

# MUSCOOT MONTHLY

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## A YEAR IN NUMBERS

At Muscoot Farm, our mission is to provide an educational experience to all who visit. We offer this by having a diverse range of animals on the farm, multiple historic buildings with informative signage, and hosting various programs and camps throughout the year. This year was nothing short of special in what we were able to accomplish and how many people we were able to connect with.

To start, our education staff ran 32 unique programs this year. Some of those programs are seasonal, like our maple sugaring programs, but many others, such as Little Explorers, Morning Farm Chores, Guided Hikes, Animal Interactions, and Mansion Tours, run all year round. Every

month, we are overjoyed with how many people love these programs, as many of them sell out within days of registration opening. In total, 1,172 people have attended our small-scale programming in 2025. This number is bigger than we could have imagined, and it motivates us to keep coming up with new, engaging ways to bring educational programming to life.

Our big events also brought in crowds. This year, Muscoot celebrated its 50th anniversary of being a public Westchester County Park. Over 300 people purchased tickets to our fundraising gala, which helped us support the purchase of two ADA accessible hayride wagons. This purchase will allow us to welcome an even bigger audience when

hayride season starts up again in the warmer weather. Just a few weeks after our gala was Pumpkin Picking Weekend. Even though that weekend brought in some rainy weather, we still had over 10,000 people in attendance purchasing pumpkins, going on hayrides, and sipping apple cider. It was an amazing weekend to celebrate the beginning of autumn despite the conditions. Our last major event is going on right now! Two out of three weekends of Holiday Lights on the Farm has passed us by, and already 1,331 visitors have been able to see the farm in a new light after hours. The success of our big events shows just how much our community loves and supports Muscoot Farm.

While we have an amazing staff at Muscoot Farm, we cannot do it all without some outside people! In 2025, 328 individual volunteers served 1,767 hours at Muscoot. We are eternally grateful for their hard work, whether it be helping us in the garden, restoring our fence lines, prepping the farm for big events, or removing invasive plants. For our 28-week farmers market, we hosted 45 vendors and nearly 30,000 customers. This displays how important it is to shop local and support local businesses.

School tours are also a huge part of our education staff's work. Over the course of 2025, we hosted 96 school tours and 161 group hayrides. The average class size is approximately 22 students, meaning we helped educate over 2,000 school-aged children through our tours! And of course, everyone needs to have some celebratory fun, too, so we also hosted 67 birthday parties this year.

Keeping on the theme of educational fun, our sell-out summer camp had 420 children in attendance over 7 weeks of camp. This could not have been done without the best team of 12 counselors.

We hope to continue this success as we enter a new year, but want you to know that the fun of 2025 could not have happened without YOU! Our community is irreplaceable, and our work would not be as rewarding if it were not for the visitors who show up to Muscoot each and every day. Keep being amazing, and we will keep being here for you in 2026.

-Jen Campbell, Educator/Camp Director

