



FARM-BASED EDUCATORS TOUR ITINERARY

How are farm-based education centers helping communities connect with the land, food, and each other? Join a group of farm-based educators to explore these questions and more as you visit farm-based education sites in New York State that are growing, evolving and thriving in different ways. Your questions and curiosities will guide the discussion, but hosts will be sure to share ideas on developing a strong mission, meeting your audience's needs, financial models, customer experiences, safety, farming practices, staffing structures, programming and events. Host sites include: Glynwood, Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture, Muscoot Farm, Hilltop Hanover Farm, Green Chimneys Farm & Wildlife Center, Common Ground Farm, Manhattan Country School and Hawthorne Valley Farm. Join for one day or all four! Attendees will need to secure their own transportation and accommodations, with the exception of Friday, September 11 when you can choose to stay at Manhattan Country School.



September 9, 2015

Farm-Based Educators Tour

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Glynwood

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About Glynwood

Glynwood's mission is to ensure that farming thrives in the Hudson Valley. They farm, train farmers, promote regional food and collaborate to realize our vision. They work to advance regenerative agriculture that benefits the natural environment, energizes local economies, enhances human health and strengthens rural communities. Their vision is a Hudson Valley defined by food: where farmers prosper, food entrepreneurs succeed, residents are nourished and visitors are inspired.

Our Visit

5:00 Arrival
5:30 Tour, Activities, Dinner Prep
7:00 Dinner
8:30 Depart for Night.
(Find accommodations on your own)

Barbara Sarbin, Director of Educational Programs for Something Good in the World will host the group at Glynwood, where she also hosts groups of students from New York City for farm-based education experiences. Barbara will share how they have cultivated and nurtured partnerships with inner city youth, youth at risk, and students from refugee families. The students they serve visit Glynwood multiple times per year for several years in a row, and they learn through hands-on experiences that small is sustainable.

We will tour the farm, engage in fun, sensory experiences and prepare a delicious dinner to enjoy together.





Thursday September 10, 2015 Farm-Based Educators Tour

Find the Farm

Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture
630 Bedford Road
Pocantico Hills, NY 10591

(if using GPS, enter Tarrytown as the town for correct directions)

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About Stone Barns

Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture mission is to create a healthy and sustainable food system that benefits us all. On 80 acres in Westchester County, just 25 miles north of New York City, they operate a highly diversified, four-season farm and an education center that hosts over a hundred thousand visitors each year. As a nonprofit, they work to: experiment with and improve sustainable farming practices; train beginning farmers in resilient, regenerative farming techniques; help children discover the sources of their food while preparing them to steward the land that provides it; increase public awareness of healthy, seasonal and sustainable food.

Our Visit

8:30 am Breakfast
9:30 am Tour and Activities
12:00 pm Lunch
1 pm Depart for Muscoot Farm

The day will start with a delicious farm-fresh breakfast, catered by the on-site restaurant Blue Hill at Stone Barns. Jennifer Rothman, Director of Education at Stone Barns will guide our tour and will share Stone Barns' process for prioritizing their target audiences and developing programs to suit their needs. She will also explore the tension and opportunities around having educational programming on a production farm. Jennifer joined Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture in 2013. Prior to that, she was the Vice President for Children's and Public Education at The New York Botanical Garden.



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Muscoot Farm
51 Route 100
Katonah, NY 10536

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About Muscoot Farm

The purpose of Muscoot Farm is to preserve and interpret, for the public benefit, the agricultural, cultural and natural heritage of a Westchester County farm, circa 1880 - 1930. They currently offer workshops, summer camp, field trips and birthday parties for over 150,000 visitors each year.

Our Visit

1:30 pm Arrival and Tour
3:15 Depart for Hilltop Hanover Farm

Jonathan Benjamin, Curator at Muscoot Farm will give us a tour of their facilities and will discuss how they use their strong mission to assess decisions about production and programming, how they introduce agriculture to their urban visitors, and how they operate with a very small staff, on a county-owned farm.





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Hilltop Hanover Farm
1271 Hanover Street
Yorktown Heights, NY

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About Hilltop Hanover

Hilltop Hanover Farm & Environmental Center is a working crop farm and environmental education center, with roots dating back to the 1600's. Today they act as a regional education hub offering programs on healthy and sustainable food production, skills for small-scale suburban and urban farmers, and sustainable living practices for local communities. The farm features demonstration models for backyard farming, animal management, rainwater harvesting, organic composting, and green-roof technology. Visitors are welcome to hike the farm's 3.5 miles of woodland trails, enjoy a picnic overlooking the property, and visit our chickens and goats. Hilltop Hanover holds numerous classes and lectures, offers seasonal CSA shares, and maintains a farm stand and U-Pick program during the growing season. They also offer guided tours, classes, and field trips for school groups, garden clubs, and scout troops.

Our Visit

4:00 pm Tour
5:30 Depart for Dinner on Your Own
Find accommodations on your own



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Friday September 11, 2015 Farm-Based Educators Tour

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**Green Chimneys Farm
& Wildlife Center**
400 Doansburg Road
Brewster, NY 10509

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About Green Chimneys Farm & Wildlife Center Sam and Myra Ross Institute

The mission of Green Chimneys is to help young people with diverse needs to maximize their potential by providing residential, educational, clinical and recreational services, in a safe and supportive environment that nurtures connections with their families, the community, animals and nature. At Green Chimneys Children's Garden (1-acre) and Boni-Bel Organic Garden (5-acres), students are involved in seeding, weeding, harvesting of the produce as well as in the preparation of the garden for the following year. The children are also fully involved in maple syrup and honey production. Both gardens have full-time staff that oversee the gardens and ensure that the students are involved in the academic, gardening and vocational opportunities we have available to them. We offer garden classes in the regularly scheduled school day. These classes are taught by NYS certified teachers and support NY State Learning Standards. In addition students learn how to take care of 300 animals of many species in a non-production model, learning about the needs of farm animals, wildlife and horses.

Our Visit

(Breakfast on your own)

9:00 am Tour

11:30 am Lunch

12:30 pm Depart for Common Ground Farm

Michael Kaufmann will lead a fast paced campus tour of the school, you will learn about our treatment approach, visit the gardens, farm animal areas, wildlife rehabilitation center, shelter dog interaction program, and equine program.

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**Common Ground Farm
at Stony Kill Farm
Environmental
Education Center**
79 Farmstead Lane
Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

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About Common Ground Farm

Common Ground Farm is a non-profit farm project that serves their community as a model for food justice and education for people of all ages and incomes. Common Ground Farm is deeply rooted in the Beacon community. Common Ground's farmers make weekly donations to several local food pantries and soup kitchens. They partner with Cornell Cooperative Extension to run the Growing Greens Program with the Green Teens. This program enables teenagers to learn life skills, manage a low cost mobile market, and support Common Ground's farmers with their work while earning an income. Common Ground Farm partners with the Beacon City School District and Hudson Valley Seed to run a successful and popular farm to school program. The program features a monthly vegetable, regular garden visits, chef visits to the classroom and field trips to the farm. Their educational programming also includes a toddler and parent series, regular adult workshops, and a popular summer camp.

Our Visit

1:30 pm Tour and Activities

3:00 pm Depart for Manhattan Country School

Sember Weinman, Education Director will introduce all of their programs and explore their relationships on a dynamic tour of the farm.



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Find the Farm

Manhattan Country School Farm Campus
3536 New Kingston Mountain Road
Roxbury, NY 12474

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About Manhattan Country School

Manhattan Country School is a New York City school, founded in 1966, to be a place where equality, social justice, a diverse community and the inspiration of Martin Luther King, Jr. would form the basis for children's education. One of the most significant parts of the school's academic experience takes place at our award-winning farm in the Catskill Mountains in upstate New York. The Manhattan Country School Farm is a place where children celebrate childhood while in a constant state of learning. At the Farm, students learn invaluable lessons about community and interdependence, nature and the sustainable production of food, energy and fiber. They delve deeply into the soil to produce the food they and other students will eat during the school year and take full ownership of the life of the farm and the community. Throughout their years at Manhattan Country School, students spend a total of 17 weeks in residence at the farm, beginning in the 7-8s' year and continuing throughout many seasons until they graduate at the end of 8th grade. Many alumni credit their time at the MCS Farm as the most important and eye-opening experience of their young lives.

Our Visit

September 11, 2015

5:00 pm Dinner & Overnight at Manhattan Country School

On Friday night, visitors to the Manhattan Country School Farm will be given a general overview of the place and its relationship to the school's city campus. After moving in, we'll enjoy a farm to table dinner in our farmhouse kitchen. As evening falls, we'll take in the beauty of the Catskill mountains with a bonfire before retiring for the night. If you would prefer to stay elsewhere in the area, here are a couple of nearby recommendations:

[The Roxbury](#)
[Hanah Mountain Resort](#)
[Scudder Hill House](#)



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Find the Farm

**Manhattan Country
School Farm Campus**
3536 New Kingston
Mountain Road
Roxbury, NY 12474

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About Manhattan Country School

Since 1972, Hawthorne Valley Farm has been producing high quality, Biodynamic and organic foods while providing farm-based learning experiences for children and adults. Their 400-acre Biodynamic farm includes dairy cows, vegetables, a creamery, organic bakery, sauerkraut cellar, and more. Their Farm Store is a full-line natural foods store open 7 days a week.

Hawthorne Valley's work revolves around cultivating relationships: with the earth, our surrounding communities and landscape, and with one another. The times are calling for a new form of agriculture - Agriculture 3.0 - that requires a radically enlarged context of sound farming principles, new economic forms and parameters, and renewed recognition of the role of agriculture and agriculturists in our culture and society.

Our Visit

September 12, 2015

7:00 am Optional Barn Chores

8:00 am Breakfast

9-10:30 am Tour and Activities

10:30 am Depart for Hawthorne Valley Farm

Visitors have the opportunity to participate in morning barn chores as our students do--feeding the chickens, collecting eggs, cleaning out cow stalls and milking a cow. This will be followed by a warm breakfast in our kitchen which doubles as our cooking classroom.

Farm faculty will give visitors a tour of the Farm and describe the program and the multiple ways that children work, learn and play in different areas of the site. This will be coupled with a sample activity from one of our farm classes: Cooking, Farming, Nature or Textiles. Throughout each experience we'll emphasize how the Farm experience is one founded in socio-emotional development and the complexities of living in a dynamic community.

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Find the Farm

Hawthorne Valley Farm Store

327 County Route 21c
Ghent, NY

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Our Visit

12:15 pm Arrive and Lunch

1:00 Tour and Activities

2:45 Depart for Your Homes

Rachel Schneider, Director of the Place Based Learning Center at Hawthorne Valley and Danielle Fontaine, Camp Director and Operations Manager will lead our group visit! More info to come.



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