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Heavenly Acres Farm and Learning Center Farm Summer Camp Handbook 2023

Dear Parent,

Welcome to Farm Camp! We are so excited that you have chosen to attend our first exciting year of Farm Camp here at Heavenly Acres Farm. Thank you for trusting us with your child this summer. We will strive our best to make camp a fun, rewarding and safe environment.

This handbook was designed to help answer any questions you may have about your child's time on the Farm. In addition, necessary paperwork for attending camp is included. Forms MUST be emailed to heavenlyacresfarmllc@gmail.com the week prior to your child's camp session.

Preparing for Farm Camp

Farm Camp is a place for kids to embrace nature, get dirty and have fun. We believe that giving children a chance to be in nature, regardless of the elements, creates a confidence in themselves and their surroundings.

Please remember to dress appropriately:

- Please wear shoes that can dirty and/or wet
- A change of clothes, including shoes just in case your child doesn't like to be wet or dirty. Many kids choose to just stay wet to help keep them cool in the afternoon sun.
- Please apply sunscreen before signing your child in. We will reapply sunscreen after snack/lunch
- **Closed toed shoes are necessary for safety. No Crocs, sandals, or flip flops are allowed for normal farm activities**
- We do tend to get wet at least once during the day at camp (to beat the heat). Adding a plastic bag for wet clothes (if your child changes) and a towel to the bag they bring will be helpful. This is not required though.
- A light sweatshirt or jacket may be needed depending on the weather
- Clothes will get dirty. Please do not send your child in clothes that you wouldn't want stained

What to bring in a backpack for Farm Camp:

- Packed lunch (we do have fridges available)
- Reusable water bottle (already filled)
- Shoes that can get dirty/wet
- Change of clothes
- Sunscreen/bug spray (please apply)
- Towel

We do have a lost and found bin at camp that we will put items into each day. It does help if your child's items are labeled so that if lost, we can return their items to them promptly.

Camp Procedures

- Sign in for camp begins at 9:30 am and we will begin camp around 9:45 AM.
- Upon arrival, please park in the grass lot in front of the main house and walk up to sign your child in for the day.
- An adult must sign your child into and out of camp each day. Please be sure that at check in, we have the appropriate name for the person who will pick up your child.
- Camp pick-up is at 2:45 PM.
- IF you have a late drop off or early pick up, please let us know ahead of time so that we can accommodate your needs.
- It is possible that your child will want to show you around a bit after camp, and that is okay! We love when campers show their family what they have learned. We do ask that campers leave no later than 3:15p so that we can complete farm chores.

Electronics Policy

Please leave all electronics at home. We are constantly on the move, getting dirty and/or wet. If an electronic device does come to camp, there is a real possibility of it being damaged or ruined.

Inclement Weather

If it's storming during drop off or pick-up, please come up to covered front porch for sign in/out.

We will stay outside, even if raining, if possible. If storms are in the area, we will move indoors. We try our best to then bring farm animals indoors and continue learning, but please be aware that we cannot control the weather.

Camper Name: _____

Emergency Contact Name and Relationship: _____

Emergency contact phone number: _____

Name of Drop Off Person: _____

Name of Pick-Up Person (if different): _____

Health Form

Please note that we do not have a nurse or doctor on premises during farm camp. We can offer basic first aid only and we carry cell phones in case of emergency.

If your child will need medication during the 5 hours they will be at camp, please let us know prior to the start of camp. In most cases, we can accommodate these needs and will do so to the best of our ability. However, Heavenly Acres Farm and Learning Center is not responsible for administering medication to children. We can remind them to take their medicine or inhaler by themselves if needed. We do not stock any over-the-counter medications and do not give any such medication to campers.

Please list any allergies your camper may have: _____

Conditions:

Please list any medical, behavioral, or other condition we should know about.

Health procedures: We do offer band-aids, bee sting cream and assist with needs as they arise. We log any incidents and try our best to discuss with the parent at the end of the day.

Please feel free to call with any questions.

Thank you,

Forrest and Jennifer Bopp