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## **GIRL SCOUT PROGRAMS**

Our historic, working Farm offers Scouts unique opportunities to learn about sustainable agriculture, animal husbandry, local eating, environmental stewardship, and more. We are a rich community resource with farm animals, vegetables, flowers, honeybees, sheep shearing, greenhouses, maple sugaring, our 1810 barn, and a woodland trail. For over 17 years, we've been hosting Scouts of all ages as they learn and explore alongside our farmer educators.

Scout programs run rain or shine, year round. In 2020-2021, programs are 100% outdoors, so be sure that everybody is dressed for the weather and wears sturdy footwear.

Fees do not include badges.

### **TYPES OF PROGRAMS**

Scout Camping; Farm Fun, Badge, and Journey programs; and Gold Award projects.

## **SCOUT CAMPING OVERNIGHTS**

Scouts are invited for an overnight adventure at the Farm! Pitch your tent, make dinner over a campfire, and enjoy the night sounds on the Farm. Help feed and water the farm animals in the morning, and collect your own eggs for your farmers' breakfast. One dozen eggs and 12 oz. maple syrup are included.

When: Sept – Nov and April - June, Fri or Sat night

Time: 3pm check in and 12pm check out

Fee: \$26/Person (first two adults free per 15 Scouts)

Ages: All

## FARM FUN PROGRAMS

### CHORE TIME

Scouts will feed and water our Farm animals and secure them for the night.

When: Mon - Thurs

Time: 3:30pm-4:30pm

Fee: \$54/6 people and \$9 each additional person (8 person max)

Ages: All

### INTERACTIVE FARM TOUR

Explore your Community Farm through an interactive tour and see what farming is all about. Learn about our different farm animals, the plants we grow in our garden and greenhouses, our compost pile, and our maple sugar shack.

When: Mon - Sun

Time: 1 hr

Fee: \$90/10 people and \$9 each additional person (12 person max)

Ages: All

### HOLIDAY CRAFTS (*NOT OFFERED FALL/WINTER 2020*)

Experience a cozy afternoon at the farm making sustainable holiday gifts. Each Scout will make a seasonal winter swag with natural, farm-harvested materials, and (time permitting) potato printed gift wrap. Materials included.

When: Nov - Dec, Mon – Sun

Time: 1.5 hrs between 9am-5pm

Fee: \$128/8 Scouts and \$16 each additional Scout

Ages: All

### MAPLE SUGARING TOURS

In late February and into March, we invite Scouts to learn all about maple sugaring in New England. Learn the history of sugaring, visit our tapped sugar maples, sample dripping sap, and stop by the sugar shack where sap might be boiling down into delicious syrup (boiling is weather dependent).

When: Feb 22 – Mar 21, 2020

Time and Days: Go to [www.natickfarm.org](http://www.natickfarm.org) for more info

Fee: \$90/10 people and \$9 each additional person (12 person max)

Ages: All

### SHEEP SHEARING & THEIR WOOL

Why do we shear sheep in the spring? How do sheep eat with no front teeth? Learn about the adaptations sheep have developed and watch them get their springtime haircut. Try your hand at carding, weaving and felting, and learn what makes wool so wonderful!

When: Early May, Mon-Thur

Time: 3:15pm-4:15pm (other times on early release days)

Fee: \$108/12 people (12 person max)

## GIRL SCOUT BADGES and JOURNEYS

The Farm can customize times and days to fit your troop's schedule, although programs are seasonally dependent. Materials and badges are not included unless specifically stated.

### DAISIES

#### Petals

**Clover "Use Resources Wisely" or Rosie "Make the World a Better Place"**

#### INTERACTIVE FARM TOUR

Meet our animals, tour our flowers and vegetables, see where we make honey and maple sugar, and learn how organic farming is good for the environment.

When: Mon-Sun

Time: 1 hr

Fee: \$90/10 people and \$9 each additional person (12 person max)

#### Journeys

**Welcome to the Daisy Flower Garden / It's Your World – Change It!**

Let's put our heads together and see what sprouts! The Farm can help Daisies learn the skills to create their own mini-garden to earn The Watering Can or to take action to earn The Golden Honey Bee awards.

**Between Earth & Sky / It's Your Planet – Love It!**

The Farm is all about the SOIL! Earn the Blue Bucket or Firefly awards and explore the sweet smell of soil, how to make a feast of plant parts, or find seeds on the Farm on our nature trail. Programs can include trees and tree rubbings, sampling our field vegetables, learning about flowers, or taking care of a natural treasure.

**5 Flowers, 4 Stories, 3 Cheers for Animals / It's Your Story – Tell It!**

Chickens, pigs, bunnies and more! Learn how the Farm raises its animals humanely and sustainably. Daisies can learn about one particular animal, or get "out and about" with all the farm animals as they journey towards their Birdbath or Red Robin awards.

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Time: 1 hr

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#### SOIL & PLANTS

Learn about healthy soil and friendly worms, bugs and bees. See what's growing in our greenhouses, discover the types of flowers we grow on the Farm, and maybe create your own potted mini-garden right here at the Farm - we bring the soil, you bring the pot and plants!

When: Mon - Sun

Time: 1 hr

Fee: \$90/10 people and \$9 each additional person (12 person max)

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Ages: All

**BROWNIES****Badges****Bugs**

Discover all the different roles creepy crawlies play on the farm! Search for munching decomposers, pick pesky pests off if plants, and help the pollinators make our fruit grow! Find out which bugs are helpful to farmers and which are harmful. Through a series of hands on investigations, students will explore the Farm's fields, composting system and greenhouse to see the smallest parts of a working farm. Bug pipe cleaner materials included. Steps 1-5.

When: Mon – Sun

Time: 2 hrs

Fee: \$120/10 people and \$12 each additional person (12 person max)

**Pets****CHORE TIME**

Chore Time is a special opportunity for Scouts to feed and water our farm animals and secure them for the night. Learn about the unique health issues of our Farm animals, and help clean a stall or cage. A special focus will be on two popular home pets, rabbits and chickens. Steps 2, 3, 5.

When: Mon - Thurs

Time: 3:30pm-4:30pm

Fee: \$54/6 people and \$9 each additional person (8 person max)

**JUNIORS****Badges****Flowers**

Stop and smell the flowers! Depending on the season, Juniors can talk to our resident flower expert, learn all about plant parts, and go sniffing around our flower fields. Discover the medicinal and calming properties of flowers, and have fun with flower art. If flowers are in bloom on the Farm, Juniors can arrange one bouquet and donate it to the organization of their choice. Steps 1-5.

When: Mon – Sun

Time: 2 hrs

Fee: \$120/10 people and \$12 each additional person (12 person max)

**Animal Habitats**

How do farmers mimic forest animal habitats on the farm? Observe the farm animals and explore the unique "habitat" the Farm creates. If we have baby animals, get a peek at how we keep them comfy. Venture onto our nature trail and look for animal habitats in a New England forest. Learn why invasive plants are detrimental to animal habitats, and consider planting a native berry shrub in our forest to keep the birds and animals happy (shrub not included). Steps 1, 2, 3, 5

When: Mon – Sun

Time: 2 hrs

Fee: \$120/10 people and \$12 each additional person (12 person max)

### **Gardener**

Take a tour of our flower and vegetable fields, and also discover some of the smaller vegetable, flower and herb gardens on the property! Learn about seasonal growing and eating, experiment with seeds, make a dream garden collage using our abundant flower and vegetable catalogues, discover our hardiness zone, and volunteer a little time in our fields and gardens (depending on season). Steps 1-5.

When: Mon – Sun

Time: 2 hrs

Fee: \$120/10 people and \$12 each additional person (12 person max)

## **CADETTES**

### **Badges**

#### **Trees**

Time this badge to coordinate with maple sugaring season at the Farm! Or, take a guided walk through our forested nature trail, identify tree types, and learn about the forest/farm life cycle of our trees. Read our favorite tree legend and craft your own story round-robin style. How might you help a tree thrive at the Farm or in our forest? Steps 1, 2, 3, 5.

When: Mon – Sun

Time: 2 hrs

Fee: \$96/8 people and \$12 each additional person (12 person max)

## **SENIORS**

### **Badges**

#### **Locavore**

What is a “locavore”? Talk to folks at the Farm, and learn about the people who grow and buy our food. Discover 10 plants eaten seasonally in New England, get one of our “insider” seasonal eating recipes, and cook a simple dish showcasing local ingredients, like a simple omelet with our eggs! (Ingredients not included, and are seasonally dependent.) Steps 1, 2, 3, 4

When: Mon – Sun

Time: 2 hrs

Fee: \$96/8 people and \$12 each additional person (12 person max)

#### **Voice for Animals**

### **CHORE TIME**

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Time: 3:30pm-4:30pm

Fee: \$54/6 people and \$9 each additional person (8 person max)

## **GOLD AWARD PROJECT**

The Farm would be happy to talk to Scouts about hosting a Gold Award project. This is a collaborative project, so please contact us well in advance.