

Holcomb Farm Learning Center



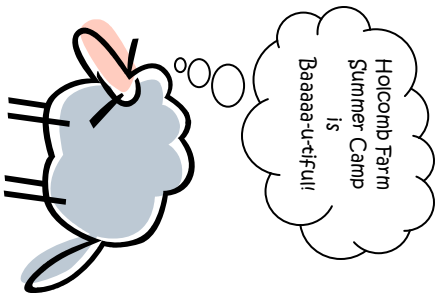
Summer Day Camp 2009

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Summer Day Camp

Grades K - 6

June 29 - August 14, 2009

Holcomb Farm's Summer Day Camp provides a safe, nurturing environment which encourages children to explore the natural world and their own creativity as well as meet new friends. Set on our 322-acre historic farm in West Granby, campers may hike our 10 miles of trails, study the creatures of the Salmon Brook, build butterfly houses or learn how veggies grow! Each week features a different theme filled with adventure, learning and FUN!

Programs for children grades K - 6 run from 9:00am to 4:00pm Monday - Friday (except for week 1 which is shortened due to the 4th of July holiday). Campers can choose from a full-day week or a half-day week. Nutritious snacks will be provided in the morning and afternoon, *but full-day campers and afternoon half-day campers should bring their own lunch packed in a paper or plastic bag with their name on it to enjoy during lunchtime (noon - 1:00pm)*. Every other day campers will enjoy our **FARM FRESH** program which allows them to pick in-season veggies from our CSA and learn how to make them into a delicious, healthy snack!



Middle School Opportunities

HOLCOMB HELPERS

Holcomb Helpers is our mentor program for children entering either the 7th or 8th grade in September 2009. Children interested in becoming a Holcomb Helper are invited to apply for a position for up to two weeks during summer camp. The Helpers will spend the day involved in the camp program but with the added responsibility of being a junior assistant to the counselors or a mentor to younger campers. **Holcomb Helpers pay 3/4 of the price of full-day or half-day camp.**

Holcomb Helpers must submit the following to the Camp Director by June 1, 2009:

- * A written paragraph or two explaining why you want to be a Holcomb Helper.
- * A reference from an adult who knows you (cannot be a family member).
- * Name, phone number and address.
- * Weeks and sessions you are interested in.

Holcomb Helpers must attend a training workshop to participate. Workshop dates will be determined later in the year.

Costs

PRESCHOOL CAMP: Per week, \$145 members/\$155 non-members. Children must be 3 years old by June 1, 2009 to participate. **NOTE: Preschool camp starts 1/2 hour after regular camp.**

KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 6: Per week, **full-day** - \$210 members/\$230 non-members; **half-day** - \$132 members/\$145 non-members. **Week of June 29 - July 2: full-day** - \$168/\$184 ; **half-day** - \$106/\$116.

HOLCOMB HELPERS: Per week, **full-day** - \$157.50 members/\$172.50 non-members; **half-day** - \$99/\$109. **Week of June 29 - July 2: full-day** - \$126/\$138; **half-day** - \$79/\$87.

Sibling discount is \$25.00





Programs for children entering
Grade 4 - Grade 6
 In September 2009

July 6 - 10: IS IT TIME TO GO GNOME YET?

Venture out into our forests and learn how to identify different types of trees and the habitats they create. We will also be collecting and using some items that we find in the forest to construct mini-forest villages.

July 13 - 17: THE STREAM TEAM

Come join us as we explore the wonderful world of water. Review what we know about the properties of water and create and conduct some fun water experiments. Spend time exploring the stream and learning about some of the creatures that call it home!



August 3 - 7: THE TRIBE HAS SPOKEN

No, you will not get voted off the island, but you will have the opportunity to learn basic survival skills and play some fun, interesting "survival" games.

August 10 - 14: IT'S NOT EASY BEING GREEN -- OR IS IT?

Join us for a week of green living. Explore ways to conserve and preserve the resources that we use on a daily basis. Among other things, we will learn how to harness the energy of the sun and the discover the potential of running water.



**Pre-School
 Summer Day Camp**

June 15 - August 14, 2009

Preschoolers can enjoy week-long farm programs each Monday - Friday from 9:30am to noon.

June 15 - 19 MASSACOE WAYS

Learn all about our Native American friends: play in a wigwam, learn some Native American words, help plant the 3 Sisters Garden!

June 22 - 26 FARM FUN

Do what the farmers do — plant the crops, collect the eggs and take care of the animals!

June 29 - July 2 WISHY WASHY WATER

Fish gotta' swim in it, frogs gotta' leap into it and we are going to explore our streams for all the creatures that call water their home!

July 6 - 10 WELCOME TO THE HOLCOMB FARM DINER

Let's get cooking with fresh produce from the CSA, make butter, and set up the Holcomb Farm Diner for business!

July 13 - 17 STREAM SPLASH

Wet, wet, wet is what you're gonna get! Learn all about water and who lives in it — make a boat and see how it runs!



July 20 - 24 BIRDS, BUTTERFLIES & BATS

Spend some time getting to know our winged friends. What makes them different, what do they like to eat and where do they live?

July 27 - 31 NATURE EXPLORERS

Take a hike and set up camp. Learn about all the animals that live in our fields and forests.

August 3 - 7 SUMMERTIME SYMPHONY

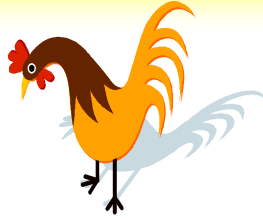
Listen to the music of nature and learn what makes it sound so sweet. We'll make instruments and put on our own concert!

August 10 - 14 THE CIRCUS COMES TO TOWN

We'll be clowning around all week as we create our own Holcomb Farm circus!

PLEASE NOTE THE 9:30am START TIME

Programs for children entering
Kindergarten and Grade 1
In September 2009



June 29 - July 2: BUGS AND BUTTERFLIES

Explore the world of insects and what roles they play at the Farm. Meet earthworms, spiders and all sorts of beetles and butterflies that help make our gardens grow!

July 13 - 17: NATURE NOTES

What makes the brook babble, why do the birds sing and crickets chirp? Join us for a week of musical adventure. Explore the natural world of sound and make some music. We will create our own instruments out of recycled materials and put on a live concert!

July 20 - 24: HOLCOMB FARM HOE DOWN

Come down to the Farm and learn what it takes to be a real farmer. Collect eggs from our chickens, feed our sheep and plant some crops — yeee haaa!

July 27 - 31: NATURE EXPLORERS

Hike the wilds of Holcomb Farm looking for animal habitats, meet some of the Farm's animal residents, and investigate the waters of the Salmon Brook. Make charts and maps, and keep a journal of your adventures!

August 3 - 7: WET AND WILD

Can't get enough of the water — join us for a week of watery adventures, awesome experiments and cool games all about water! Be sure to dress for some wet and wild activities as you learn about all the neat stuff water can do!



Programs for children entering
Grade 2 - Grade 3
In September 2009



June 29 - July 2: WHAT'S BUGGING YOU?

Explore the fascinating world of insects and find out what makes them so special, and why they are so important to us.

July 6 - 10: THE ENCHANTED FOREST

Use your imagination to build homes for fairies and gnomes! Construct these tiny homes out of natural materials and place them in the forest for our little friends. We'll make a map of the forest village and learn how to use compasses to keep us on track!

July 20 - July 24: FROM WEED TO SEED

This is the week to grab a shovel and dig in! Explore the soil beneath our feet and see what kinds of things are living there. We'll learn about the plants that grow in the soil, and do some planting of our own.

July 27 - July 31: ANIMAL ABODES

In addition to meeting some of the resident animals at Holcomb Farm, we will explore the grounds around the farm in search of animal habitats. Learn about some of the requirements that animals have to survive, and some of the things that we can do to help them.

August 10 - 14: THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Our hills are alive with the sound of music. Crickets chirp, birds sing, leaves rustle and brooks babble. Come and find out why and how. Make musical instruments, write fun songs and produce a live concert for all to enjoy!

