

SPRING PLANTING WEEKEND

Frequently Asked Questions and Important Information.



When is the event?

Memorial Day Weekend at the TAMARACK FARM facility.

What time should I arrive and depart?

Arrival after 5 p.m. Friday until 10a.m. on Monday. We urge participants to stay for the entire weekend if possible.

How much does the weekend cost?

Overnight (whole weekend)

Meals, Lodging and Program/ activities

Participants 18 and older = \$100.00
Participants 13-17 years old = \$75.00
Participants 6-12 years old = \$55.00
Participants 5 years and younger= NO fee

No overnight (daytime only) (whole weekend)

(Meals, Program/ activities) NO lodging

Participants 18 and older = \$85.00
Participants 13-17 years old = \$65.00
Participants 6-12 years old = \$45.00
Participants 5 years and younger= NO fee

All prices reflect attendance for the **whole weekend**. If you are only attending for half of the weekend, whether it is day attendance or overnight attendance, (Saturday only or Sunday only for example) the cost is half the whole weekend fee.

Does my child need a CHAPERONE?

All children under the age of 18 must be chaperoned. Each adult may chaperone no more than one non-family member child under the age of 18. The chaperone must be over 21 years of age. There will be no exceptions. Parents who are not planning to attend the event with their children are responsible for finding a chaperone to supervise their children during the **entire** event, as well as arranging for transportation to & from the event. Please do not come

without a chaperone & assume that someone will take on that role once you arrive. Chaperone forms should be completed and returned to Farm & Wilderness before the event.

[Download a fillable Chaperone Form](#) from our website.

What kind of food will be served?

Farm & Wilderness staff will prepare all meals. Three delicious meals will be served each day. Our cooks will do their best to accommodate standard dietary requests. Please be aware that it is not always possible to accommodate all special diets. Please be sure to give us advance notice of special requests. Friday evening dinner will be served at 6:45PM. If you arrive after that there will be a pot of soup on the stove so you may eat whenever you arrive.

Where will we be staying/sleeping?

We cook, eat and gather at the Tamarack Farm Lodge where there is running water and electricity. We sleep by family or groups in the camp cabins, which are rustic, open buildings with built-in bunks or the indoor bunkhouses in the Farmhouse itself. Mattresses are provided. Participants should be aware that they might share their sleeping cabin with others. There are outhouses by the cabins. Hot showers are available in our shower houses located near the lodge and cabin areas. *If you would like a private sleeping space*, see our list of local hotels and bed & breakfasts. <http://farmandwilderness.org/parents/area-information-accommodations/>.

The activities will take place all over F&W property. Please keep in mind that other camps may be in use by other groups and should be considered off limits unless special permission is given to visit.

What is the Cancellation / Refund Policy?

If you cancel *on or before the Friday prior to the event* you will receive a full refund minus a \$25.00 administrative fee. If you cancel *after that date* you will be issued a full credit minus a \$25.00 administrative fee. This credit can be used towards payment for future Farm & Wilderness events within that calendar year, summer camp tuition or a contribution to the foundation. It is not possible to make any reduction in the **paid** registration fee if you change arrival or departure dates. The only exceptions are withdrawal on account of serious illness or injury incurred while at F&W. There will be no refund if you are asked to leave camp during the event due to an infraction of Farm & Wilderness rules or if you withdraw voluntarily.



How can participants be reached at the event?

Participants can be reached at Tamarack Farm Lodge by calling **(802) 422-3447** or **(802) 422-7583**. In the event of an emergency, the Farm & Wilderness answering service can be used to page Melanie Gander **1-888-622-3276**.

Is there cell phone reception or Wi-Fi?

There is extremely limited and unreliable Cell phone reception and no Wi-Fi access at Tamarack Farm. In the spirit of Farm & Wilderness being "unplugged" we strongly recommend that participants leave their laptops, i-phones and any other internet connected handheld devices at home or store them in your car for the weekend. The only "pods" invited are the kind that hold peas...and a blackberry might get baked into a pie!

What should I bring?

BE PREPARED FOR COLD OR RAINY WEATHER. *It is important to remember ALL of these things:*

- Warm clothing; jacket, sweaters, fleece, hat, gloves, etc.
- Rain gear.
- Water bottle.
- Boots and gloves for work projects.
- Warm Sleeping bag, blankets, pillow and pillow case
- Flashlight.
- Towel.
- Toiletry articles including sunscreen and bug spray!
- Work gloves if you have them (we will have some to use as well)
- ***Optional equipment:*** Camera, musical instruments, games...

What are the Ground Rules for the weekend?

At Farm & Wilderness we try to create a community where everyone can come to work and play together as safely as possible. As part of that community, we ask that you agree to abide by the following guidelines:

- ✓ No tobacco, drugs, alcohol, or firearms allowed.
- ✓ No open flame inside any of the buildings.
- ✓ Participate in the community tasks at this event including work projects, meal preparation and cleanup.
- ✓ Respect quiet hours that begin at 10 p. m. and end at 6:30 a. m.
- ✓ All cabins/sleeping spaces must have a minimum ratio of 1 adult for every 5 youths.
- ✓ Youths under 18 must be accompanied and supervised by an adult (21 years or older) at all times, including out on the trail and at the waterfront.
- ✓ **NO pets.** It puts the safety of our animals, the comfort of others and your pet at risk.
- ✓ No electronic devices (MP3 players, lap tops, electronic games, etc.)
- ✓ Read and agree to the refund policy for this event.
- ✓ Understand and abide by the waterfront rules as follows:
 - A certified lifeguard must be on duty to swim at the waterfront.
 - No child should be at the waterfront at any time without a parent or parent-designated adult.
 - Each person in a canoe or boat must WEAR safety vests (i.e. PFDs, life jackets).
 - Children under 18 who can swim may only go boating with their parent or parent-designated adult.
 - No diving off docks.
 - All Farm & Wilderness waterfronts are suits only swimming. Bring your bathing suit

Responsibilities:

Work Weekend is a do-it-yourself affair. You are completely responsible for yourselves, your children and your guests. This includes clean up, transportation, child care, personal safety, etc. Please inform your family members and guests of the expectations set forth in this document. If there are conflicts, safety hazards or accidents, please be sure to report them to the F&W weekend coordinator.

What is the general schedule for the weekend?

Arrival starts after 5PM on Friday. Dinner will be served at 6:45PM.

If you are arriving Saturday morning, breakfast will be served at 7:30AM.

You can [download a general weekend schedule](#) here.

How do I get to Tamarack Farm?

You can find [driving directions](#) to Tamarack Farm on our website.

Miscellaneous

- If you would like to receive a community/school service credit hours' letter for your work over the weekend, you should notify Melanie Gander **before** the event.

You can REGISTER ONLINE HERE

- If you don't already have a username and password, you will need to create both.
- To add an additional participant to your registration/log in, click the "add a camper/participant" button to proceed.
- Each participant will need to fully complete a profile with date of birth and contact information before they can add a program and register for the event.
- If you need help with the online registration system, please call Erik Biornstad (802) 422-3761 or email melanie@farmandwilderness.org

We look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones, and to having a wonderful and productive weekend.

If you have any questions, please email Melanie Gander – Operations Director melanie@farmandwilderness.org or call the main office (802) 422-3761

