



New Hampshire Agriculture in the Classroom

Fantastic Field Trips

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Notes from New Hampshire

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Farm & Forest Expo

Come find us this Friday from 9 to 6 and Saturday from 9 to 4 at the New Hampshire Farm & Forest Expo! Held at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester, (700 Elm Street), it features nearly 100 exhibitors, free educational workshops, NH Made products, activities for the kids, animals and more.

Kids can win a special prize by playing FARMO, a scavenger hunt exploring the expo vendors while learning about agriculture and forestry in New Hampshire.

Teachers can apply for a scholarship to the National Agriculture in the Classroom

Introduction

Field trips are a tremendous way of bringing academic concepts to life. NH Agriculture in the Classroom takes advantage of this by offering annual field trips for fourth graders in several counties. Hosted by a working farm, agricultural professionals are invited to provide demonstrations and mini-lessons which immerse students in a multitude of agricultural areas. Contact us for more information.

Take advantage of other agricultural field trips offered at a variety of locations around the state. Here are some examples of farms which we found that welcome school groups. You can also check with farms near your location.

Remick Country Doctor Museum & Farm

Tamworth, NH

<http://www.remickmuseum.org/>

At Remick Country Doctor Museum & Farm, they are "preserving the past to educate the future". Step back in history and visit the Enoch Remick home built in 1808, Dr. Remick's medical office and all of the farm buildings. "Learn what we have in common with those who lived before us".

Historic traditions of agriculture and a country doctor's life can be experienced through their unique, interactive offerings. In addition to the historical aspects, educational field trips may explore maple sugaring, dairy cows, fiber arts, gardening, farm animals, hearth cooking, tree

conference!

Fifty-five teachers from across the country will be selected to receive a scholarship to the National Convention at the Galt House in Louisville, KY. June 16-20, 2015



[click here for the application](#)

[click here for convention information](#)

Other Possible Field Trip Locations

Carriage Shack Farm

Londonderry, NH

<http://www.carriageshackfarm.com/>

Ox-K Farm Discovery Center

Gilford, NH

<http://oxkfarm.com/>

Coppal House Farm

Lee, NH

<http://www.nhcornmaze.com/schools.html>

Charmingfare Farm

Candia, NH

<https://www.visitthefarm.com/>

Beech Hill Farm

Hopkinton, NH

<http://beechhillfarm.com/>

Canterbury Shaker Village

Canterbury, NH

<http://www.shakers.org/>

Calendar

Farm & Forest Expo

February 6th & 7th,
Raddison Hotel
Manchester, NH

ecology, plant remedies, woodworking, seasonal agriculture and many other topics. Students experience an earlier way of life while applying the basic concepts to today.



Stonewall Farm

Keene, NH

<http://www.stonewallfarm.org/>

Stonewall Farm's mission is to connect people to the land and to the role of agriculture in their lives. With a working dairy farm, gardens, greenhouses and other natural areas, they have developed school programs which bring agriculture, natural science and historical concepts to life. Not only are their programs aligned to Common Core and NGSS, they can be customized to meet your specific needs or adapted to outreach programs at your school.

Through inquiry and a hands-on approach, programs engage learners of all ages. Learn about biology and care of farm animals. The Farm to Table program includes harvesting from the garden, collecting eggs, milking a cow and tasting their yogurt. Fall Harvest investigates plant cycles and making cider. Students become scientists and record their observations of wetland life and adaptations in the Wetland Ecology program or learn all about maple sugaring with a visit to the sugar house.





Southwick Wellness Fair

April 10th
Southwick School
Northfield, NH

NH Science Teachers Spring Conference

April 11th
Pinkerton Academy in Derry, NH

NH Association of Education for Young Children Spring Conference

April 18th
Plymouth State College

Eastern Region Agriculture in the Classroom Conference

April 20-22
Concord, NH

Merrimack County School-to-Farm Day

May 14th
Carter Hill Orchard in Concord, NH

National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference

June 16-20, 2015
Louisville, KY
[click here for conference information](#)

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NH Farm Museum

Milton, NH

<http://www.farmmuseum.org/youth.html> History comes to life at the New Hampshire Farm Museum. Dating back to the late 18th century, the buildings and equipment showcase three centuries of farm life in New Hampshire. The farm offers a wonderful hands-on opportunity for students to explore New Hampshire's agricultural heritage and see where farming and technology intersect with state history. Some of the museum's highlights include Daniel Webster's plow, Horace Greely's privy, two historic farm houses and heritage breed farm animals.



Educational programs include "Farm & Families at Work" (K-3rd), "Rural Life & Technological / Agricultural Evolution" (3rd-8th), "Hands to Work for Preschoolers" and "An Old Fashioned Thanksgiving on the Farm" (K-5th). Any of these programs offered by the museum can be easily adapted to fit your curriculum and meet specific classroom needs.

The Rocks Estate

Bethlehem, NH

http://therocks.org/school_programs.php

The Rocks Estate is best known as a Christmas tree farm, but it is also home to the 1,400 acre North Country Conservation & Education Center for the Forest Society. "Beyond the neat rows of Christmas trees lined by perfect stone walls lies a world of history, wildlife and experiential learning". Take advantage of their award winning school programs including maple sugaring, fall foliage and Christmas trees. The Forevergreen Program is a unique approach which allows students to follow the growth of a Christmas tree for seven years, offering



a different lesson each year. This curriculum is available online so that any school can follow the program.



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