



Fernbrook Farms Environmental Education Center
2021 Spring Lower Level Homeschool Semester
Ages 6-11 years old (child must be 6 by the first class)



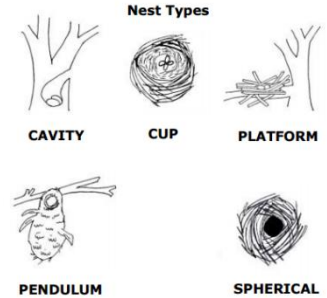
Class Sessions Offered: Tuesdays 9:30am-11:30am, Tuesdays 1:30pm-3:30pm, Thursdays 9:30am-11:30am or Thursdays 1:30pm-3:30pm

Homeschool Enrichment Program: Wednesdays or Fridays 9:30am-3:00pm

Great Greenhouses

March 23rd-26th

Our first lesson will introduce the students to the mechanics of a greenhouse. In our groups we will compare and contrast different closed growing structures. The students will discuss some problems that farmers may encounter in a greenhouse. Our students will prepare seeds for our greenhouse as well as construct their own mini greenhouses to take home. ***Please bring an empty egg carton to class***



Life of a Bird

March 30th – April 2nd

During this class, the students will explore Fernbrook in search of birds and signs of their existence. Throughout the class we will explore the nests, mannerisms, and calls of birds around the farm. All our findings will then help us identify what bird species inhabit Fernbrook.

Garden Botany

April 6th-9th

Fernbrook Farm is one of the most interesting places for students to learn the importance of botany, the study of plants. The class will explore Fernbrook's farm fields and they'll gain a better understanding of the science behind different types of plants and their purposes. With the help of our students we will plan, prep and plant in some of our garden beds.

Hens and Hogs

April 13th -16th

Did you know there are almost twice as many chickens in the world than there are people? During this class, the students will discover the life cycle of chickens and discuss how farmers might manage flocks for production of meat and eggs. Classes will also observe the pigs on the farm. Pigs are thought to be the smartest animal on the farm, second only to humans. Classes will also discuss pig care and pork as a food source.

Edible Wild Plants

April 20th – 23rd

We can find many plants in the wild, which can provide us with nutrition. Some even taste good! During this class we will scour the forest, meadow, and farm fields looking for palatable plants. The teachers will make it very clear to our students that although they will learn about edible wild plants and their medicinal uses, they should not eat anything they find in the wild until they've identified it with a knowledgeable adult.

Bee Friendly: Pollinating Populations

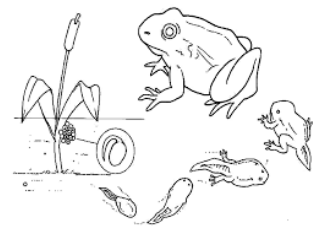
April 27th – 30th

Honeybees are important for farms everywhere. Not only do farmers get to collect their honey, but bees also promote pollination. Bees have an amazing sense of community. During this class, we'll take a close look at how bees communicate and work together. Our classes will also discuss other pollinating populations that our farm depends on throughout the growing season!

Metamorphosis: From Tadpole to Frog

May 4th – 7th

The students and teachers will take nets to our creek, pond, marshes, and vernal pools to discover what frog and toad species live at Fernbrook. After identifying the common species we'll examine the anatomy and the process of metamorphosis then release them back into the wild. ***BE PREPARED TO GET WET & MUDDY***



Buggin' Out at Fernbrook

May 11th – 14th

From the forest to the meadow and everywhere in between we can discover insects emerging out of hibernation or hatching from their overwintering in wood, grasses, and the earth. Students will explore Fernbrook searching for a variety of species such as beetles, flies, mantids, ants, dragonflies, bees, wasps and so much more. Once we have a good sampling in jars we will discuss and investigate their specialty body parts such as legs, mandibles, and wings.



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Name of Child		Age	Date of Birth	Male	Female
Address		City		State	
Zip Code		Current Grade Level			
Parent's Name		Parent's Name			
Home Phone#	Work#	Home Phone#	Work#		
Email		Email			
Cell#		Cell#			
Employer		Employer			
Emergency Contact (Name, Phone #, Relationship)					

Class Times & Days (please circle class you want your child to attend) :

2- Hour Class Options: Tuesdays 9:30am-11:30am, Tuesdays 1:30pm-3:30pm, Thursdays 9:30am-11:30am, Thursdays 1:30pm-3:30pm

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8-week Semester runs: March 23rd-26th to May 11th-14th

Confidential Medical Information & Required Emergency Information

- Please indicate information about the registrant(s) regarding medications, allergies, physical disabilities or restrictions that the instructors should know about. Attach pages if necessary.

In case of an emergency, I give my permission to have _____ (child/children) receive first aid and be transported to the nearest hospital by professional, emergency personnel. I understand I will be financially responsible for the cost of such treatment. YES NO

Parent/Guardian _____ Date signed _____

I give Fernbrook Farms Environmental Education Center permission to use any photographs or video footage of my child(ren) for any promotional or other legitimate reason. YES NO

Parent/Guardian _____ Date signed _____

***Registration Fee - \$112.00 for 8 weeks of 2-hour class \$280 for 8 weeks of Enrichment program**

Discounts available: sibling, CSA member, and multi-session registration

- **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**
Fernbrook Farms Environmental Education Center
(FEEEC)

MAIL REGISTRATION TO:
Fernbrook Farms Environmental Education Center
Lower Level Homeschool
P.O. BOX 228
Bordentown, NJ 08505

- **REGISTER ONLINE:**
On our website at www.FernbrookFarms.com

**** Class topics are subject to change depending on weather and environmental factors which may affect the effectiveness of the class topic****