

FRIENDS OF MUSCOOT FARM / WESTCHESTER COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION

MUSCOOT MONTHLY

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THE SEASON OF THE MARKET

If you haven't been to the farm in the past few weeks, you may have missed one of the most exciting days of the year! Our sheep had their annual haircut AND we had our opening day of our Sunday farmers market! If you come by on any Sunday from now until mid-November, your senses will be entertained with more than the normal farm sights, sounds and the associated smells. On a Sunday market day, many different amazing aromas fill the air from fresh coffee, pickles, empanadas, lavender and fresh herbs.

The work of putting a market season together begins as soon as the previous season ends. Our goal is to provide a place for local producers and artisans to not only sell their products, but create a community. The market should be a place where customers not only shop for the week, but create relationships and

connections with the people who they purchase from. In order to create that experience, we look at the market as a giant puzzle. We don't want pieces that are exactly the same, but an overall variety that will hopefully fit together and create the picture we envision. The pieces are always changing, so please let us know if you have any suggestions!

The market at Muscoot Farm started 17 years ago by then farm manager and then curator who thought Muscoot would be a great place to create that market community. Years later we are still learning, growing and trying to improve that experience. Visitors to the market this season will not only get to shop at over 30 vendors weekly and tour the farm, but we have also added live Music at the Market, a kid's corner and hayrides. More is being added so stay tuned! - Mindy Quintero, Curator

SUMMER CAMP 2025

As summer approaches, Muscoot Farm is gearing up for another exciting camp season! With all eight weeks of Young Farmers Camp officially sold out and two fun-filled weeks of Wrangler Week on the schedule, we're getting ready to welcome over 400 happy campers to the farm.

Our awesome team of counselors is hired and ready to kick things off with orientation week. They're full of energy and can't wait to meet the campers and dive into all the great activities we have planned.

Each day at camp will be packed with hands-on experiences that bring kids closer to nature and farm life. Campers will help feed our animals, explore the property on nature walks and hikes, and check out the pond while learning about environmental health and ways to take care of the planet.

They'll also spend time in the garden, get creative with sustainable crafts, and try their hand at cooking and baking with fresh ingredients. Animal enrichment activities will teach campers how to care for and connect with the animals, while special sessions on the history of Westchester County farming and blacksmithing will offer a cool look at the past.

Muscoot Farm's summer camp isn't just about having fun (though there's plenty of that!)-it's about building confidence, learning new things, and making memories that last. We're all set to make Summer 2025 one to remember, and we can't wait to welcome our campers to the farm! - Jen Campbell, Educator/Camp Director

Muscoot Farm is turning 50 this year! Please consider making a donation towards The Friends of Muscoot Farm to contribute towards the care of our animals, historic preservation, and public programming as we celebrate this big year.

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