

Summer 2026 ~ Frequently Asked Questions

SUMMER SPROUTS

What is the age cut off?

Summer Sprouts must be 4 by June 22nd, and have not yet attended kindergarten.

How many campers and counselors will be in the group?

There will be 8 Sprouts with two adult leaders.

What does a typical day look like?

Summer Sprouts will spend most of their day outdoors exploring the property at a gentle pace. We will visit with the farm animals, tend to the garden, scoop at the pond, play games in the woods, and watch the clouds from the pastures. We will make art, tell stories, bake snacks, and follow our curiosity.

Will Summer Sprouts have use of the pool?

No. The pool is reserved for Nature Trekkers and Wayfinders. Summer Sprouts will participate in water play with sprinklers, sponges, and other water toys.

What should campers bring with them each day?

Each day Summer Sprouts should pack a full change of clothes, reusable water bottle, and nut-free lunch and snack.

My child has separation anxiety, can I stay at camp with them?

Drop-off can be a difficult time for kids (and parents). We will help you both through the process by following a consistent drop-off routine, remaining in communication throughout the day, and providing lots of support and encouragement.

What forms will my child need?

Per Connecticut Youth Camp Licensing, all campers are required to submit an up-to-date health assessment, proof of immunization, and medication authorization (if applicable). NPF requires an additional form that covers basic camper information and medical authorization. All forms will be available upon successful registration.

How do I register? What is the refund policy?

Summer Camp registration will open online at 9:30am on Tuesday, February 10th. Please visit www.newpondfarm.org. *Refunds will be issued through June 1st.*

The session is full. What should I do?

Please don't be discouraged. Add your child's name to the waitlist. Family plans often change and we will be in touch if a space opens up.

Is financial assistance available?

New Pond Farm strives to make our programs accessible to all families. Full or partial assistance may be available based on financial need. For an application, please email info@newpondfarm.org.

NATURE TREKKERS

What grades is the Nature Trekkers program for?

Nature Trekkers is for children entering grades 1 through 5.

How many campers and counselors will be in the group?

There will be 10 Nature Trekkers with 2 counselors.

What does a typical day look like?

Nature Trekkers is all about exploration and experimentation. Campers will follow their curiosity through the woodlands, in the wetlands, and around the barnyard. Together we will explore art, science, gardening, farm life, cooking, crafting, animal care, and all the property has to offer. Daily activities include hikes, games, swimming, freshwater exploration, farm chores, nature art, and more. This program fosters friendships, nurtures creativity, and builds self-confidence.

Will Nature Trekkers have use of the pool?

Yes, weather permitting, there will be daily swims under the supervision of a certified lifeguard.

What should campers bring with them each day?

Each day Nature Trekkers should pack a bathing suit, towel, reusable water bottle, and a nut-free lunch and snack.

What forms will my child need?

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WAYFINDERS

What grades is the Wayfinder program for?

Wayfinders is for rising 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.

How many campers and counselors will be in the group?

There will be 8 Wayfinders with 2 counselors.

What does a typical day look like?

Wayfinders will dive deeply into projects, experiments, and activities that will challenge their minds and bodies. Daily activities include hikes, freshwater exploration, farm chores, nature art, cooking, and more. This program will help forge friendships, fuel imaginations, and build confidence.

Will Wayfinders have use of the pool?

Yes, weather permitting, there will be daily swims under the supervision of a certified lifeguard.

Will there be an overnight component in all sessions?

Yes! This optional overnight will be a part of all three sessions. The goal is to camp outdoors (Mother Nature may have other plans).

How much of the day will be spent as counselors-in-training with the Nature Trekkers?

Wayfinders will spend 60-90 minutes on Tuesdays and Wednesdays alongside the Nature Trekkers assisting during daily activities. On Thursdays, Wayfinders will host a Jamboree for the Nature Trekkers where they lead games and activities of their choosing.

What should campers bring with them each day?

Each day Wayfinders should pack a bathing suit, towel, reusable water bottle, and a nut-free lunch and snack. There will be a separate packing list for the overnight.

What forms will my child need?

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