# Shelburne Farms Summer Youth Programs 2015



Dear Campers and Families,

This summer at Shelburne Farms, campers ages 4-17 will be immersed in the farm community. Campers will experience the cycles and stories of the land as they explore farmyard, field, forest, garden, and water habitats. We hope that whether they're pulling a carrot from the ground, collecting eggs from the chicken coop, building animal homes in the forest, or dipping for water critters in the pond, youth of all ages and abilities will feel connected to the many layers of learning possible on this working farm and natural landscape.

Why do we offer summer camps at Shelburne Farms? Our mission is to educate for a sustainable future. Our camp programs are designed to nurture curiosity, encourage youth voice, and foster a sense of community through discoveries, collaboration, and play. We hope to cultivate joy and wonder as relationships with the land and others are discovered. Most importantly, we utilize the interests of the campers to create an emergent, flexible program set in nature, food, and community to foster a connection and conservation ethic between children and the natural world.

As you read about the different camp programs offered for each age, please do not hesitate to contact us with questions or comments.

Summer Camp Education Team



### Adventures AGES 4-5

LOCATION: Based out of the Adventures Room at the Farm Barn HALF DAY: M-F, Mornings 9AM – 12PM\* / Afternoons 1–4 PM\* • FEE: \$150 LIMIT: 16 campers/session

Gather inside for play, exploration, and stories before heading out on a daily adventure! We'll spend time with our farm animals, explore the forest, visit the garden, and venture into the fields to make real connections to food, fiber, and the natural world. Our developmentally appropriate, hands-on experiences are designed to encourage a child's natural curiosity while fostering collaboration and community through imaginative play.

## Outdoor Adventures AGES 4-7

LOCATION: Based out of Outdoor Classroom, up hill behind Farm Barn HALF DAY for AGES 4 & 5 M-F, Mornings 9<sub>AM</sub> – 12<sub>PM</sub>\* • FEE: \$150 HALF DAY for AGES 5 & 6 M-F, Afternoons 1-4<sub>PM</sub>\* • FEE: \$150 FULL DAY for AGES 5-6, 6-7 M-F, 9:15 <sub>AM</sub> – 3:15 <sub>PM</sub>\* • FEE: \$275 LIMIT: 18 campers/session

Our full day of adventures begins at the outdoor classroom, where we may build fairy houses and toad abodes, chop vegetables to roast on a fire, or become forest animals looking for shelter and food. We spend the whole day outside and use the farm's unique landscape for learning and exploring the forest, farmyard, fields, pastures, and garden. These diverse habitats will help unfold the stories of the animals on the land, while we build community through discovery, collaboration, and play!

## Discover the Farm AGES 6-10

LOCATION: Based out of the McClure Education Center in Farm Barn TIME: M–F, 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM\* • FEE: \$275 • LIMIT: 30 campers/session FEE FOR JUNE 29-JULY 3: \$305 (Thursday until 7 PM, includes dinner)

Discover all that the farm has to offer! Feast from the garden, find natural mysteries in the forest, and dig into farm and garden chores. In small groups, we'll explore the farm's diverse landscape and interact with animals in the farmyard and beyond! We may also swim, build, and play along the shores of Lake Champlain. Our week culminates in a camp-wide celebration.

# **More Camps**

APPLY ONLINE: www.shelburnefarms.org FOR PAPER APPLICATION: Call 802-985-8686. LOTTERY DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 12. LOTTERY RESULTS emailed: MARCH 4.



## Taste of the Fields AGES 9-14

LOCATION: Based out of the Market Garden TIME: M–F, 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM\* FEE: \$300 LIMIT: 26 campers/session FEE FOR JULY 20–24: \$330 (Thursday until 7 PM, includes dinner) FEE FOR JULY 27–31: \$360 (includes Thursday dinner; sleepover in or near the Coach Barn, breakfast, snack and lunch on Friday)

Taste, swim, hike, play, and participate in chores! Together with our farmers, we will harvest and cook from the garden, work with the animals, and enjoy the surrounding forest, fields, and lake. Each day we will gather under the pavilion for stories, games, and laughter and the week will end with a feast the campers create to share with the farmers to give thanks.



## Beyond the Barn AGES 12-17

Residential

LOCATION: Based out of a forest clearing near Lake Champlain TIME: 9:00 AM, Monday\* – 3:00 PM, Friday\* FEE: \$525 • LIMIT: 16 campers/session

G o beyond the barn in this five-day overnight program im-Gmersed in all the farm has to offer! Learn alongside our farmers, gardeners, and naturalists as the farm becomes ours. We will harvest ingredients to create delicious meals prepared in our outdoor kitchen – enjoyed around an open fire. Each day will provide us with new experiences, and draw to a close with the nightly return to our tent community. *Tents, camping gear and bicycles provided if needed*.

#### \*Before care available from 8 AM; After care available until 5 PM.

# Stewards in Training

Work & Learn opportunities for young adults to deeply engage in farm programs through real hands-on experiences while working and learning alongside our staff.

# Adventures Camp Stewards in Training AGES 15-17

**TIME:** June–August, 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday–Friday (times may vary depending on camp) **COMMITMENT:** 1 or more weeks

Interested in working with young children in an engaging camp environment? Join our education team as we create a safe and inclusive learning environment for youth through play, exploration, storytelling and song! Together we will facilitate inquiry and learning in each of the farm's unique habitats — forest, field, pond, and farmyard!



**TO APPLY FOR A ADVENTURES CAMP SIT POSITION:** Contact Christie Nold, 802-985-0319, or chnold@shelburnefarms.org

# Farmyard Stewards in Training AGES 15-17

TIME: June–August, 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM, Tuesday– Saturday

COMMITMENT: 1 week

Interested in engaging children and families in the many activities and animal care experiences of the Farmyard? Farmyard SITs will assist the farmyard staff with



animal care and agricultural interpretation programs for the public. Examples of responsibilities include: engaging farm visitors, taking animals out on halters to interact with families and campers, participating in afternoon animals chores, and acting as a mentor to younger farmyard helpers. Learn what its like to be an educational farmer in the Farmyard! Gain handson experience working with our animals and teaching visitors of all ages.

**TO APPLY FOR A FARMYARD SIT POSITION:** Contact Cat Wright, 802-985-0344, or cwright@shelburnefarms.org

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Due to high demand, a child may only attend ONE camp session. Be sure to select all possible week choices on your application. Some weeks fill up more quickly than others; we will look at all your choices before putting your child on a waitlist.

AGES 4 & 5 June 15–19 June 22–26 June 29–July 3 July 6–10 August 10–14 August 17–21	CAMP NAME Adventures Half-Day, Session A (AM) or B (PM) Adventures Half-Day, Session C (AM) or D (PM) Adventures Half-Day, Session E(AM) or F(PM) Outdoor Adventures Half-Day, Session G (AM) Outdoor Adventures Half-Day, Session I (AM) Adventures Half-Day, Session K (AM) or L (PM)	<b>FEE</b> \$150 \$150 \$150 \$150 \$150 \$150
AGES 5 & 6 June 15–19 June 22–26 July 6–10 July 20–24 July 27–31 August 3–7 August 10–14	Outdoor Adventures, Session 1 Outdoor Adventures, Session 2 Outdoor Adventures Half-Day, Session H (рм) Outdoor Adventures, Session 5 Outdoor Adventures, Session 6 Outdoor Adventures, Session 7 Outdoor Adventures Half-Day, Session J (рм)	\$275 \$275 \$150 \$275 \$275 \$275 \$275 \$150
AGES 6 & 7 June 29–July 3 July 13–17 August 17–21	Outdoor Adventures, Session 3 Outdoor Adventures, Session 4 Outdoor Adventures, Session 8	\$275 \$275 \$275
AGES 6-8 June 22–26 July 20–24 August 3–7	<b>Discover the Farm,</b> Session 1 <b>Discover the Farm,</b> Session 4 <b>Discover the Farm,</b> Session 6	\$275 \$275 \$275
AGES 7–9 July 6–10 July 27–31 August 10–14	<b>Discover the Farm,</b> Session 3 <b>Discover the Farm,</b> Session 5 <b>Discover the Farm,</b> Session 7	\$275 \$275 \$275
AGES 8-10 June 29–July 3 AGES 9-12 July 20–24	Discover the Farm, Session 2 (Thurs. until 7 PM, dinner) Taste of the Fields, Session 2 (Thurs. until 7 PM, dinner)	\$305 \$330
August 3–7 AGES 10–12 July 6–10 AGES 10–14	Taste of the Fields, Session 4 Taste of the Fields, Session 1	\$300 \$300
July 27–31 AGES 12–14 • Residential July 13–17 August 10–14	Taste of the Fields, Session 3 (Thurs. overnight) Beyond the Barn, Session 2 Beyond the Barn, Session 3	\$360 \$525 \$525
AGES 14–17 • Residential June 29–July 3	Beyond the Barn, Session 1	\$525

#### HOW TO APPLY FOR CAMP

Go to www.shelburnefarms.org or www.shelburnefarms.org/learn/ **camps** to complete an application. No internet access? Call us at 802-985-8686 for a paper application.

#### CAMP TUITION ASSISTANCE

Please let us know if cost is a barrier to sending your child to camp. Tuition assistance is available upon request. Simply check the box on your application form and we will email you more information.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

We hold a lottery for all forms received through February 12. After the lottery deadline, applications will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis for any openings or for our waitlist. FEBRUARY 12: Deadline for applica-

tions to be considered in lottery. MARCH 4: Lottery results emailed. FEB. 13-AUG. 17: New applications are still considered for remaining openings or for our waitlist. We encourage you to still apply.

#### **BEFORE / AFTER CARE**

Campers may be dropped off as early as 8 AM and picked up as late as 5 PM. Before / After care is supervised free time where children are encouraged to read, play games, and participate in other explore activities. Fee: \$3/half-hour per family.





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Shelburne Farms is a nonprofit organization educating for a sustainable future. Our campus is a 1,400-acre working farm, forest, and National Historic Landmark.

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