



# FARM & WILDERNESS

## FAMILY HANDBOOK

for

# Barn Day Camp 2024

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# Family Handbook

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### Camps & Acronyms

Farm & Wilderness = F&W  
Barn Day Camp - BDC  
Firefly Song - FS  
Saltash Mountain = SAM  
Tamarack Farm = TF  
Timberlake = TL

## • IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES •

Mark Your Calendars with these dates for ALL Farm & Wilderness overnight & day camp programs

### June

#### June 1

- Tuition due
- Physical exam form due

### July

#### July 1

Barn Day Camp Session 1 Begins

#### July 3

Overnight Session 1 Begins

#### July 4

Regular Day At All Camps

#### July 5

Barn Day Camp Session 1 Ends

#### July 8

Barn Day Camp Session 2 Begins

#### July 19

Barn Day Camp Session 2 Ends

#### July 22

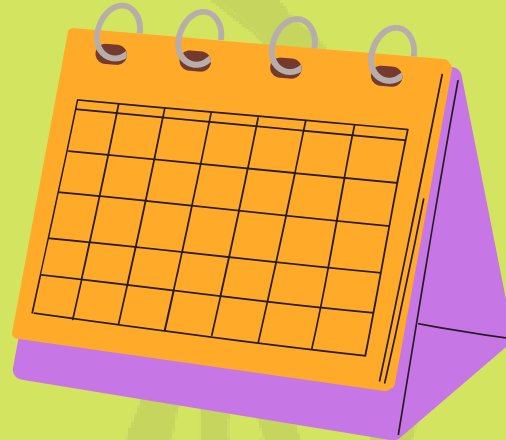
Barn Day Camp Session 3 Begins

#### July 25

Overnight Session 1 Ends

#### July 28

Overnight Session 2 Begins



### August

#### August 2

Barn Day Camp Session 3 Ends

#### August 5

Barn Day Camp Session 4 Begins

#### August 16

Barn Day Camp Session 4 Ends

#### August 17

Fair!

#### August 18

Overnight Full Summer/Session 2 Ends



## CONTACT US

### Who to Contact & When

All calls and emails should be directed to the Main Office year round during our office hours. Staff working in that office are dedicated to answering questions & assisting all camp families needs as well as directing all phone or email communications to ALL camps. We can answer your questions or connect you with right person or camp office who can.

During the summer months only (mid-June through mid-August), you may call or email camp offices and health centers directly during your child's camp session. The main focus of our Camp Directors and camp staff is the care and safety of all campers. Camp staff strive to return calls and emails within 48 hours, unless it is an emergency situation.

### EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS ONLY

If you have a family emergency during your child's camp session, please call the Main Office during office hours FIRST. If it's outside of our Main Office hours, call your camp office next and ask to speak to a Camp Director. If you MUST get a hold of someone within 24 hours and cannot reach anyone by phone, you may use our pager system.

### To Page a Camp Director:

Call 1-888-622-3276

You will be asked who you would like to page Leave the **name of the camp director** and a **brief message** and **phone number** where you can be reached.

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### Main Office Hours & Contacts

#### Summer Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30AM-4:30PM

Closed on Saturdays & Sundays

Year-Round

#### General

(802) 422 - 3761

[info@farmandwilderness.org](mailto:info@farmandwilderness.org)

#### Admissions

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Jenny Rist | Admissions Coordinator

[Admissions@farmandwilderness.org](mailto:Admissions@farmandwilderness.org)

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#### All Camp Health & Wellness

Terri Hunt | Health & Wellness Coordinator

[headnurse@farmandwilderness.org](mailto:headnurse@farmandwilderness.org)

When calling 422-3761, follow the voice prompts to tell the auto attendant which person or department you'd like to connect with.



## FARM & WILDERNESS CAMP OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION

### Barn Day Camp (BDC)

**Director** | Emily Mathon  
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### Firefly Song (FS)

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FSseniorlodge@farmandwilderness.org  
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**Health Center Phone** | 802-489-7888

### Saltash Mountain (SAM)

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**Assistant Director Email** |  
SAMassistantdirector@farmandwilderness.org  
**Camp Office Phone** | 802-259-2415 or 802-490-5151  
**Health Center Phone** | 802-490-5711

### Tamarack Farm (TF)

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**Big Lodge Email** |  
TLbiglodge@farmandwilderness.org  
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TLseniorlodge@farmandwilderness.org  
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**Health Center Phone** | 802-422-4481



These offices and health centers are located physically at each camp and they will only be open between June 26th to August 18th.



## HEALTH & WELLNESS AT CAMP

### COVID-19 Safety, Guidelines, Updates

We are diligent about creating a healthy camp environment every summer. This year, in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we may still have additional health & safety procedures in place. Not only are we a summer camp responsible for providing care and programming for hundreds of children over the summer, we are also the home and employer of hundreds of staff members. The health and well-being of our community is incredibly important to us and we take the responsibility of creating a safe environment very seriously. We learned a great deal from our experience last summer and we are working hard to make sure that we implement measures based on that experience and that we understand and follow the most up-to-date guidance for summer camps and implement changes and communicating this to our families and staff as we approach the summer.

Changes can still happen as we approach the summer. We ask that everyone participate in being aware of the Farm & Wilderness specific guidance, which we will communicate to all registered families as well as post on [our website's Health & Safety page](#). This will support a safe and healthy environment for us all.

### Staff & Training

Farm & Wilderness takes many steps to ensure that all campers have a happy and healthy summer. Each summer, all cabin staff and trip leaders are trained in First Aid and CPR. We also have a number of staff who are certified as Wilderness First Responders and Emergency Medical Technicians.

### Camp Health Centers

The Barn Day Camp is visited each day by one of the overnight camp Health Center Nurses and is on call as needed for emergent assessments. If a higher level of medical care is needed, local clinics and a regional hospital are within twenty miles of camp. If your Barn Day Camper needs an offsite medical consult, we will call you and ask you to pick your camper up and transport them to the clinic. We will use the phone number and /or email you have provided in CampDocs. Please let us know if you and your emergency contact are going to be unavailable or at a different location from the one listed for any period of time.

### Medications & Prescriptions

It is Farm & Wilderness policy to collect all prescriptions/vitamins/medications of any kind from campers on the first day of camp (or the morning campers will leave for their overnight) and for the nurse/camp staff to dispense them as prescribed. **All medications must be in their original packaging/bottle with the prescribing directions printed clearly on the label.**

### Camper Health Forms and Information

The Camper Health Form completed as part of registration as well as the Physical Exam Form are both required for a child to attend camp. It is important we have the most accurate health information for your child while they are in our care. More information on the Physical Exam Form can be found on page 8.

**If there are any changes in your child's health before camp begins, please let us know before you arrive to drop them off.**



## HEALTH & WELLNESS AT CAMP

**Illness:** We ask that parents assist us by keeping sick children at home if they have experienced any of the following symptoms within the prior 24 hours:

- A fever over 100 degrees (37.8C) orally
- Signs of a newly developing cold or severe coughing
- Shortness of breath
- Chills, muscle pain or body aches
- Loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or upset stomach
- Unusual loss of appetite, fatigue, irritability, or headache
- Discharge or drainage from eyes, nose, or open sores
- Have been on close contact with someone with confirmed COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- Have consulted with their healthcare provider about current symptoms, COVID-19 testing was recommended and they are awaiting results.
- Have been tested for COVID-19 and return a positive diagnostic result.
- Please call the Barn Day Camp office to let us know if your child will not be coming to camp because of illness.



### Emergencies

If your child is seriously injured or becomes seriously ill at camp, our staff will call 911. Immediately thereafter, you (or your emergency contact) will be notified. For less serious injuries/illnesses, our Wilderness First Aid certified staff will treat the injury/illness up to the level of their training. If a doctor's visit is the next step, you will be asked to pick up your child and transport them to the doctor or clinic of your choice. If your camper develops any signs and symptoms of communicable illness while at camp, we will notify you to come and pick up your camper



## HEALTH FORMS & INFORMATION

### CampDoc Health Profile

#### What Are They & Who Completes Them?

The camper's parents/ legal guardians complete this form as part of registration. This is essential basic medical history, allergy, mental health, food preferences, and insurance information. These forms must be completed upon registration every year. If we do not have your camper's registration forms within 10 days of registering your camper, you will begin to receive automated reminder emails and you may get a call from us asking for you to complete the forms. **Your registration may be cancelled if it remains incomplete** after notifications.

The reason we ask for this information so early in the process is that every camper's profile undergoes a pre-camp screening by our staff. Camper families may hear from our health staff before camp begins to follow up on the information provided. Then, once summer starts, nurses have this information to provide your child with the care they need should they become sick or injured at camp. It also ensures we have information about food allergies for our kitchens.

#### How to Access & Update Them

You **MUST** complete the Health History form through your online account which holds your child's registration. If any changes happen between the time you first completed the form and the start of camp, please request an update to this form. If you need assistance in accessing your account, please contact our admissions department.

The Camper Health Profile, completed during registration, as well as the physician Physical Exam Form are both required for a child to attend camp. It is important we have the most accurate health information for your child while they are in our care. **Please let Admissions and your Camp Director know if there are any changes to your child's health before you arrive to drop them off.**

### Physical Exam Form

#### What Are They & Who Completes Them?

These are essential forms containing information about your child's current health and immunization record completed by your child's primary care physician. **Campers must have had a physical exam within one year of their arrival at camp.**

Most doctor's offices have their own format for these forms and we accept all formats as long as they contain basic health information, the immunizations record, and a physician's signature & contact information. We also provide our own form for you to bring to the doctor's office if you'd like. You can download a copy of this form via the physical exam form in your registration account or request a copy be mailed or emailed to you from Admissions.

You must submit a copy of this form before your arrival to camp.

Please do not email, mail, or fax your child's physical exam form. The form must be uploaded to their CampDoc account. If you have trouble uploading your form online, please contact us by email at [admissions@farmandwilderness.org](mailto:admissions@farmandwilderness.org) or call 802-422-3761 and someone will assist you.

[ONLINE ACCOUNT LOGIN LINK](#)



## Immunizations

In the state of Vermont, summer camps are considered "Child Care" facilities. Therefore, we require all campers are up to date with the Vermont State health guidelines regarding immunizations for Child Care centers. For more information about child immunization requirements in the state of Vermont, visit the [Vermont Immunization Information for School - age Children website](#).

### Immunization Exemptions & Waivers

Please reach out to admissions directly if you require more information about the processes for medical or religious exemptions or amended/alternative/catch-up immunization schedules, all of which are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

### Immunization Records

Please enter your camper's immunization records (including dates each dose was administered) in the immunizations section of your child's CampDoc health profile. Immunization records, once dates have been input into their CampDoc Health Profile, will remain in their profile from year to year to review and confirm, when you may also enter any boosters they have since received.

### COVID-19 Vaccination

Farm & Wilderness strongly recommends, but does not require the COVID-19 vaccination and booster doses for participation.

## Off-Site Medical Care

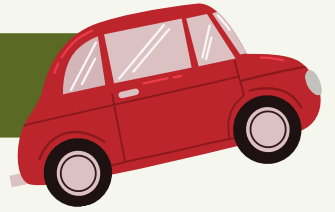
Each camp has a health center, or infirmary, with a licensed nurse on site as well as staff trained in physical and mental health support. Most care for injuries or sickness we can provide on site. However, if needed, we will transport your child to a local clinic for care we cannot provide onsite. We will contact you by phone and/or email if we see the need to do this.

Your insurance will be billed for any off-site medical care provided. Farm & Wilderness will provide invoices for any unpaid medical expenses or prescriptions accrued which you insurance does not cover.

We ask families to upload a legible picture/scan of their camper's insurance card to the insurance section of CampDoc, so we have this information readily available if needed.



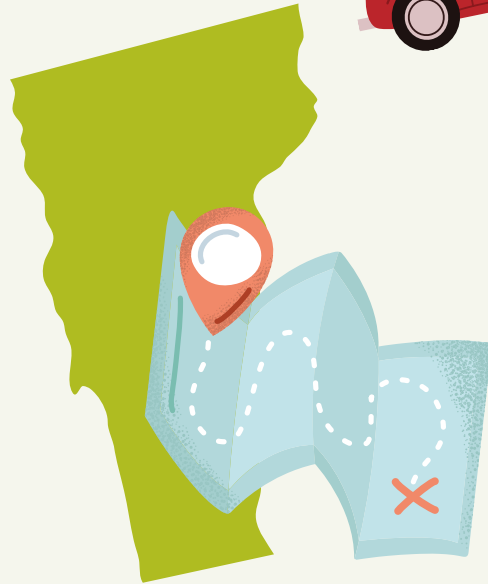
## TRAVEL, ARRIVAL, & PICK-UP



### Traveling To & Within Vermont

There are many wonderful options and local accommodations if you are traveling to stay in the area during the time your child is enrolled at the Barn Day Camp.

Farm & Wilderness is located in Plymouth, Vermont near ski resorts and towns with a selection of hotels and rental houses available. We recommend that you visit bottom of our Travel to camp page to help find the best accommodation for your visit.



### Suggested Area Lodging & Accommodations



### BDC Schedule

The BDC is in session Monday through Friday.

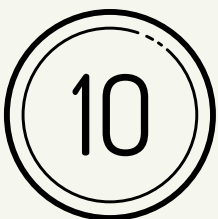
The schedule is as follows:

**Session 1:** July 1 - July 5 (one week)

**Session 2:** July 8 - July 19 (two weeks)

**Session 3:** July 22 - August 2 (two weeks)

**Session 4:** August 5 - August 16 (two weeks)



Thursday, July 4 is a regular, full day of Camp. As always, if you plan to not have your child(ren) attend, let Barn Day Camp staff know.

### Arrival: Drop-Off & Pick-Up

**Our top priority is to keep our camp families safe and welcomed** as they arrive to camp. We are very excited to greet you and your campers when you arrive this summer!

**Arrival/Drop-off:** Campers arrive at the Barn between 8:45 AM and 8:55 AM. Camp begins at 9:00 AM with the ringing of the bell. After you turn in on Farm & Wilderness Rd at the north end of Woodward Reservoir, drive across the dam and look for signs or a person directing you to where you can park your car.

**Departure/Pick-up:** Campers finish their day at 4:15 PM. We ask that you ALWAYS check in with a BDC staff person before picking up your child each day. Please pay close attention to the schedule of the last Friday of the session as it is different than all other camp days.

**Pickup Authorization:** If you plan on someone else picking up your child, either at camp or at the drop-off sites, the camp needs to know this in writing. For obvious safety reasons, no one can pick up your child without this written authorization from you.

**Orientation and Information Sessions:** There will be a family orientation and informational session the first Monday of each session for camper parents/guardians. Each orientation session offers parents/guardians an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about their camper's Barn Day Camp experience. This will take place after drop-off that morning. Learn about all F&W camp programs, meet F&W staff, ask questions of the BDC director.



## TRAVEL, ARRIVAL, & PICK-UP

### Attendance and Closing Day

**Attendance:** If a camper does not show up on the first day of a session, the staff will call you to verify enrollment in the session. We ask parents to notify the staff in advance whenever a child is going to be absent.

**Session 1:** Thursday, July 4 is during Session 2 of the Barn Day Camp, and we will have a regular day of camp, so please plan for your camper to be there, or at the very least, let our staff know ahead of time if they will not be attending camp that day!

Friday, July 5 is also a regular, full day of camp, and there IS bus service to and from camp this Friday.

**Sessions 2, 3, & 4:** On the final Friday of each two-week session, camp will end earlier and we invite families to join us for closing ceremonies and silent meeting (from 10-11am) on these Friday, otherwise they can pick up their child(ren) at 11:30am. Families are responsible for their child's transportation home on these Fridays. **There is no bus service on these Fridays.**

**Prior permission is needed if we are to release a child to someone other than their parent or legal guardian. If you have arranged for someone else to pick up your child, you will need to give admissions and the camp director/camp senior staff advance notice of this arrangement along with the person's name and contact information before the camper will be allowed to leave with this person.**





## Driving Directions

### From the Woodstock area and points East:

Take US Rt.4. West to Rt. 100 South in West Bridgewater. Go south on Rt. 100 for 2 miles to the main entrance of F&W and turn left on Farm & Wilderness Rd. Proceed on the camp road over the dam where there will be a person or sign indicating where to park.

### From Rutland area and points West:

Go East on Route 4 through Rutland and Killington, then take Rt. 100 south in West Bridgewater. Go 2 miles south to the main entrance of F&W and turn left at the sign on Farm & Wilderness Rd. Proceed on the camp road over the dam where there will be a person or a sign indicating where to park.

### From Ludlow area and points South:

Take 100 north. Go north approximately 12 miles to Woodward Reservoir on your right. Turn right at the camp sign on Farm & Wilderness Rd. Proceed on the camp road over the dam where there will be a person or a sign indicating where to park.

## Woodstock Shuttle

We offer shuttle transportation for campers to and from camp from the Woodstock (VT) elementary school. This service is an additional \$100 per week, per camper, (\$200 for the two week sessions (2, 3, 4). To sign up for transportation, please add this option on during registration or please email [admissions@farmandwilderness.org](mailto:admissions@farmandwilderness.org) to add it on later!

The shuttle departs Woodstock at 8:15am and returns at 4:55pm. If you are going to be late to drop off or pick up or not use/miss the shuttle, please call the Barn Day Camp office. **We cannot guarantee holding the shuttle past its departure time for folks who are running late.** If the bus is more than 10-15 minutes late, please call the Barn Day Camp office. If there are any last minute changes to the transportation schedule, you will be notified via phone.

All campers will be expected to arrive and depart on the shuttle for every day of the session, unless prior arrangements are made with the Barn Day Camp Director or Assistant Director. This includes the first day of a session. **If you plan to drive your camper in yourself on the first day, please contact the Barn Day Camp ahead of time to let us know, otherwise we will assume your camper plans to ride the shuttle.**

There is no shuttle service back to Woodstock in the afternoon of the second Thursday of a 2 week session, as that is when campers depart for their overnight. There is also no shuttle to camp on the second Friday morning for campers who do not spend the night, and there is no shuttle back to Woodstock on closing Fridays of a two week session.



## Mission & Values



### Our mission:

Joyful Play. Purposeful Work. Rugged Outdoor Living.

Our camps and conservation efforts teach timeless skills and kindle the spirit within.

### Our Values:

We honor our Quaker roots and are guided by Quaker values and practices:

#### **Simplicity**

We believe in the radical notion of unplugged resourcefulness and restful stillness

We minimize that which separates us from one another and the natural world

Living simply prepares each of us to find ourselves

#### **Peace**

We cultivate peace: first within ourselves, then the world

We are called to speak our truths compassionately

It's not easy, and it's worth the struggle

#### **Integrity**

We strive to embody our beliefs in our actions

We are mindful of our intentions and are each responsible for our impact

Keeping our word and keeping it real

#### **Community**

We gather in joyous service to each other and the land

We honor traditions that guide us and they must not bind us

Inclusivity facilitates belonging

#### **Equity**

We take our place alongside others working towards a more just world

We confront societal forces that divide, degrade, and dehumanize

The work is never done; we lift as we rise

#### **Sustainability**

We are not separate from the land, the water, and the life all around us

We work with humility for the well-being of our planet, now and for future generations

Living in nature sparks curiosity and wonder, and that's what we're here for.

*Many Quaker & Quaker-based organizations have a similar acronym of shared principles, known as the "SPICES", and just like we have done here, take the opportunity to further define what exactly each of the named values means for them.*



## Unplugged

We aim to live a simple life here at Farm & Wilderness. Campers reside in simple wooden or canvas structures without electricity and use composting outhouses. Shower houses are located nearby. We don't allow personal electronic devices, televisions, screens of any kind, or recorded music in cabin areas or program areas at any of our camps. Some of our camps such as Flying Cloud and Red Spruce Grove, don't permit electricity of any kind, such as battery operated lights.

While our camp program areas and spaces where camper live and play are free of screens, our camp offices, medical centers, and Main Office are equipped with the tools to run camp such as electricity, phones, & internet. We also permit our photographers to capture camp memories with the appropriate cameras and equipment.

## The "Fifth Freedom"

America's "four freedoms" were first articulated by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in a State of the Union address as freedom of speech and expression, freedom of religion, freedom from want, and freedom from fear. Here at Farm & Wilderness, we have traditionally recognized an additional "fifth freedom," which, simply put, is the freedom to be oneself.

We encourage campers to find their truest and most genuine potential through simple living and activities filled with physical and mental challenges. We invoke "fifth freedom" to help us focus on healthy personal choices and on expressing our individuality. Campers particularly love the freedom to dress as they wish, without fear of being reprimanded by their peers.



## Building A Welcoming Community

Your child will live closely with children and staff of different backgrounds, cultures, races, and religions. We teach respect for differences and expect campers to interact at all times in ways that are respectful and inclusive. Prejudice, discrimination, and oppression on the basis of class, race, gender, and sexual orientation are discussed in a variety of forums during a camper's time at Farm & Wilderness.

We strongly believe that building a welcoming and inclusive community requires campers and staff to engage in shared discussion, reflection, and experience around equity, diversity, inclusion, & belonging while living, playing, and working together in the wilderness and on the farm. We use our mission and values to support this community growth throughout the summer.

Although the daily schedule at the camps remains similar from year to year, the character of each summer is created by individual campers. Community builds steadily over the course of the session as campers work together, cope with interpersonal conflicts, play together, and sit in silence together each day.



### Topsy Turvy Tuesday

This event occurs on the second Tuesday of Sessions 2, 3, & 4, and does not happen during Session 1.

On this special day, we mix up the schedule and our groups a little bit and have fun and silly activities such as a huge slip-and-slide and we end the morning with an all-BDC dance before lunch. Campers are encouraged to dress in a Topsy Turvy way while staying true to our values of Integrity and Peace; this means wearing clothing or costume items that are non-violent and do not appropriate other people’s cultures. As with every day at the Barn Day Camp, all outfits must also still allow campers to engage fully in activities safely.

We do have an alternative morning activity for campers to opt into if this day is too overwhelming. From lunch onward, the day resumes as a regular day (but maybe with the giant slip and slide option at free time!)

### Life on the Farm

For the majority of campers, living at camp also means living on a working farm. Animals giving birth and animals dying are part of the natural cycle of farm life and these events also occur during the summer. It is important to us that campers understand where their food comes from and the full cycle of how the food we eat at camp starts and ends its journey to our plates. Campers are encouraged to take part in working with animals to the degree that they feel comfortable.

### Adventure Day

This event occurs on Thursday for Session 1, and the first Wednesday of Session 2, 3, & 4.. Each group goes on a day hike/adventure appropriate for their age level. These daylong excursions will highlight some of the beautiful and interesting parts of Farm & Wilderness campus as well as to local places of interest. We will be hiking and camping close to camp and emphasizing adventure in being out and working together rather than where or how far we go. Some of the locations may require a short ride in a vehicle. Essential Items to Pack: Your child will need a daypack to carry their lunch, bathing suit, rain gear, warm clothing layer, and water bottle. Each child is expected to carry their own pack. A plastic bag inside helps to keep things dry if it rains.

All Adventure Day trips leave at 9:20AM and return by 4:00 PM.





## Wilderness Trips (Session 2, 3, & 4 only)

An important part of your child's experience at camp is the overnight camping trip. This will happen on the second Thursday of each session. Hawks/Ravens groups have a different Overnight Trip (See Hawks/Ravens Overnight Trips details). **There will be no overnight trips during Session 1.** Groups hike, cook dinner together, and sleepout overnight. Participation is not required, unless the camper is registered for the Hawks/Ravens program. The camp-out experience will be age-tailored, with the youngest campers staying closest to the Barn Day Camp.

All groups will depart by noon on the second Thursday of sessions 2, 3, & 4:

Session 2: July 18th

Session 3: August 1st

Session 4: August 15th



All Groups will return to camp on Friday morning between 9:00AM –9:30AM before the closing ceremony of camp.

### Optional Pick-Up

While we encourage all campers to attend the overnight trip, for those campers who do not wish to sleep overnight, we urge them to stay at least through dinner. If they are not camping out, they should be picked up between 7:00PM and 8:00 PM at a prearranged location, most likely the Barn, but if their group is travelling farther, we may arrange for you to meet elsewhere. Pick-up must be coordinated with counselors and the Barn Day Camp Director/Assistant Director.

## Hawks/Ravens Overnight Trips

Campers in the Hawks and Ravens program, an option at registration for 9 & 10-year-olds, are required to participate in a mandatory two night overnight trip. Hawks/Ravens overnight begin on the second Wednesday of the session. There is no special registration for the Hawks/Ravens group during Session 1.

All Hawks/Ravens groups will depart by noon on the second Wednesday of the session.

Session 2: July 17th

Session 3: July 31th

Session 4: August 14th



All Hawks/Raven Groups will return to camp on Friday morning between 9:00AM –9:30AM before the closing ceremony of camp.

### All Overnight Trips

By enrolling your child at the Barn and sending them with overnight gear, we assume permission has been given for the overnight unless you tell us otherwise, as we will not be asking for a separate signed permission form. All overnight trip destinations are subject to change due to a variety of factors, such as weather and van availability. Families and children should be prepared for this possibility. Families will be notified if campers will be traveling in vans.

### What to Pack

Use the Barn Day Camp [Packing List on our website](#) as your guide. The goal of the overnight experience is to foster self-sufficiency and independence. Thus, we expect all campers to carry their own clothes, water bottles, and mess kits.



## Firm Rules

### Swimming Policy

All campers are required to take swim tests during their first few days at camp and learn about water safety in and around our lakes. Personal flotation devices (PFDs) and other swim aids are always available. Barn Day Camp provides swim lessons throughout the summer, and campers are grouped according to their swimming skills. Swimmers at the waterfronts are supervised by lifeguards and swim instructors trained and certified under the auspices of a nationally recognized water safety provider. All campers and staff must follow camp waterfront rules throughout the summer.

### COVID –19 protocols

For the safety and health of our camp communities, campers will be asked to follow all COVID-19 related safety procedures throughout the summer. Our wonderful staff will offer continued instruction and communication so that campers understand and can follow our procedures.

### Grounds for Removal

At Farm & Wilderness, alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, and violence have no place. We want our policy to be very clear: Campers who use or have in their possession any alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs will be asked to leave camp immediately with no tuition refund.

Participation in physical violence, bullying, or leaving Farm & Wilderness property unaccompanied by a staff member is also grounds for immediate removal with no tuition refund.



## TUITION DEADLINES & POLICIES

### 2024 Dates & Tuition Rates

Session 1| July 1 - July 5 |\$700  
Session 2| July 8 - July 19 | \$1,400  
Session 3| July 12 - August 2 | \$1,400  
Session 4| Aug 5 - Aug 16 | \$1,400

All camp tuition is DUE on June 1st.

#### Deposits & Tuition Payments

- Before June 1, a \$100 non-refundable deposit is required upon registration.
- After June 1, full tuition is required upon registration.
- Deposits are non-refundable, unless you are a campership applicant.
- Unpaid balances for any and all family members must be reconciled in order for a camper to be registered.
- It is not possible to make any tuition reduction for arriving late or leaving early.
- Payment is in U.S. currency, payable by check, e-check, credit card, or wire transfer.

#### Cancellations & Refunds:

- Registration cancellations made before March 1st are eligible for a tuition refund less the \$100 non-refundable deposit.
- Families are responsible for the full amount of tuition if a cancellation is made after March 1st, except in cases of severe illness or family emergency.
- Campership families are notified within one month of their application due date and then have two weeks from that award notification to accept the award or withdraw their registration and receive a refund of their deposit.
- There will be no refund if a camper is asked to leave during the session for an infraction of a camp rule, for disruptive behavior, or if a camper is voluntarily withdrawn.

### Financial Aid aka Campership

The ability to apply for camperships is open for all of our camps. To learn more and how to apply, please visit our [Financial Aid for Campers page](#) for more information, application deadlines, or contact Admissions directly with any questions.

#### Additional Expenses & Fees

Additional expenses and fees, if incurred, will be reflected on CampDocs account invoice, along with tuition. All camp activities are included in tuition. Extra expenses can include but are not limited to: shipping items left behind, medical care expenses incurred via off site medical visits.



## MAIL, LOST & FOUND, & SHIPPING ITEMS

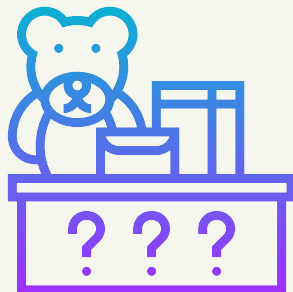
### Mail & Shipping Items Home

Any mail that arrives for your child after they have left camp will be forwarded to you or returned to sender.

Our goal is for campers to return home with all the items they brought with them to camp. When we find items that have been left behind, it is our goal to reunite these items with their owners to lessen the need to buy replacement items. Due to the costs of shipping items, we generally will not mail items back to a family whose value is under ~\$20.

Farm & Wilderness claims no financial responsibility for personal items lost, stolen, or damaged during your child's stay at camp and/or during shipping items.. For this reason, we discourage camper families from sending any items to camp they wouldn't be willing to risk losing. We will ship any found valuable & clearly labeled items home if possible, according to our lost and found process. We will bill you for the shipping costs via your CampDoc account. Any lost and found not labeled or claimed during our post-departure lost & found process will be donated to local charitable organizations in the fall.

**Farm & Wilderness cannot store any belongings for campers between summers.**



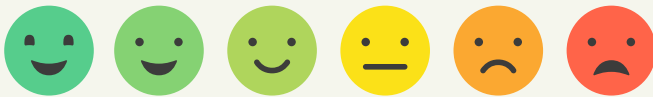
### Our Lost & Found Process:

- Before you pick up your camper at the end of a session, staff work with them to pack up their belongings from their cubbies and changing rooms.
- Camp Staff do a sweep of the Barn Day Camp to locate any items that have been left behind, and then put these items on display for families to peruse and reunite with at the end of the session.
- After campers have been picked up, all unclaimed items are brought to the main office. This may include items counselors recognize as belonging to a camper, but that's not a guarantee!
- After all campers head home for the summer, all remaining items that can not be connected to a camper are brought to the main office, where admissions will sort items by type: shoes, fleece, bedding, etc. and take pictures of each camp's items. Links to these photos are then sent to families to review the pictures of the lost items to identify their child(ren)'s belongings. We will start a shipping bag for each camper/family with lost & found items that are labelled.
- In an effort to reduce the amount of shipments being sent to any one family, we will not ship back items until we are positive all lost & found items have been brought to us, so **families should expect shipments to arrive as late as September, even for campers who attend in July.** As able, we *may* ship items sooner at a family's request.
- When a family replies to claim an item and agree they'd like the item(s) shipped back to them, they also agree to pay the shipping fees, which start at around \$7 and depending on the item(s) size, weight, and shipping destination, can increase to varying amounts. These shipping charges will be added to and can be paid for via your child(ren)'s CampDoc account. We cannot estimate the shipping fee ahead of time.

## AFTER CAMP

### Surveys

Throughout the year, Farm & Wilderness emails surveys to all families. The information we collect from these is an important part of our assessment of the summer. Your assistance is very much appreciated. As with all aspects of our collaboration to care for your child(ren), we all must be transparent about what is and isn't working for us, and Farm & Wilderness does our best to review and revise policies to ensure we can best meet the needs of our campers and their families.



### Staff & Camper Off Season Communication

We advise our staff not to engage with campers via social media or other means of communication without the expressed permission to do so from the campers' parents/guardians and the camp's director. Please contact your camp director if you'd like to stay in touch in this manner.

### Keeping in Touch

[Our alumni page has links to The Interim](#), our newsletter for camper parents and friends of Farm & Wilderness. You'll automatically be on our email list for the electronic version of the Interim. If you would like to receive the paper version, please let us know and we will add you to our address list.

### Medical Bills

Medical bills incurred over the summer will be sent from off-site facilities to your insurance provider. If necessary, Farm & Wilderness will pay for prescriptions up front, and then bill families.



### Photos from Camp

Farm & Wilderness is an unplugged, technology-free environment for campers. When it comes to photos, we prioritize our camper's experience over taking pictures. We understand many families want to see photos of their children at camp, but because of the sizes and locations of our camps and the scope of our programming we are unable to photograph every camper.

With your child's enrollment, you are granting Farm & Wilderness permission to use images, pictures, slides, film, and video of your child taken by Farm & Wilderness for press, promotion, marketing, social media, and advertising of Farm & Wilderness as well as any of our affiliated organizations such as the [American Camp Association](#) and the [Farm & Wilderness Conservation](#)

