

2024 Flourishing Farmers Farm Information

Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County



Clover Brooke Farm, located in Hyde Park NY is a fiber and edu-tourism farm located in Hyde Park, NY. The farm is home to llamas, alpacas, sheep, and pygora goats. They also provide unique experiential activities such as tours, llama and alpaca hikes, goat and donkey walks, llamaste yoga, summer camp, educational class summer camp, educational class series and animal assisted therapy. The farm includes a pavilion for outdoor education protected by rain; and an indoor education center with an ADA compliant bathroom coming in 2024.

Flourishing Farmers will participate in the following activities.

- 1. Animal-Assisted Therapy Demonstrations: This could include showing how they have developed trust and a bond with the animals, participating in handling and grooming care, or even showcasing specific skills they have learned, such as Obstacle Course work.
- 2. Project-Based Learning Exhibits: Individuals can display their project-based learning activities, such as art pieces, fiber art creations, or garden produce.
- 3. Personal Testimonials: Individuals and their families can share their personal stories and experiences of how Clover Brooke Farm has positively impacted their lives. This could be done through written testimonials, videos, or even live interviews.
- 4. Information Booth: Clover Brooke Farm can set up an information booth to provide resources and educational materials about the benefits of animal-assisted therapy and project-based learning for individuals with disabilities.





175 Ruskey Ln, Hyde Park, NY 12538

Program Requirements:

- Students will attend at least seven out of the ten sessions.
- Caregivers must stay with students on site for the entirety of the program.
- Students must be available to attend the Dutchess County Fair the morning of Thursday, August 22nd.
- Students will treat the farms they visit, the animals they meet, and the tools they are given with respect.
- Students (with the assistance of their caretakers) will keep some sort of journal/book/photo collection to keep records and document experiences.
- Students will attend the Dutchess County Fair on Thursday the 22nd and, if desired, participate in a brief showcase of their progress over the course of activities. This could be a brief explanation detailing care of their animal, facts about their animal, a grooming demonstration, etc.



Pictured: Flourishing Farmer Joey saying hello to the donkeys at Clover Brooke Farm

This program will run once a month on the following Sundays from February to November, 3:00pm-5:30pm, with the opportunity for additional hands-on sessions in the summer months.

2/18/24 | 3/17/24 | 4/17/24 | 5/19/24 | 6/23/24 | 7/21/24 | 8/11/24 | 9/**TBD**/23 | 10/15/24 | 11/19/24

Plus, the Dutchess County Fair on the morning of Thursday, August 22nd

Want to Participate?

Contact 4-H Program Coordinator, Savanna Burke by phone at 845-874-2388 or by email at swb93@cornell.edu

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