



FARM & WILDERNESS

## Firefly Song Trips Building





# The Story of Firefly Song

## Where Spirited Campers Create A Bright Community

Nestled in the foothills of the Green Mountains, on the shores of the Woodward reservoir, Firefly Song provides girls and gender non-binary youth ages 9-14 with the perfect environment for swimming, hiking, farming and so many more wild and wonderful experiences. At the heart of these learning experiences is new-found understanding and appreciation for their strength, competence and creativity.

A fierce, fun-loving atmosphere encompasses our program as campers explore the fullness of their identity, redefine failure, and build on success. Every day there are new activities to challenge our campers as they engage with the natural world and push through physical boundaries. These intrepid youth depart F&W with lasting friendships, a deeper self-awareness, and a new resolve to embrace themselves as they are.



*“My daughter took great pride in developing axe skills and in doing her solo overnight. She had a strong sense of physical and emotional accomplishment that complements the academic and artistic sense of accomplishment she cultivates at school during the year.”*



*“My camper was so proud of a box she built with tools. She forgot to bring it home but was inspired by the work. She’s since built a teeter tooter, a balance beam, and designed a clubhouse for her and her siblings.”*



*“My daughter had a great time on her three day hike. She told me about a time when they got to a giant hill at the end of the day and NO ONE wanted to climb it. They were tired and wanted to lie down then and there but the camp site was at the top of the hill. Of course they crawled their way up!”*

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At Firefly Song, we have three outcomes for campers: interdependence, agency, and identity. This project has the potential to support campers in achieving all three of these outcomes. The interplay that will happen between Work Projects and our Trips Program will model and allow campers to engage in one type of the **interdependence** we so value at F&W. We contribute to the running or creation of something, and in turn, benefit ourselves.

*Be a Part of our Trips Program's Next 50 Years!*

The act of building such a large-scale project will allow many to practice the type of skills acquisition F&W is known for, and FS in particular, for girls and nonbinary youth, thereby developing an important type of **agency**. Finally, the high visibility this project will no doubt have, and the way it will be embedded in two of our core activity areas – Work Projects and Trips – will help campers consider their own relationship with these aspects of our program, further supporting elements of their own **identity** development.





We ask campers what they are proud of, what was meaningful, and what they would tell others about their time at camp



Trips, hiking 7 miles in 4 hours. Also, just kinda being here and doing this.

When I got to the top of Mount Sunapee and saw the awesome view.

One thing I would tell people about is that I got to go on a 4 day long hiking and camping trip and how camp is amazing.

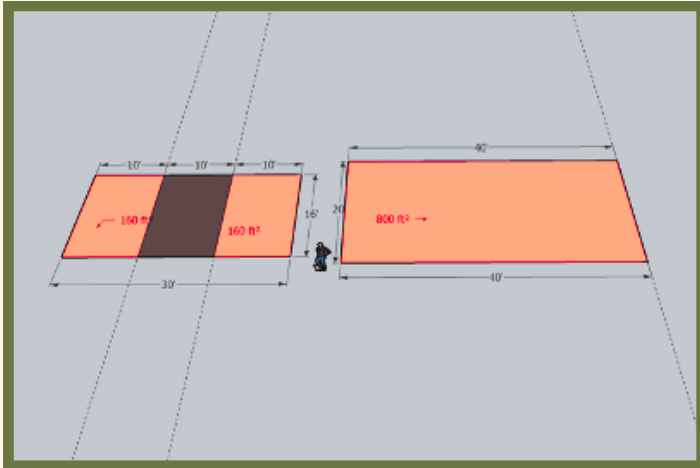
being independent & trusted more than ever on my OLS Trip



Doing trips because it was a team effort to camp make food and get places

I will tell people about my trip and how awesome and wonderful

# The Expansion



## New Construction Layout

Existing Structure:

$$16' \times 30' = \underline{480 \text{ SF}}$$

Proposed Structure:

$$20' \times 40' = \underline{800 \text{ SF}}$$



## Same Camaraderie, Improved Functionality

- Expanded single story floor-plan for ease of construction and use
- Parking/turnaround capacity for 15-passenger vans for camper safety
- Water and electricity set up to for equipment cleanup and hand-washing

Cracker Barrel Renovation Project		
General Materials	Framing/Flooring/Siding/Timbers	\$40,000
Septic Connection	Includes Tank and Pump	\$12,000
Permits		\$1,500
Project Management		\$4,000
Site Work	Tree removal and Regrading	\$6,000
Pre-cast Piers	8 @ 300	\$2,400
Roof (with staff labor)		\$4,500
Doors	<i>TBD</i> (Pending Style)	\$600
Electric		\$9,000
Engineering	Septic Amendment	\$3,000
Finish grading	Stone/mulch and Seed	\$2,500
Shelving and Cabinets		\$2,000

**TOTAL FOR PROJECT**

**\$87,500**

# Support an F&W Landmark!

**Joyful Play. Purposeful Work. Rugged Outdoor Living.**

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

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

Simplicity | Peace | Integrity | Community | Equity | Sustainability

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## **Our Buildings And Forests**

Farm & Wilderness manages approximately 4,800 acres of forests through goals of sustainable timber production and enhanced wildlife habitat.

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**Join us on the trail in 2025!**

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*Thank You!*