



SPRING 2024

PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

April - June



FAMILY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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FARMYARD STORYTIME - \$7

Pre-registration Required

Every Monday April 1 - May 27 - 10am-11am.

Open to all ages. Location: Education Barn.

Reading story books amongst the farmyard critters, what could be a more enjoyable start to your week? We will gather in our Family Farmyard where we will join our friendly animals reading some of their favorite books!

FRIDAY FARMERS - \$7

Pre-registration Required

Every Friday April 5 - June 28 - 10am-11:30am.

Open to ages 3 & up. Location: Education Barn.

Come get your boots dirty as we explore the many jobs on the farm and meet the animals. All will have a chance to lend a hand.

WORKING WITH WOOL - \$8

Pre-registration Required

April 11, 23 - 10am-11:30am.

Open to all ages. Location: Education Barn.

Join us to learn about our fiber animals and get familiar with the process behind turning sheep's fleece into ready to use wool. Try your hand at making a woolen craft to take home!

FARMYARD HELPER - \$7

Pre-registration Required

April 13, 18 May 16, 21, June 8, 24 - 4:15pm-5:45pm.

Open to ages 6 and up. Location: Education Barn.

Add a little excitement to your day and join us in the Family Farmyard for a specially designed program for older kiddos where we tackle farm chores as a team. Your hands will get a little dirty while you get an up close and personal experience as you engage with our resident farm animal personalities.

WOODLAND WONDERS - \$7

Pre-registration Required

April 14, 18 - 10am-11:30am.

Open to ages 6 and up. Location: Education Barn.

Put on your detective cap and join us as we set out to our trails behind the farmyard to explore and investigate a wildly wonderful forested habitat. We will learn all about what makes the forest such a unique place full of life and mystery.

SEARCHING FOR SPRING -\$7

Pre-registration Required

April 17 - 10am - 11:30am.

Open to ages 3 and up. Location: Education Barn.

Spring is a magical season in the natural world and we will be setting out into the woods to search for any clues that it has indeed arrived.

AFTERNOON AT THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER - \$7

Pre-registration Required

April 26, May 24, June 21 - 12:30pm-2pm.

Open to ages 6 and up. Location: Equestrian Center.

Enjoy a peaceful afternoon at our Equestrian Center with our amazing Morgan Horses that are housed there. We will tour the Morgan Horse Museum, arena, outdoor pastures and help groom one of our equine friends in the barn.

**EDUCATION
CONTACT INFO**

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PROGRAM SERIES



PLAY DAYS AT PINELAND - \$30

Program includes 3 visits.

Pre-registration Required.
One adult is free with child.

April 25, May 23, June 27 - 10:00AM - 11:00AM

Meet outside the Conference Center at:
16 Pineland Dr. New Gloucester, Maine

Description:

During this multi-visit program, designed for children between the ages of 2 and 3 with their adult caregiver, you have the opportunity to build relationships while exploring the environments of Pineland Farms.

Age-appropriate games and activities will engage participants and inspire their natural curiosity in the world around them.



Photo Credit: Danielle Hachborn

Pre-register for family programs here:



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FELTED FLOWERS - \$10

Pre-registration Required

May 1 - 4:15pm-5:45pm.

Open to ages 10 and up. Location: Education Barn.

Join us on the farm for a special afternoon of wooly craftsmanship. Using processed wool, a bit of creativity, some patience, and soapy water we will be crafting a felted flower. This lovely springtime craft is great as a gift or to take home to enjoy yourself. This class is designed with older children in mind.

FROGS, FISH, & WIGGLES - \$7

Pre-registration Required

May 5, 7, 19, 25, 26 - 10am-11:30am.

Open to ages 3 and up. Location: Big Pond.

Spring has returned and so have many of our aquatic friends! Discover life around the pond as we look for amphibious critters and learn about their habitat. We will be mucking around near our pond so please dress appropriately.

FELTED BALLS - \$8

Pre-registration Required

May 9 - 4:15pm-5:45pm.

Open to ages 6 and up. Location: Education Barn.

Take a walk through our education barn to meet our furry fiber friends. For this program, we will be crafting felted balls using processed wool, a simple and fun activity. Come and learn the basics of wet felting with us!

SOIL, SEEDS, & SPROUTS - \$7

Pre-registration Required

May 15 - 10am-11:30am.

Open to ages 3 and up. Location: Education Barn.

Come dig in our soil and learn what a plant needs to grow. We will be exploring our gardens to understand the perfect recipe for healthy plants.

ICE CREAM MAKING - \$8

Pre-registration Required

June 1, 11, 15, 19, 20, 25, 27 - 10am-11:30am.

Open to all ages. Location: Education Barn.

After learning how homemade ice cream is made you will work up an appetite touring our dairy facility, meeting our award-winning herd of Holsteins and learning a bit about how we care for them. The ice-cream will be churning while you are away and will be ready to enjoy a sample of at the end of your tour.

FAMILY PROGRAM FAQ's

- Programming begins promptly, please arrive on time.
- Due to the nature of a working farm some programs / featured animals will vary.
- FOR CANCELLATIONS follow us on Facebook or call Education at 207.650.3031.

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See our StoryWalk story schedule here:

STORYWALK - FREE

Pre-registration Required

Every Monday June 3 - 24 - 10am-11am.

Open to all ages. Location: Market & Welcome Center.

Enjoy a farm-themed story as you explore nature and enjoy the forest along our 1-mile StoryWalk trail. The StoryWalk Project was started by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle and Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Stories change every 2 weeks. View our story schedule here: <https://pinelandfarms.org/story-walk/>

SALSA MAKING - \$8

Pre-registration Required

June 23 & 26 - 10am-11:30am.

Open to ages 3 and up. Location: Education Barn.

Join us for a family program designed to awaken your taste buds. We will be using fresh strawberries from our gardens to learn how to make a farm-fresh strawberry salsa.



APRIL VACATION

Monday, April 15 - Friday, April 19, 2024

Experience the joy of farm life when exploring the sights and sounds of spring at Pineland Farms this April Vacation. Hands-on activities will be repeated throughout the day to engage the young and old alike while touring the farm at your own pace. Schedules will be available on location on the day of your visit.



Pre-register for April Vacation Week here:

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WOMEN'S HIKE NIGHT - \$5

Pre-registration Required

April 3, May 1, June 5 - 6pm-8pm

All ages. Location: Outdoor & Fitness Center.

Come join us at the Pineland Farms Outdoor Center every first Wednesday of the month this spring for our Women's Hike Night! Connect with new friends as our staff lead you on a 2-3 hour moderate-level hike along our picturesque trails. We will take a moment to recharge with a small break and a snack. Boost your confidence on the trails for the next time you venture out on your own solo or group hike at Pineland Farms. Hike ending times may vary. **Contact:** outdoor@pinelandfarms.org or 207.688.6599

LIGHTS OUT ON THE FARM - \$7

Pre-registration Required

April 8 - 2pm-5pm

All ages. Location: Outdoor & Fitness Center.

Join us at the Outdoor Center for an exciting afternoon safely viewing the solar eclipse! Even with a partial view (97%) of the eclipse from our farm we're determined to have a great time. Experience age-appropriate activities and fun as the lights dim at Pineland. Eclipse viewing glasses and a goody bag will be provided. Come celebrate this special day with us!

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FULL MOON HIKE - \$10

Pre-registration Required

April 23, May 23, Sept. 17 - 6pm-9pm,

June 21, July 21, Aug. 19 - 7pm-10pm

Open to all ages. Must be able to hike various terrain for 3 miles. Location: Outdoor & Fitness Center. Weather dependent. Gather your friends and family and join us for a full moon hike starting from the Pineland Farms Outdoor & Fitness Center. Experience breathtaking views of the Full Moon and the stars. During this adventure, you'll trek along the scenic Pineland Farms trails, immerse yourself in nature, discover the history of Pineland Farms, explore available programs, and more. After the hike, unwind by one of the fire pits and indulge in a delicious treat! **Contact:** outdoor@pinelandfarms.org or 207.688.6599

CHEESEMAKING & DAIRY TOUR - \$15

Pre-registration Required

April 24, 28, May 2, 5, June 6, 9 - 3pm-5pm

Ages 14 and up with adult supervision. Location: The Sugar House in the Farmyard.

While learning the basics of making simple cheese curds, enjoy a behind the scenes tour of our dairy barn, including an observation of an afternoon milking.

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- Programs may be cancelled if minimum enrollment is not met.
- Adult supervision is required for ages 14-17.



NATURE PROGRAMS WITH HUGHES KRAFT

Pre-register for both programs for a \$5 discount!

CONNECT WITH NATURE - \$20

Pre-registration Required

April 21 & May 19 - 11am-1pm

Ages 18 and up. Location: Education Barn.

This 2-hour experience, held entirely outdoors, is an opportunity to tune into the forests of southern Maine while exploring with the curiosity that came naturally during childhood. Plan to wander and wonder with guidance from Jack Flanagan and Hughes Kraft.

FOREST BATHING - \$20

Pre-registration Required

April 28, May 12, June 15 - 11am-1pm

Ages 18 and up. Location: Education Barn.

Are you looking for a different way to de-stress and connect to the natural world around you? Pineland Farms has partnered with Hughes Kraft to offer Forest Bathing. Forest Bathing is a two hour opportunity to slow down and connect with oneself while connecting with nature.

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Pre-register for adult activities here:



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GARDEN TOURS - \$5

Pre-registration Required

Tuesdays Jun. 20, Jul. 18, Aug. 8, Sept. 12 - 2pm-3:30pm
Rain dates will be available on Wednesdays.

All ages. Location: The Garden.

Enjoy a tour and relax in our beautiful garden surroundings. Stroll the paths and mingle with friends. We'll be here to answer your garden questions. Light refreshments will be served. **Contact:** cjalbert@pinelandfarms.org or 207.688.4800 ex. 11

TROLLEY TOURS - \$12

Pre-registration Required

April 26, May 24, June 14 - 4pm-5:30pm.

April 28, May 25, June 22 - 1pm-2:30pm.

Ages 14 and up with adult supervision.

Location: Market and Welcome Center.

This 1.5-hour journey designed for a mature audience will begin at our Market and Welcome Center where you will climb aboard Trina, our 25-passenger trolley. We will begin with a driving tour of the historic Pineland Farms campus before taking the scenic, winding road down to the Valley Farm. There you will get off the trolley at the Dairy Barn and the Family Farmyard to visit our Holstein cows and a variety of other farmyard animals.

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THE FOREST TREES OF MAINE - \$7

Pre-registration Required

April 30 - 5pm-7pm

Ages 14 and up with adult supervision.

Location: Education Barn.

We are surrounded - but by what exactly? District Forester Shane Duigan of the Maine Forest Service will guide this educational journey through the woods, focusing on the fundamentals of identifying the trees that surround us.

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FIDDLEHEAD FORAGE - \$45

Pre-registration Required

Fridays May 3, 10, 17 - 6pm-8pm | Saturdays May 4, 11, 18 -

8:30am-10:30am | Sundays May 5, 12, 19 - 5:30pm-7:30pm

Ages 18 and up. Location: Outdoor & Fitness Center.

This 2-hour adventure will take you on a hike to the banks of the Royal River at Pineland Farms in New Gloucester, Maine. Forage for fiddleheads with Outdoor Recreation Staff for a knowledgeable and memorable experience. Bring comfortable hiking boots, insect repellent and appropriate attire for current weather conditions.

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READING THE FORESTED LANDSCAPE - \$7

Pre-registration Required

May 14 & June 20 - 5pm-7pm

Ages 14 and up with adult supervision.

Location: Education Barn.

Have you ever wondered how old the trees and forests that surround you are or what the land you are standing on was used for in the past? How could you find out? Join Shane Duigan, District Forester from the Maine Forest Service, to learn how to read the clues in the landscape!

Contact: education@pinelandfarms.org or 207.650.3031

FELTED SOAP - \$30

Pre-registration Required

May 22 - 4pm-5:30pm.

Ages 14 and up with adult supervision.

Location: Education Barn.

Come join us for a Felted Soap Workshop. Participants will learn how to make unique felted soap bars and will leave the workshop with two complete bars. All materials are included. The soap bars provided are Yardley brand soap - if you have allergies and need special soap, or would prefer a different brand, please feel free to bring two bars of your choosing.

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OUTDOOR MUSHROOM CULTIVATION WITH NORTH SPORE - \$40



May 11 & May 25 - 1pm-3pm

Ages 18 and up. Location: May 4 at Pineland Farms, May 11 at North Spore Mushroom Company

Have you been looking for a way to level up and diversify your garden? Maybe you have a shady, soggy section in your yard that isn't suited to vegetables? If this sounds like you, learning to be a mushroom farmer with North Spore is the answer! The focus of this class will be to educate participants in two different outdoor mushroom cultivation methods: Log Inoculation & Mushroom Beds.

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3 DIVISIONS STARTING MAY 6 - AUG. 5

**MORE INFO
& SIGN UP:**




Pond-a-palooza
Saturday, May 4, 2024
9am-1pm

In collaboration with





Experience the wonders of pond life and fishing at our first annual Pondapalooza! In partnership with Maine's Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, this family-friendly event offers educational and hands-on activities for all ages. Tickets are available now!

**MORE INFO
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PICK-YOUR-OWN BERRIES!
STARTING MID-JUNE.

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MORE THINGS TO DO

In addition to our programs & activities, Pineland Farms is open daily for farm visits and recreation. Stop by the Market for delicious food in our cafe & bakery or for a wide array of locally sourced produce, meats, cheeses, and grocery items - 15 Farm View Drive, New Gloucester, Maine.

FARM VISITS

You can visit the Dairy Farm, Family Farmyard, and Equestrian Center year-round with a 2-Hour Farm Pass. Farm passes are pre-registration. Purchase online to reserve a time slot.
207.650.3031

Visit:
<https://shop.pinelandfarms.org/collections/all-classes-events/2-hour-farm-pass>



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OUTDOOR RECREATION

Hike the trails, play disc golf, bike, try orienteering, pick up a game of bocce or tennis, or enjoy our indoor activities like candlepin bowling, open gym basketball, pickleball, and more!
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Visit:
<https://pinelandfarms.org/recreation/outdoor-center/>

VISIT THE GARDENS

All of our professionally designed gardens are created and maintained for the public to enjoy and learn. The Garden, Lilac Garden and Annual Displays around Campus and the Great Lawn are available FREE for all to enjoy from 8 am until dusk spring, summer & fall.

Visit:
<https://pinelandfarms.org/experience/the-gardens/>



CANDLEPIN BOWLING

Family-friendly lanes include bumpers for those who would like to utilize them. Paper score cards are provided. \$25/lane per hour. 4 people per lane. Please bring your own bowling shoes or wear socks.
207.688.6599



Visit:
<https://pinelandfarms.org/recreation/outdoor-center/candlepin-bowling/>



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SEASON PASSES

Do you love our family programs and recreational opportunities? Get an annual or season pass to the farm, disc golf, xc skiing, biking, or snowshoeing for added benefits including 10% off purchases at the Market. Learn more about our Educational & Recreational opportunities at pinelandfarms.org

FARM SEASON PASS

Grants a family of four access to the farm, 50% off family programs, and 10% off at the Market for one whole year!
207.650.3031

Visit:
<https://shop.pinelandfarms.org/collections/annual-season-passes/products/farm-season-pass-1>



OPEN GYM PUNCH CARD

Join us for teen & adult open gym activities. Drop in for \$5/per person or \$50/ for this 10-pass punch card and receive 1 free visit after you turn in your card with 10 punches. **207.688.6599**

Visit:
<https://shop.pinelandfarms.org/collections/all-recreation-passes-activities/products/open-punch-card>



RECREATION SEASON PASSES

We offer season passes to XC skiing & snowshoeing as well as annual passes for mountain/fat biking & disc golf! All recreation season passes offer access to your favorite activity plus 10% off at the Market, 2 free guest passes, and 10% off rentals.

To learn more about each season or annual pass, scan the QR code below and select the pass that interests you!

Call **207.688.6599**

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