ann Taylor 203-938-2117

Your donations to our 501(c)(3) organization are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

FUN FILLED BIRTHDAY PARTIES



Discoverers, Naturalists, Explorers, & Adventurers!

With 102 acres of diverse habitats and unique resources including a 19th century barn, maple syruping shed, authentically recreated Native American encampment, busy barnyard with a variety of livestock, and an animal room full of critters, New Pond Farm is an exciting place to celebrate a birthday. Tailored to the age and interest of the birthday child, New Pond Farm birthday parties are fun, hands-on, educational, and unforgettable, thanks to our experienced and enthusiastic program staff.

To learn more about our many Birthday Party options or to check availability, please contact Gwen Denny at 203-938-2117 or gwen@newpondfarm.org.



Calling all Snowshoers

Thanks to the generosity of our outdoor partner, L.L. Bean, we have adult and children's size snowshoes for our members to borrow while on the property. If you would like to learn more about this or to be on our "Call List" for impromptu guided snowshoeing walks, please email our Program Director Emily Ciffone at emily@newpondfarm.org.



New Pond Farm Education Center

101 Marchant Road
West Redding, CT 06896

WE'RE OPEN TO MEMBERS

As members, our property is open to you from dawn until dusk (winter hours: 10AM - 4PM)

Members are invited to hike the trails, cross-country ski/snowshoe around the pastures, or sled down Astronomy Hill. No skating allowed.

Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
No dogs, please.

NOT A MEMBER YET?

Please come for a visit! We hope our property, our programs, and our wonderful staff will inspire you to join our family of supporters!

Up-to-date membership information may be found on our website: newpondfarm.org



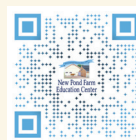
At the Education Center, you can expect a season filled with exploration, discovery, and authentic exposure! Join us in the fresh air and experience close encounters with animals and plants, and increase your knowledge of the natural world!

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Registration & Prepayment required for ALL programs
- To register please visit www.newpondfarm.org or call the office at (203) 938-2117
- One-week cancellation required for refund
- Please park at the Learning Center and dress for the outdoors

DON'T MISS ANYTHING!

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