



Terra Firma Farm Winter Programs 2007-2008

Terra Firma Farm is a non-profit, educational working organic farm situated on 20 acres in Stonington, Connecticut. Terra Firma Farm was created to operate as a working farm and educational academy for the communities of Southeastern Connecticut. We provide a unique opportunity for educational, personal and physical development in order to enrich classroom curriculum, enhance awareness, foster an informed compassion, and evoke the desire to become an agent of change in our troubled and chaotic society.

We have designed our educational programs to correlate closely with the farm and with the changing seasons. Every program offers hands-on experiences to help increase the impact of the class. We utilize the farms land and animals to promote respect for the Earth and our natural resources. All programs place special emphasis on fostering cooperation skills, making real farm experiences available to children, and on giving young people the opportunity to learn by doing things themselves. Our programs help children develop creativity and ingenuity while making a point of teaching children to see the value and rewards of real farm work in a nurturing and supportive environment. We welcome visitors and school groups to learn, relax, picnic, pitch in and experience the value of productive, open green space. The Farm is open dawn to dusk, year-round, selling eggs, organic produce, and seasonal organic meat. **Programs are held at the Farm rain or shine. Dress appropriately!! To enroll in a program please fill out our Registration Form included in this brochure, write your check payable to Terra Firma Farm and send to or drop off at: Terra Firma Farm, 330 Al Harvey Road, Stonington, CT 06378. For more information call the Farm at 860-535-8171 or visit www.terrafirmafarm.org. Registration is first come first serve.**

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

*These programs are designed for **children ages 3-5 only**, without accompanying adults. All Preschool Programs meet once a week for 4 consecutive weeks.*

CHORE TIME- \$48/4 classes

Come to the Farm and wake up the animals. Help the farmer feed and water the animals and gather the eggs.

CT1-Mondays 9-10:30 AM; Nov 26th- Dec 17th

CT2-Tuesdays 9-10:30 AM; Nov 27th-Dec 18th

WINTER FARM FUN- \$48/4 classes

Come and experience the Farm life in the winter. We'll visit the goats, cows, chickens and donkeys, and then go in to the classroom for a winter story, craft or art project, and a yummy snack or hot cocoa.

WFF1- Tuesdays 9-10:30 AM; Jan 8th- Jan 29th

WFF1-Wednesdays 9-10:30 AM; Jan 2nd - Jan 23rd

SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS

BEESWAX CANDLE MAKING - Ages 6-12

Light up the winter darkness. Come for a cozy afternoon at the Farm to make your own candles to take home or give as a gift.

CM: Thursday, January 10th **Time:** Bus-drop or 4-6PM **Fee:** \$20

WARM AS WOOL!! Ages 5-12

Explore the hands-on process of turning wool into cloth. We will begin by preparing wool to be spun into yarn then find out how to dye our hand spun wool using natural materials. From here we will learn to weave our wool into cloth in a small weaving project to bring home.

WOOL: Thursday, January 24th **Time:** Bus-drop or 4-6PM **Fee:** \$20

BARNYARD BUDDIES - AGES 4 - 12

Help wake up the Farm with morning chores such as feeding, watering and collecting eggs.

BB: Every other Saturday; December 8th & 22nd and January 5th & 19th and February 2nd & 16th **Time:** 10 - 11:30 am **Fee:** \$15/class; \$90/session

SATURDAY FARM SERIES- Ages 5+

Terra Firma Farm is pleased to invite you to participate in our Saturday programs. These programs are open to boys and girls, ages 5 and up. Each Saturday will be filled with farm activities such as animal chores, planting, harvesting, baking, canning or candle making. Other activities included are scheduled to correlate with the seasonal influence on the farm. Each seasonal theme leads the group through adventures in the woods, pastures and barns. Programs begin at 10 AM and end at 2 PM. Tuition is \$40 per child per Saturday.

DECSAT: December 15th

Winter at the Farm

Children will bake cookies, do holiday crafts and explore winter nature on the farm.

JANSAT: January 12th

Stay Warm!

Children will make felted hand warmers with wool from the sheep. We will also do a winter craft and see how the animals are staying warm in the winter

FEBSAT: February 9th

February Farm Life

Come explore winter on the farm. We will focus on the wild side of the farm by looking for animal tracks in the fields. Children will also make birdfeeders and homemade bread.

YOUTH FARM EXPERIENCE Grades 5th-8th

We are inviting middle school students to join Farm staff after school to take care of the animals and help with maintenance. During the fall & winter students will concentrate on animal care and chores. During the spring students will be involved in starting our vegetable seedlings, transplanting and preparing our gardens. **Time:** Bus- drop or 3-5PM

YFE Tuesdays, November 27th- December 18th and January 8th – February 12th

10 Sessions/ \$100

YFE Wednesdays, November 28th- December 19th and January 2nd – February 13th

11 Sessions/ \$110

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM- Grade K-8

Terra Firma Farm offers an excellent after school program for students in grades K-8. The after school program offers children the opportunity for fun, learning and exploration. Students arrive on the farm and are welcomed with a fresh after school snack. They then organize the afternoon's activities. Activities include farm animal chores such as feeding the chickens, cows, goats, turkeys and pigs. Other day's children partake in an organized agricultural activity such as gardening, composting, canning and preserving, cheese- or butter- making and much more.

When: Our Winter after school program follows the academic calendar from Thanksgiving break to February break. Bus drop off or 4- 5:30PM. **Fee: \$15 per day**

ASPM: Mondays, November 26th- December 17th and Jan 7th, 14th, 28th; Feb 4th and 11th (due to school holidays) **9 Sessions/ \$ 135**

ASPT: Tuesdays, November 27th- December 18th and January 8th – February 12th
10 Sessions/ \$150

ASPW: Wednesdays, November 28th- December 19th and January 2nd – February 13th
11 Sessions/ \$165

ASPF: Fridays, November 30th - December 14th and January 4th – February 15th
10 Sessions/ \$150

ADULT PROGRAMS

CHEESEMAKING FOR BEGINNERS

Have you ever wanted to make homemade cheese? Learn how to take milk and make delicious cheses in your own home! You'll learn how easy it really is!! Each week you will make a new cheese to bring home and enjoy! Cheeses include Queso Blanco, Ricotta, Mozzarella, Farmhouse Cheddar and many more!!

CHEESE: Thursdays, January 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st 6:30-8:30PM **Fee: \$100**

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.

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** ___/___/___

PROGRAM CODE (ie: FC1, ASPW, DECSAT1)	TIME/DATE	COST

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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. TOTAL | = _____ |

5. Payment cash check (Payable to Terra Firma Farm)

6. Please review the refund policy

7. Please send or drop off registration form with check to

Terra Firma Farm; 330 Al Harvey Road, Stonington, CT 06378

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 _____