



# Kids at the Farm: Summer 2017

Preschool through High School

Newton Community Farm - 303 Nahanton St - Newton - MA 02459

**Welcome!** Registration is now **OPEN** for our full range of summer programs, including **NEW** additions for 2017.

Experience the beauty and bounty of Newton Community Farm and give summer a whole new meaning! Dig, plant, weed and water. Harvest farm fresh produce and prepare delicious snacks. Feed the chickens, collect eggs and explore the world through the lens of farming and food.

Register today at [www.newtoncommunityfarm.org/education](http://www.newtoncommunityfarm.org/education)

To learn more about our summer offerings or scholarship program for qualified applicants, please contact Alison Scorer, Education Director at [education@newtoncommunityfarm.org](mailto:education@newtoncommunityfarm.org).



## **FARM SPROUTS** (2.5 yrs – entering K with a caregiver)

Engage your five senses and be amazed by the natural wonders of the farm. Feed the chickens, dig for worms, and journey with our honey bees as they buzz around the field. Munch your way through the different parts of plants and search for the colors of the rainbow. Explore, experience and be inspired.

*Each week has its own theme which is repeated each morning that week. Choose how many weeks you wish to attend, days can vary from one week to the next.*

**Date and times:** Weeks 1 – 11 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday mornings, 10-11am. No class July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Fee:** \$10 per child per class [REGISTER](#)

## **WEEK LONG PROGRAMS**

Register for week long programs before **Saturday March 18th** for our **Early Bird discount**.

### **\*\*NEW\*\* Early Morning Drop Off 8:00 – 8:30am**

Available for all of our weeklong sessions. Must register for a full week, \$35 a week, per child. Each additional child at \$25 per week. [REGISTER](#)

### **\*\*NEW\*\* Extended Day 4:00 – 5:30pm**

Extended Day, is available for all of our weeklong, FULL day programs. Must register for full week, \$75 a week, per child. Each additional child at \$55 per week. [REGISTER](#)

### **\*\*NEW\*\* FARM EXPLORERS** (Entering Kindergarten September 2017)



Exploration and adventure await our Farm Explorers. Each week will focus on a different farm based theme as we immerse ourselves in the natural wonders and joys of Newton Community Farm. Daily activities include animal chores, tending to the learning garden, preparing and sharing healthy snacks, arts and crafts, games and time for reflection in our farm journals.

**Dates and time:** Weeks 1 – 6, 8:30 – 1:00pm

**Fee: Early Bird Special** General Public \$225, Friend of the Farm \$205

General Public \$250, Friend of the Farm \$225

**Week 4: Early Bird Special** General Public \$180, Friend of the Farm \$160

General Public \$200, Friend of the Farm \$180

**Session 1** – Join us in celebrating the diversity of the farm as we identify the range of fruits and vegetables we grow, the different creatures that call the farm home and learn why diversity is such a wonderful thing.

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**Session 2** - Calling all bug lovers!! Each day take a closer look at a different critter friend as we learn about the often forgotten creatures of the farm. Spiders, ants, caterpillars, honeybees to name just a few: investigate where they live on the farm, how they move and whether they are one of the helpful members of our farm community.

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**Session 3** – Changes! Look up at the sky are the colors or the patterns of the clouds the same each day? Do we hear the same noises every day or even throughout our morning? Explore how the machines and tools we use change the appearance of the farm. And don't forget snack! What changes take place when we cook something or store something in the fridge?

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**Session 4** – Feathered friends are the focus of our week. Investigate the different stages of growth; from egg to full grown chicken, learn about their unique bodies and compare them to other feathered friends who call the farm home. Indulge in some 'eggtastic' inspired kitchen activities.

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**Session 5** – Embark on a farm to table journey like no other as we: discover what pizza and ice cream have in common; identify the plants that give us bread and popcorn, and how nature is even involved in giving us everyday foods such as chips, yogurt and cheese.

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**Session 6** – Take a closer look at some of the fruit and vegetables we grow here on the farm. Examine their transformation from small seed to delicious snack, compare and sample favorites grown on the farm with those bought in the store, and explore how different families cook and enjoy them.

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### **LITTLE DIGGERS** (Entering Grades 1 – 2)

Get dirty, have fun and be prepared to be amazed by what you uncover in our Little Diggers program. Each session has its own unique farm based theme to develop curiosity, and foster a deeper connection with the natural world. Daily activities include: digging, planting, weeding; harvesting produce for scrumptious snacks, and setting up and managing a farm stand. Plant, bring home, and care for your choice of seed. It's the perfect recipe for summer fun.

**Dates and time:** Weeks 3 -6, 8:30 – 1:00pm

**Fee: Early Bird Special** General Public \$225, Friend of the Farm \$205

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**Week 4: Early Bird Special** General Public \$180, Friend of the Farm \$160

General Public \$200, Friend of the Farm \$180

**Session 1** (Week 3) - Unleash your inner sleuth and investigative powers as you identify the key players in the farm ecosystem, their roles and how they work together as a team.

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**Session 2** (Week 4) - Budding botanists, pull out your hand lens and take an in-depth look at the amazing world of plants. Each day we will study a different part of the plant; conduct experiments to learn about each part's role, draw in our botany journals before we munch down on tasty examples. (NO class July 4th)

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**Session 3** (Week 5) - Machines of the farm are the focus of the week. Identify a range of machines that we use on the farm, from small to large, investigate how they help us and put your thinking cap on as we design, make and test our own mechanical creations.

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**Session 4** (Week 6) - Cycles are everywhere in the natural world, so how many do you think we can identify at Newton Community Farm? Take a closer look at the water cycle in action, the life cycles of a bean plant and some of our creature friends. What about our compost pile? Is that another example of a cycle? Spin your way through this fun packed week.

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**\*\*NEW\*\* LITTLE DIGGERS: FULL DAY** (Entering Grades 1 – 2)

In this full day version of our Little Diggers program, mornings are described as above while our afternoons will be spent with local chefs, artists and writers as they share their craft founded in nature and celebrating the beauty and bounty of the farm. Children are to bring lunch each day, snacks will be provided.

**Dates and time:** Week 7 and 8, 8:30 – 4:00pm

**Fee:** **Early Bird Special** General Public \$375, Friend of the Farm \$335  
General Public \$415, Friend of the Farm \$375

**Full Day: Session1** (Week 7)

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**Full Day: Session 2** (Week 8)

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**FARMER IN TRAINING** (Entering Grades 3 - 5)

Explore the entirety of the farm from the chickens to the orchard, the fields to the greenhouses. Delicious farm inspired snacks provided daily.

**Dates and time:** Weeks 3 – 6 and week 11, 8:30 – 1:00pm

**Fee:** **Early Bird Special** General Public \$225, Friend of the Farm \$205  
General Public \$250, Friend of the Farm \$225

**Week 4: Early Bird Special** General Public \$180, Friend of the Farm \$160  
General Public \$200, Friend of the Farm \$180

**Session 1** (Week 3) - How are we connected to our natural world and each other? In what ways do these relationships allow us to meet our daily needs? We will identify these connections and explore how critical they are to our day to day living. Craft your own solar oven to harness the sun's energy, explore the workings of our greenhouses, and conduct experiments to better understand the impact of different growing conditions on the quality of our food. Come and celebrate what it means to be a part of an interconnected community. Bring lunch each day.

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**Session 2** (Week 4 and week 11) - Journey across the globe and discover a world of diverse foods, traditions, farms and markets. Terrace farming, chocolate growing, floating food markets, and breakfast traditions across the globe all await our exploration and investigation. Using Skype in the Classroom connect with people near and far and even try our hand at some of their techniques and traditions here at the farm. Become a global explorer, dig in the learning garden, and harvest produce for globally inspired delights. This is an adventure not to be missed! Bring lunch each day. (NO class July 4th)

Week 4: [REGISTER](#)

Week 11: [REGISTER](#)

**Session 3** (Week 5) - Without enough water plants will not grow so where does the farm get its water? What happens if there is a drought like last summer? Explore unique growing strategies such as hydroponics, design and make your own terrarium, conduct scientific field experiments and map out the journey of this natural resource both on the farm and in the wider community. Bring lunch each day.

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**Session 4** (Week 6) - Journey through time as we examine the many ways the land, now known as Newton Community Farm, may have been used. Learn about foraging, and how Native American communities such as the Wampanoag would have worked with the land. Experience some of their foods, culture, traditions, games, tools and crafts before taking a glimpse into the last 300 years, imagining life as a new settler or immigrant working the soil in their own unique ways.... horses and all! Bring lunch each day.

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### **FARMER IN TRAINING: FULL DAY**

In this full day version of our Farmer in Training program, delve deeper into farm life and broaden your skills and understanding of what it means to be a farmer in 2017. Spend more time in the field planting, weeding and harvesting, play games and cook up some tasty delights in our Barn kitchen. Mornings are described as above while in the afternoons we will welcome a local chef, local artist, or other artisans as we learn new skills that are founded in nature and celebrate the beauty and bounty of the farm.

**Dates and time:** Week 7 - 10, 8:30 – 4:00pm

**Fee: Early Bird Special** General Public \$375, Friend of the Farm \$335  
General Public \$415, Friend of the Farm \$375

**Full Day Session 1** (Week 7)

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**Full Day Session 2** (Week 8)

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**Full Day Session 3** (Week 9)

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**Full Day Session 4** (Week 10)

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**\*\*NEW\*\* YOUNG FARMERS: FULL DAY** (Entering Grades 6 -8)

**Date and time:** Week 9 and 10, 8:30am - 4:00pm

**Fee: Early Bird Special** General Public \$375, Friend of the Farm \$335  
General Public \$415, Friend of the Farm \$375

**Session 1** - Could **YOU** take on the 100 mile challenge and only eat items that were sourced no further than 100 miles away? What would the menu look like? And what would be the environmental benefits of accepting this challenge? Explore some of key issues within our current food system; embrace some of the alternatives all while strengthening your skills and knowledge of sustainable farming through daily field work. Work on projects to beautify the learning garden, care for our free range chickens, harvest produce. Plan, prepare, cook and

share healthy, seasonal dishes based on the 100 mile challenge. Be active, reflect and advocate.

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**Session 2** - Does everyone in our city or even our state have access to healthy affordable food? Is it simply an issue of financial ability or is it more complex? Welcome staff from the Centre Street Food Pantry, learn about the work of other food access organizations in our area, help with the weekly pick up of our donated produce, and take a closer look at how urban planning shapes access to food; how much land in Newton is zoned for the growing of food? In this community focused week reflect on these fundamental issues as we work in the field with farm staff, care for the chickens, prepare and enjoy a range of healthy seasonal dishes and recognize your potential to be the change you want to see in the world.

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**INTERNSHIPS: High School and College**

Are you a high school or college student looking for a unique way to spend your summer? Then look no further!! Join us for one of our internship programs either in Farm Operations or within our Education Department and experience the joys and challenges of working on a suburban farm. For more information on our internship programs contact, [education@newtoncommunityfarm.org](mailto:education@newtoncommunityfarm.org)

**Farm Operations Internships:** High school students  
**Education Internships:** High school and college students

**Schedule: Kids at the Farm: Summer 2017**

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11
	June 12 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup>	June 19 <sup>h</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup>	June 26 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup>	July 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup>	July 10 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup>	July 17 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup>	July 24 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup>	July 31 <sup>st</sup> - August 4 <sup>th</sup>	August 7 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup>	August 14 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup>	August 21 <sup>st</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Farm Sprouts</b>											
<b>Early Morning Drop Off</b>											
<b>Farm Explorers</b>	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6					
<b>Extended Day</b>											
<b>Little Diggers</b>			Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Full Day Session 1	Full Day Session 2			
<b>Farmer in Training</b>			Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Full Day Session 1	Full Day Session 2	Full Day Session 3	Full Day Session 4	Session 2
<b>Young Farmers</b>									Session 1	Session 2	

*\* Preregistration is REQUIRED for all programs \*All prices are per child per week \*Early Bird discount is applied automatically upon checkout*

**For more information or questions please contact Alison Scorer, Education Director at [education@newtoncommunityfarm.org](mailto:education@newtoncommunityfarm.org)**