



# **Terra Firma Farm**

## **Helping Harvesters Youth Run Farm Stand Program 2009**



### **What is HELPING HARVESTERS YOUTH RUN FARM STAND?**

Have you ever had a slamming lemonade stand or kicked butt at a school bake sale and wished there was more of that kind of action in your everyday life? Do you like to take initiative and create new things? Do you want to grow good food for your community? Do you love working in the garden? Are you interested in selling what you grow? Have you every wondered how farmer's get their food out into the hands of the people? If you

nodded yes to any of these questions then HELPING HARVESTERS YOUTH RUN FARM STAND is the adventure for you.

HELPING HARVESTERS YOUTH RUN FARM STAND is a program for students in middle and high-school. The program will focus on a particular farm work project called the Youth Run Farm Stand. Students will spend their time working to plan, plant, cultivate, harvest and market the produce from our production garden. The produce from this garden will be sold in the Youth Run Farm Stand and a portion of the harvest will be distributed to Terra Firma Farm CSA members. Students will receive a percentage of the income from the Youth Run Farm Stand sales. In this program, students will not only learn about gardening, and its related topics (soil health, botany, pest management etc.), but entrepreneurial topics as well (marketing, sales and customer service). They will also learn about the dignity of labor and the satisfaction of growing healthy food for their community.

### **How is HELPING HARVESTERS YOUTH RUN FARM STAND different from Terra Firma Farm's summer camp?**

HELPING HARVESTERS YOUTH RUN FARM STAND is different from our summer camp because it is a Work Income Sharing Project tailored specifically for children ages 12-15 centered around our production garden. Though there is still a tuition fee for the program, your child will receive a "paycheck" at the end of the week. The paycheck will reflect a percentage of the revenue generated from the Youth Run Farm Stand sales, typically \$20-50 per week.

## Why HELPING HARVESTERS YOUTH RUN FARM STAND?

HELPING HARVESTERS YOUTH RUN FARM STAND is a meaningful project that will offer your child engaging market garden experiences and dynamic entrepreneurial challenges. Since HELPING HARVESTERS YOUTH RUN FARM STAND has such a strong public interface element, it will naturally build bridges for its participants allowing them the opportunity to positively and responsibly share their creative energy with the island community.

## What will my child learn?

Planning, launching and maintaining a business of any size builds skills and teaches lessons that integrate a host of educational goals. A list of some of the educational possibilities HELPING HARVESTERS YOUTH RUN FARM STAND has to offer your child follows:



- Communication Skills:  
Collaborate with Peers to Make Decisions and Problem Solve • Writing CSA Newsletters • Conducting Consumer Surveys • Educating Public about Sustainability
- Leadership Skills:  
Delegate Tasks • Organize Hands • Ability to Think Creatively • Passion to Actively Pursue Opportunities • Vision • Initiative • Innovation • Integrity
- Social Skills:  
Sense of Self- Worth • Earning Potential • Confidence • Self esteem • Reflection • Respect and Trust for Others
- Marketing Skills:  
Artist Design Logos and Product Labels • Write Effective Ads • Maintain Relationships with Customers and Business Partners
- Job Skills:  
Keep Detailed Records • Accounting • Product Pricing • Expenses and Revenues • Use Tools and Scales • Present Desirable Product • Hard Work • Horticultural Knowledge

## How do you register?

Participants can register for 1 or all week long summer sessions at Terra Firma Farm.

HH1- July 6-10

HH2- July 13-17

HH3- July 20-24

HH4- July 27-31

HH5- Aug 3-7

HH6- Aug 10-14

HH7- Aug 17-21

HH8- Aug 24-28

# Terra Firma Farm Program Registration Form

## How to register for Children & Adult Classes at the Farm

1. All classes will be held at the farm rain or shine. Dress appropriately.
2. Fill out registration form along with name, phone number, medical information, class offerings, and cost.
3. The Farm offers all class participants to join us as a member (See below for fee structure and benefits).
4. Send registration form with check payable to Terra Firma Farm: Terra Firma Farm, 330 Al Harvey Road; Stonington, CT 06378 or come by and drop it in our registration box located in the corn shed.
5. If you have any questions please call us at 860-535-8171 or visit us online at [www.terrafirmafarm.org](http://www.terrafirmafarm.org)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies/Med. Alerts \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency # \_\_\_\_\_

Further Emergency contacts \_\_\_\_\_

### ***MEDICAL INFORMATION : Parents, this section must be filled out***

I realize injuries can occur from participation in Farm programs. I hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify and agree to hold harmless Terra Firma Farm, Inc. and, their board of directors, commissioners, instructors, or assignees from any claim arising out of injury to my children or myself.

Should (Participants Name) \_\_\_\_\_ be taken to the hospital for emergency purposes, I hereby grant permission to the attending physician and staff to administer anesthesia, medical, x-ray and surgical procedures as may be deemed necessary or advisable.

*I understand that an attempt will be made to contact me in an emergency*

Date of last Tetanus shot: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

**PARENT SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

## Helping Harvesters Youth Run Farm Stand Program

**\$100/ week**      Monday –Friday 10am-5pm (times are flexible)

___ July 6 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup>	___ July 13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>
___ July 20 <sup>th</sup> - July 24 <sup>th</sup>	___ July 27 <sup>th</sup> -July 31 <sup>st</sup>
___ August 3 <sup>rd</sup> - August 7 <sup>th</sup>	___ August 10 <sup>th</sup> –August 14 <sup>th</sup>
___ Aug 17 <sup>th</sup> - Aug 21 <sup>st</sup>	___ August 24 <sup>th</sup> -August 28 <sup>th</sup>

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| 1. Add the above program costs                                 | = _____ |
| 2. Add amount of new Membership Fee (Optional)                 | + _____ |
| 3. Add tax deductible donation for Scholarship Fund (Optional) | + _____ |
| 4. <b>TOTAL</b>  | = _____ |

### REFUND POLICY

- \*Refunds for children & adult programs will be granted in full if notification is given to the Farm 1 month prior to the first day the program starts.
- \*A full refund will be granted if the Farm cancels a program due to insufficient registrants, teacher cancels etc.
- \*No refund or credit will be given for not attending a program due to weather, illness, etc.
- \*No partial refunds or credits will be given under any circumstances.
- \*Birthday parties require a 50% deposit to be received at the time the date is reserved for the event. A full refund of the deposit will be granted if cancellation is received 6 weeks prior to the reserved date.

### MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS & CATEGORIES

- Quarterly newsletter & calendar of programs
- Free Admission to Scarecrow Festival
- Special invitations to exclusive "Members Only" events
- Member rates for programs and classes\*
- Support local, organic agriculture and maintain public access to a working farm

**\$30 Individual \$ 50 Family\***  
**\$100 Seed Starter\*\$250 Cultivator\***

\*All members receive \$2 off every program enrollment fee.

### FOR FARM STAFF USE ONLY

Date received \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_      Amount received \$ \_\_\_\_\_      Outstanding payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check number \_\_\_\_\_      Other notes \_\_\_\_\_