

# Muscoot Wranglers Program 2012

Dear Parents,

Thank you for entrusting your child to us this summer for the Muscoot Wranglers Program. We strive to provide a safe, positive and unique experience for everyone who attends our camp. You can help us reach this goal by adhering to the policies below.

**Camp Attire:** The Wranglers engage in a wide range of activities with safety as our primary focus. Campers can expect to be outdoors in varied weather conditions. Please follow these guidelines:

1. **Long Pants** - Children must arrive at Muscoot wearing long pants. For your child's safety, long pants must be worn while they are doing chores, as well as for protection against ticks. If the weather is warm, zip-off cargo pants or changing into shorts are permitted.
2. **Sturdy Footwear** –Sneakers or boots must be worn at all times, please do not send your child in open toe or open body shoes, including but not limited to sandals, crocs or clogs. For safety reasons children not wearing sturdy footwear will not be able to interact with the animals.
3. **Jewelry** - Dangling jewelry may not be worn (i.e. earrings, necklaces, bracelets, etc.). Jewelry can easily get caught on animal horns, fences, gates, etc. causing potential harm to the camper as well as the animals.
4. **Rain Gear** - Inclement weather should be anticipated, and unless it is severe (thunder, lightning, torrential rain), the children will still participate in outdoor activities, including farm chores. Please send your child to camp with

**Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures:** Every morning and afternoon, parents are to **park their car and walk to the Activity Building or Garden Classroom** with your child. Please do the same when you pick-up your child. This allows you to meet your child's teachers and receive updates about camp. There are **no exceptions** to this policy.

**Drop-off time: 8:45 – 9:00 a.m. OR 12:45 -1:00 p.m.** Drop-off begins at 8:45 a.m. or 12:45 p.m. The camp staff will be preparing for the day and will not be able to receive your child earlier. Please be sure to be on time as your child's two hour schedule is filled with many opportunities we don't want him/her to miss.

**Pick-up time: 11:00 a.m. OR 3:00** No child will be released to anyone other than their parent or guardian unless prior arrangements are made. If you have arranged for a friend or family member to pick-up your child, please make sure you notify your child's head teacher in advance or the child will not be released to that individual. In urgent situations you may notify us by phone (914-864-7285). In each case, the substitute may be asked to present identification.

**Late or absent children:** If your child will be late or absent, please call Muscoot Farm at **914-864-7285**. If they are ill, please make sure they are fever free for 24 hours before sending them back to camp. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer make up days.

**Snack & Water break:** Although two hours is a short period of time, we are sure to take a quick water break an hour into our schedule. It is important to us to make sure all of the campers stay hydrated. We will also give each camper a handful of animal crackers as a quick snack to those who need it.

**Insect Repellent and Sunscreen:** If you would like your child to use insect repellent or sunscreen please apply it at home. Teachers are not permitted to apply it to your child, and repellent may not be applied in the buildings.

**Special Accommodations:** If your child requires special accommodations for concerns such as: food allergies, unique sensitivities, behavioral matters, or is on medication please take the time to contact me prior to the start of camp or speak with me on the first day of camp. Any information discussed will be kept confidential and no child will be turned away from the program. It is important for us to provide each child with a safe and enjoyable experience. Receiving this information in advance allows us to properly accommodate your child.

### **Ice-cream Social**

Parents and siblings are invited to watch the Muscoot Wranglers make homemade ice-cream and sample the finished product on Friday at 10:30 am OR 2:30 p.m.

Thank you once again for enrolling your child in the Muscoot Wranglers Program at Muscoot Farm. If you would like to speak with me, please call me at 914-864-7285. On behalf of the farm staff, we look forward to a wonderful week with your child.

Sincerely,

Katherine Sclafani  
Camp Director



*Muscoot Farm, 51 Route 100, Katonah NY 10536 [www.muscootfarm.org](http://www.muscootfarm.org)*