



Welcome to our 2024 Heckscher Farmers Summer Camp!
Below is some info that you may find helpful!

- **Camp Hours:** Heckscher Farmers Camp begins at **9:00 am** and finishes at **1:30 p.m.**, Monday-Friday. We do not offer extended day options for this camp program. As the staff are prepping for the day and finishing morning rounds with the animals, we cannot accept early drop-offs.
- **Location:** Heckscher Farmers camp is held in the Maple Sugar House & Cidery building. We recommend arrival and picking up in our North parking lot on 151 Scofieldtown Road, as this is closer. The Maple Sugar House building is the smaller building to the left (from the parking lot) of our new farmhouse building. However, you may come in through the main gate and walk up through the farm if you prefer.
- **First Day of each Session:** Doors will open at 8:55 a.m. on the first day of each session and we will be available to meet parents & answer any questions you may have about the program. If you have questions prior to your first day of camp, please feel free to e-mail our Camp Director, Lisa Monachelli at lmonachelli@stamfordmuseum.org
- **Check-in & Check-out:** At drop-off & pick-up we ask that you sign your child in/out with the on-duty counselor. **If there are people other than the parents who are authorized to pick up your child, they must be listed on your camper information form. If changes or additions occur during camp, we must be notified in writing. Please note that we may ask for photo ID from those picking up campers—please have friends and family be prepared.**
- **Medical Issues:** Serious medical conditions must be brought to our attention before camp begins. If, for example, your child has an allergy requiring an EpiPen, there are additional documents that you & your child's doctor must sign **before** camp begins. All appropriate medical forms & permission agreements with required signatures **MUST** be submitted one week before the start of your child's first camp session. No child will be allowed to attend camp unless **ALL** forms are on file **ONE WEEK** prior to their first day of camp.
- **Lunch and Snack:** Please provide a daily bag lunch (reusable bags preferred) for your child. We ask that campers come with a **reusable** water bottle each day. SM&NC is a **NUT AWARE** camp, so please do not send items with **any** type of tree nut/peanut product in them; please check labels carefully. There is a refrigerator available. During this camp, we will be participating in some cooking projects. We always avoid common allergens but will also take note of any allergies for registered campers each session.
- **Dress Code:** Pants or shorts and a T-shirt are the norm. Since campers will be in the forest and on the farm, open toed shoes, flip flops, or sandals are not allowed. Socks and a pair of sneakers you don't mind getting dirty are perfect. As the campers are on the farm a lot, a hat is also recommended. We also recommend bringing an extra change of clothes just in case. Please be sure that your child arrives at camp with a long-lasting, waterproof sunscreen applied. Due to state regulations, our staff cannot apply sunscreen or bug spray. **Please check for ticks at each day's end!**
- **Friends & Camp Groupings:** All Heckscher Farmers campers are in one group of campers. Campers may split into smaller groups for activities but work as a group for many others, so if your child's friends are registered for this camp, they will be together.
- **Behavior & Camper Interaction:** We understand that the last few years have been difficult for all, especially for kids. We work hard to ensure that all of our campers have a fun, fulfilling, and safe time at camp and that our campers are respectful and helpful to their fellow campers. We do have a zero-tolerance policy for bullying. Campers who bully others or who demonstrate a deliberate attempt to cause harm to animals will be asked to withdraw from camp.
- **COVID policies:** We don't currently have a mask mandate in place or other current mandated COVID protocols. The SM&NC requires all staff to be vaccinated unless there is a medical exemption. As a licensed camp, we must follow any policies set by the Department of Public Health. We will make parents aware of any changes in our policies that may result from new protocols from DPH.