



## Benner's Farm Summer Camp

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Hello Farm Camp Families!

As the first days of camp draw near, we are looking forward to the time your camper will be spending with us at Benner's Farm! Each week promises to be an exciting one as we interact with the farm animals and use all of our senses to explore, create, and have fun while making new friends!

Each week campers will participate in a tour of the farm, ride the tractor wagon to the swing, explore nature, hike, and garden, make crafts, and spend LOTS of time with our farm animals! Other summer highlights include Watermelon Wednesdays, Ice Cream party Fridays, variety shows and special presentations.

Every day of camp includes interaction with the farm animals, and campers must follow the animal safety rules provided at orientation on the first day of camp if they want to maintain the privilege of spending time with the animals. Activities and craft projects will be age appropriate. Senior campers will be able to participate in projects and activities special to their age, and may also choose to assist counselors in preparation of crafts and animal care activities. Please, feel free to submit comments or suggestions by children, parents, or guardians to our director, David Benner at any time!

### COVID 19 POLICIES

Although over 90% of our staff is vaccinated, we know that most children are not. We want to make sure everyone has a safe healthy camp environment, so masks will be required for all campers to have with them. Please have your child(children) wear a mask during arrival each day. There will be many situations where we will not need masks as we experience the outdoor spaces at the farm. We will also have some activities where social distancing isn't possible or in an indoor setting, during which masks will be required.

## ENTRANCE, EXIT AND PARKING PROCEDURES

All cars should enter through the driveway closest to the Benner's Farm Sign (just past the mailbox). If you wish to park, bear left into the parking area at your first opportunity. Otherwise, please pull up as far as possible in the semi-circle driveway for drop-off where campers can then be dismissed by parent or guardian to the attendance table. If it is your first day at camp this summer, please remember to provide the emergency contact information at drop off! After dropping your child off, you may then proceed out of the exit driveway.

## EMERGENCY CONTACT FORMS

Upon arrival of campers on the first day of camp, the enclosed Emergency Contact and Immunization form must be completed and turned in to the program director.

**PLEASE NOTIFY THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF ANY ALLERGIES OR OTHER MEDICAL CONCERNS THAT MAY NEED THE ATTENTION OF CAMP STAFF. CAMPERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ENTRANCE TO THE CAMP AREA WITHOUT COMPLETED EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION FORMS.**

## MEDICATIONS AND ILLNESS

Medication cannot be administered by Camp Staff: Parents are responsible for giving their child medication before or after their camp session. Children with asthma or other medical issues that may require medication during camp must be able to administer medication on their own with counselor supervision.

In the event of illness: The parent, guardian or emergency contact person will be called and the child will be sent home.

## INSECT REPELLENT AND SUNSCREEN

Should be applied at home before children are dropped off at camp. If reapplication is needed, please be sure to sign the permission area on the emergency contact form!

## ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE PROCEDURE FOR CAMPERS

Arrival time is 9:00 AM for morning and full day campers. Arrival is 1:00 PM for all afternoon campers. If you arrive at camp early, you **MUST** remain with your child until staff arrives (~8:45am or 12:45 pm).

Departure time for AM session campers is 12:00 Noon. Departure time for Full day and PM session campers is 4:00 pm. Cars will use the 'enter and exit procedures' as stated above.

Campers will be dismissed from the dismissal area as cars arrive to pick them up.

Remember that any person transporting your child to or from camp should be written on your emergency contact form with your signature, so plan in advance! Before and after care is available if you need early drop off or late pick up, simply talk to camp staff about

such need. An additional childcare charge of \$15 per half hour will be incurred in the case of an unscheduled late pick up.

WHAT TO BRING/WEAR (and what **NOT** to bring!):

1. A change of clothes, an extra mask and towel in a bag marked with campers name.
2. A bathing suit under your clothes (Recommended) or in a bag.
3. Hat and or Sunglasses if you like!
4. DO NOT bring any items that are valuable or hard to replace! The farm assumes NO responsibility for those items.
5. Bring a lunch if you are a full day camper.
6. Wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty! And Dress for the weather; If we are expecting rain, remember rain coats and umbrellas (and put your name on them!)
7. Wear(or Bring) Sneakers or closed toe shoes. We will NOT allow children in any animal area without them!
8. IF your child has Major Food Allergies, we recommend you send them with their own snack for the morning and/or afternoon.
9. If Diapers are needed for or preschool campers please change them before drop off and include extra diapers and wipes in their bags

DRINKING WATER is available at all times during the day.

SNACKS are provided in the morning and afternoon.

Campers are permitted to use the RESTROOMS any time during the day.

#### CAMP CLOSINGS

Camp is held rain or shine, however, during thunder or lightning storms we are not permitted outdoors. In the case of very severe weather, we may call for early dismissal or late arrival. If such weather occurs, please prepare to have your children picked up by those listed on the emergency contact form. REFUNDS ARE NOT GIVEN FOR WEATHER RELATED CANCELLATIONS.

We are looking forward to another fun-filled summer!! See you soon!

~David Benner, Director Benner's Farm Camp