



2024 Flourishing Farmers Farm Information

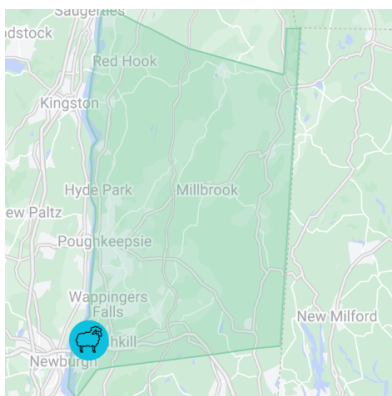
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Stony Kill Foundation's mission is to educate the public and cultivate environmental stewardship through interpretation of the rich historical, environmental and agricultural heritage of Stony Kill Farm. Stony Kill Farm includes many animals, including cows,

sheep, chickens, pigs and turkeys. Their focus is on rare heritage breeds. There is also an expansive community garden tended to by staff and volunteers. Students may work outdoors on the farm or inside the education center.

Students will learn about animal husbandry specifically for sheep, cows, chickens, turkeys and honeybees. We'll also explore animal needs, the roles of livestock on the farm, and the various products we get from livestock. Some goals to work on this year include understanding the role of our livestock on farms, learning different breeds and being open to trying new sensory experiences including food tasting, livestock grooming and livestock handling. We will focus our lessons mostly on our livestock in the barn but will have an opportunity to explore our bee apiary and learn about their important role on the farm. We'll have opportunities to be creative with activities like making mozzarella cheese, felting with wool and animal enrichment. If there is interest in gardening, we'll try to incorporate some time in our education garden and/or greenhouse. We will work toward creating something to enter into the Dutchess County Fair.



79 Farmstead Lane
Wappinger's Falls, NY 12590

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 Jared takes a seat on a parked tractor at Stony Kill Farm.

There will be ten sessions with possible opportunities for additional sessions. Sessions will be scheduled on the first Sunday of the month starting in February and running through November from 10 – 11 am. September's class will be on 9/8. Some class time may extend past 1 hour to allow time for hands-activities. Dates are subject to change based on Stony Kill Foundation's calendar. If we need to postpone a Sunday, attendees will be notified with a new date.

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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