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2021 Summer Camp Parent Guide

Welcome to Stonewall Farm! Spending time with baby calves, visiting the dairy barn, going on a draft horse pulled hayride, collecting chicken eggs, feeding goats and bunny circles are just some of the ways your child will interact with our farm animals at camp. We also take full advantage of over 100 acres of land including hiking trails, an on site stream, outdoor playground, raised garden beds for cultivating our own vegetables and a beautiful post and beam barn with indoor bathroom facilities and a full kitchen for occasional indoor activities. You can look forward to hearing tales of hiking, building, splashing, cooking, observing, swinging, planting and creating from your (hopefully) worn out little one at the end of a long day spent outdoors!

This guide contains everything you and your child need to know in order to have a successful summer camp experience. Please take the time to read through it and don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions. We look forward to offering your child a summer full of exploration, inquiry, friendship and the great outdoors. Thank you for choosing us to host your child's summer!

Our Staff:

At Stonewall Farm, we believe counselors are key to a memorable camp experience! We take a lot of time to get to know our candidates and select counselors who are experienced, kind, passionate about our program and of course who love working with children! All counselors receive CPR, first aid, safety and child abuse prevention training, and undergo complete background checks.

Camp Dates & Hours:

June 28th- August 20th 2021

Monday - Friday

8:30am - 4pm

(8:30-12:30p for our half day preschool option)

Before Care is available Monday-Friday from 7:45-8:30am

After Care is available Monday-Thursday from 4:00-5:15pm (*not offered on Fridays*)

Please note there is no camp on Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day. See Week 2 rates below for special pricing the week of July 5th

Camper Assignments:

Wanderers: preschool aged children

Adventurers: those entering Kindergarten and 1st grade

Voyagers: those entering 2nd & 3rd grades

Travelers: those entering 4th, 5th & 6th grades

**Please note that final weekly groupings may not always follow the exact grades and ages listed above. Final assignments will be made by the Education Director and communicated to families prior to the start of camp if adjusted at all due to enrollment numbers.*

Rates/ Payment schedule:

\$225/week for full day campers ages 3-11. *Optional add-ons, including pizza Wednesday and camp t-shirt orders, are available during online registration.*

\$145/week for half-day campers (8:30a-12:30p) ages 3 & 4

Before care (7:45-8:30a): \$23/week After care (M-Th 4-5:15p): \$30/week

Sibling discount rate of 12% off the standard rate of \$225 (\$198/week for each additional sibling after the first is registered. *Discount can only be applied to full day sessions.*

Early bird rate of \$200/week for campers ages 3-11 and \$130/week for half day campers if registered by March 15th, 2021

Thursday Overnight option (for Travelers ages 9-11 only): \$25

****Week 2 Rates (7/6-7/9)**: (pro-rated 4-day week, no camp July 5th in observance of Independence Day)

\$180 for the 4-day week session for campers ages 3-12

\$115 for the 4-day week half-day session for campers ages 3-4

Before care: \$18/week After care: \$23/week

Sibling discount rate of \$158 **for each additional sibling after the first is registered at the standard \$180 rate*

Early bird rate of \$160/week for full day and \$105/week for half day if registered by March 15th, 2021

A non-refundable 20% deposit is due at the time of registration. Deposit must be received in order to complete your registration and guarantee your space.

Final payment is due in full by June 1st, 2021.

For any registrations made after June 1st, payment is due in full at time of registration.

Special 2021 Camps:

Trailblazers (CIT) Program, for campers entering grades 9-12

A special two-week session (runs weeks 3&4 only) for students interested in participating in a “counselor in training” program. Students will receive in person counselor training and are then assigned to a camper group to work alongside the lead counselor. \$295/2-week session.

Trail & Mountain Biking Camp, for campers ages 10-14

\$285 per 3-day weekly session (T,W,Th only). This special skills camp will run three weeks (6/29-7/1, 7/27-7/29 and 8/10-8/12) throughout the summer, from 9a-1p. With a very low instructor to student ratio of 1:5 or less, campers will explore our on-site trails, along with other nearby biking trails in Keene. Please register your child for either beginner or intermediate level based on their experience and skill. Campers must wear closed toed shoes and bring a bagged lunch, a helmet and their bike with them each day of camp.

An extended day add-on option (from 1-4p) is available during registration, as well as after care.

A non-refundable 20% deposit is due at the time of registration. Deposit must be received in order to complete your registration and guarantee your space. Final payment is due in full by June 1st, 2021.

For any registrations made after June 1st, payment is due in full at time of registration.

Payment plans:

Payment plans are available upon request for families with multiple children or multiple weeks of registrations. Plans must be set up prior to June 1st. Payment must be made in full prior to your session start date.

Scholarships:

Stonewall Farm is pleased to be able to offer financial need based scholarships thanks to the support of our community partners. Scholarships are awarded based on fund availability and are awarded on a rolling basis. Any camper who receives a scholarship is expected to attend all sessions they received a scholarship for with the exception of illness or family emergencies. Please contact the Education Director for instructions on applying for one of our scholarships.

Cancellations/ Refunds:

No refunds will be issued after April 1st, 2021. The 20% deposit is non-refundable. There are no refunds for before or after care. If your camper misses time at camp for any reason, no refunds will be issued. If space is available, registered weeks may be swapped for a fee of \$25.

Required Forms & Paperwork:

Camp forms are due by June 1st, 2021. Having paperwork submitted by this date ensures that no details are missed, that we know each of our campers, and that our attention is focused on your child's happiness and well-being from the time they arrive at the farm!

Forms required:

- **Parent Consent and Liability Release****
- **Camper Emergency Form****
- **Wellness physical/ vaccination records: signed by physician***
- **Medication Administration Authorization (If applicable)***
- **Scholarship Application (If applicable)***

**These forms are completed and submitted during the online registration process.

*These forms need to be scanned and dropped off/delivered to camp

Registration must be completed in full prior to the start of your camp session.

Camp Drop-Off and Pick-up:

All campers must be signed in and out daily. Campers should arrive at camp and be signed in by their group leaders between 8:30-8:40am (7:45 or later for before care). Upon arrival to camp please accompany your child to the sign in table where a staff member or counselor will complete the sign in process. Being on time is important as our groups will begin to venture to different areas around the farm by 8:45am, making it difficult for late arrivals to easily join their group. Campers not enrolled in before care are not permitted to sign in earlier than 8:30am. Campers must be picked up between 3:50-4:00pm (unless enrolled in after care). Half day preschool campers must be picked up between 12:20-12:30pm. Campers who are not enrolled in after care and whose caregivers arrive later than 4:05pm will be placed in aftercare while they wait for their caregiver and charged \$1/minute. Campers enrolled in after-care must be picked up no later than 5:15pm.

Special Accommodations:

Above all, camper safety is our top priority at Stonewall Farm. If your child has any special needs please contact the Education Director prior to registering for camp. We will work together to create an individualized plan to address your child's needs. If you have any documentation to share with our team so we may better understand strategies and accommodations we would appreciate copies for review. In the rare case that we feel we can not safely address your child's needs, we may ask that you not move forward with your registration.

Thursday Evening Picnic and Overnight:

Each Thursday night, beginning at 5:30pm, campers have the opportunity to come to the farm with their family for a family picnic. Please bring a picnic dinner ready to eat for your family.

Staff will be on hand to answer questions, provide a brief presentation of the week's highlights, and lead campers and their families in songs and games. Campers in the Travelers group then have the option of camping out overnight at the farm! (*advance registration and payment is required*)

In the event of rain, campers will sleep inside. The campsite location is at the Camp Director's discretion. The decision will be made by 4:00pm on Thursday afternoon. Please know we do not take this decision lightly; there are many factors that go into this decision, but camper safety is always the prevailing factor!

Overnight Equipment List:

- Tent, sleeping bag, pillow and sleeping pad
- Toiletries such as toothpaste & toothbrush
- Clothes, lunch and snacks for camp on Friday
- Pajamas and long sleeve sweatshirt—nights can get cold!
- Book or quiet activity (please no electronics or cell phones)
- Flashlight or headlamp and batteries

***Due to the Covid pandemic, the decision on whether or not to run Thursday overnights will be made by the Camp Director based on local case numbers as well as current State and CDC guidelines in late June**

Friday Afternoons:

We celebrate the end of each camp week by hosting a traditional folk art experience such as dance, storytelling and/or music. Families are welcome to join us from 3-4pm if schedules permit. We hope you can join us! *All campers should be picked up between 3:50-4:00pm, as there is no after care on Fridays. Phone calls home will be made starting at 4:05, and late pickup charges will apply.*

Illness:

Please do not send your child to camp if he or she is experiencing, or has experienced in the previous 24 hours, any of the following symptoms: fever, diarrhea, vomiting or sore throat. If your child displays any of these symptoms during camp, or is not able to keep up with the pace of the day for other reasons, you will be called to pick them up within thirty minutes. If we cannot reach you, we will call the person(s) listed as emergency contacts. If your child is sent home due to illness they will not be permitted to return for 24 hours.

Please note, no refunds are issued due to dismissals for illness.

Attendance & Absences:

If your child will not be attending a day for any reason, please email or call the Camp Director at 603-352-5577 by 9am.

Medications:

Prescribed and non-prescribed medications, including asthma medications must be listed on the Health Form and can be administered by our staff with parental written consent. Medication must be in its original bottle and have the original prescription label with the child's name dosage and instructions and cannot be expired. Parents should hand medications directly to staff at morning sign-in. Camp staff are authorized to administer first aid, as well as to dispense medications brought to camp by my child according to directions. Camp activities often include contact with various animals, both cultivated and wild plants, and food items. Parents are responsible for listing any known allergies on their child's health form.

First Aid:

First aid will be administered in the event of injury or illness. Parents will be notified by phone if further treatment is needed. Please keep us apprised of any changes in your child's health record. When an event occurs that requires documentation, including illness or any first aid support administered by our staff, we ask that parents sign our documentation at the end of the day. Parents may request a copy of this form for their own records.

Discipline & Bullying Policy:

Our experienced staff will provide clear expectations regarding behavior to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all campers, including keeping hands to ourselves, using kind words, including everyone in activities, listening to others and following directions to stay safe. We believe that acknowledging and commending positive behavior is a great tool and use this approach often, which incentivises others to follow suit.

Should a camper have difficulty following certain guidelines, we follow a 3 warning system where the 3rd warning results in a call home. If a second call is necessary on the same day, we will ask that you come and pick your child up from camp immediately. Should your child be sent home twice during the same week, we will ask that he or she not return to camp for the remainder of the week.

Our staff is committed to work with parents to provide campers the support they need to meet our behavioral expectations. If an incident occurs that requires documentation, including 3 strikes for poor behavior, a call home, bullying incidents, we will ask that parents sign our documentation form at the end of the day the incident occurs. Parents may request a copy of this form for their own records.

Behaviors that may result in an immediate dismissal from camp, without warning, include any behaviors that place the child, campers or staff in emotional or physical danger.

Stonewall Farm upholds a strict No Bullying Policy! If a camper is bullying another child in any way, we will follow a ONE warning system. After one warning a call will be made home and documented. If a second incident occurs on the same day, the child will be dismissed for the day. If this occurs on two separate days, the child will not be permitted back to camp for the remainder of the week. No refunds will be given for students dismissed due to behavioral or bullying incidents.

Liability:

Assumption of risk: Stonewall Farm takes all possible precautions to reduce risk and provide a safe, healthy and enjoyable experience for all campers. Activities at camp may include, but are not limited to, farm chores, working with animals, running games and being outside. By registering my child for camp, I acknowledge that despite staff efforts, some risk from participation in camp activities still exists and I am allowing my child to attend camp knowing these risks and their possible consequences including personal injury. I understand I am responsible for listing any restrictions to activity/ health concerns/ allergies in my child's health history paperwork.

Please call if you have any concerns about the activities your child may engage in while on our premises.

Waiver of liability: As a parent/guardian of this child, I agree that I will not hold Stonewall Farm, its employees, officers or directors liable for any personal injury, property damage or loss. These terms serve as a release for myself and members of my family.

Photo and video release: Stonewall Farm has the right to photograph and video campers during each camp session. Photo and video may be used for promotional reasons including but not limited to: weekly slideshows, newspaper articles, our organization's website, facebook, posters, and more. Please note, campers names will not appear in any of the above promotional material. If you do not want your child's photo or video taken/ used, please submit your request in writing, with the rest of your required paperwork by June 1st.

Inclusion at Stonewall Farm: Stonewall Farm works to not only be inclusive, but welcoming to all members of our community. Our staff is dedicated to working with families to make sure all campers have the chance to be successful at camp. Families are encouraged to provide tools, tricks, or even IEP's that may help us work more successfully with your child. We also hope that families will share any needed supports for emotional, physical, or other types of wellness for your child. Please let us know if you would like access to our transgender policy.

Covid-19 Considerations:

As this is an ever changing landscape, Covid-19 pandemic preventative measures and related safety protocols will be announced shortly before the start of camp via email. Please reach out directly to the Camp Director if you have any questions or concerns in the meantime.

Daily Camper Checklist:

Each camper will be provided with a place to store their belongings during the day. Please bring all items home each night. Campers should arrive prepared to explore the farm rain or shine so dress accordingly (raincoat and boots for rainy days)! Please leave unneeded personal items, money, anything that could be considered a weapon and all electronic devices at home.

Each camper should bring the following to camp everyday:

- Large labeled backpack or bag
- A healthy lunch and two to three snacks in a squirrel proof container (no paper or plastic bags). **Please pack plenty of food! Campers participate in many physical activities and will need the energy!*
- Labeled water bottle (refillable spill proof water bottles work best).
- Sneakers or sturdy hiking shoes to visit the barn and hike **Children sent in open toed sandals or flip flops may not be allowed to participate in certain activities.*
- A sun hat or baseball cap
- A swimsuit, water shoes and swim towel. **Water shoes must be closed toed! Campers without proper footwear may not be able to play in the creek.*
- An extra set of clothes.
- Sunscreen and bug repellent.
- Raincoat or sweater in inclement weather.
- Blanket or special toy if your child is a Wanderer for rest time.

Please label ALL items with your child's name and check our Lost and Found regularly.

**Thank you for choosing Stonewall Farm Summer Camp!
We look forward to seeing you soon!**

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