



SUNKEN SPRINGS
FARM

Sunken Springs Farm Parent Handbook 2022

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Our Mission

Sunken Springs Farm is a farm based educational center located in central Pennsylvania. Our mission is to create an opportunity for all kids (ages 4- 10years old) to experience farm life and have a strong understanding that farming impacts a lot of things we use/ eat in our everyday life. We also hope to have kids experience farming and the purpose of farm animals up close and personal with hands on learning and activities. We strive to “plant smiles, grow laughter, harvest love.”

History of Sunken Springs Farm

Current owners Zachary and Cassandra Schon started the farm in 2009 with a small number of animals. Farm camp started 2018 with a small number of preschoolers from where Cassie worked at the time. From there it has flourished into a camp that welcomes around 250 kids every year! We are excited to watch it grow and can't wait to see you on the farm.

Questions?

We hope this handbook handles most questions but if any other arise at any point please feel free to contact us in the following ways.

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Owner/ Camp Director

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Location and parking:

Our farm is located at 1570 Brucklacher Rd Cogan Station PA 17728. Parking can be a little tricky here at the farm. Please feel free to park in the grass, along the driveway or in the designated parking area. We do have spots coned off for campers to congregate while drop off and pick up is happening, please do not park inside the cones.

Drop off and Pick up:

We will begin check in at 8:55 for morning session and 12:55 for afternoon session. If we are not out yet from our lunch break please stay with your child until we check them in. Parents and or guardians must sign the camper in and out every day at the check in table. If you need to pick up your child early, please let one of the staff know so we can make sure your camper is ready! Once you have signed your child in, they will place their water bottles on the table and explore the farm in designated areas until camp starts. We ask that you are prompt at pick up. We only have a short time in between morning and afternoon sessions to get a small lunch, bathroom break. Thank you for understanding! Once you have signed your camper out at the close of the camp we will bring your camper and their things to you!!

If you think there will be separation issues, please let us know! Most of the time the campers are fine within minutes of the grown-ups departure!

What to wear:

Our program is 100% outdoors, please dress your camper appropriately for the weather. It can be a little chilly in the morning, sunken down in our valley, but seems to warm up quickly, we recommend a sweatshirt for those mornings.

We recommend OLD sneakers, or shoes you are ok getting muddy, wet etc.

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS- Sweatshirts, coats, hats, water bottles, etc.

What to bring:

- Water Bottle: We will have lemonade available each day at snack time BUT we recommend everyone bring a labeled water bottle to have at their choice.
- Packed Lunch. *ONLY If you child is registered for the Fun on the Farm camp (9am-3pm)*
Please pack a lunch for you child to enjoy during our lunch time. All lunch bags will be kept in a cooler until lunch time but we ask you keep ice packs in bags to ensure a proper lunch for your camper.

Please make sure you child has a lunch that is well balanced to ensure they have enough energy for all the activities the rest of the day. Due to food allergies we do not allow children to share food. Please relay any food allergies to camp staff as soon as possible. We are not a nut free facility but do take allergies very seriously.

- Can we bring toys from home? We ask that you leave all toys and or special items at home. If there is an item that will help your child make the transition of separating from you to camp please let us know and we will be sure to accommodate your camper.

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING! All items found around the farm will be returned to the proper owners if they have a name clearly labeled.

Snack Time

We provide snack each day for our campers. We normally rotate, pretzels, animal crackers and or carrots and celery. Each week we end camp with a popsicle. We ask that you do not pack your own snack unless there are allergies in which case we ask that you notify us of those. We always have lemonade available to give the kids a sugar boost on those hot days. We do ask you send your child with a labeled water bottle that they can drink as they like.

Weather

Our camp is 100% outdoors so that means we will be exploring the farm rain or shine, if there is a thunder storm or major weather event, we have policies in place to retreat inside the barn or into the basement of the house.

Bathroom

All children (except those registered for mommy and me classes) must be potty trained. We have an outhouse for the campers to use at any time they need.

Sunscreen and Bug Spray

We ask that parents apply sunscreen and bug spray before camp starts for the day. We have a lot planned for a day so we do not have any extra time to apply or reapply bug spray or sun screen.

If you are enrolled in the fun on the farm camp (9am-3pm) there will be time over lunch for campers to reapply sunscreen. If you would like your child to reapply sunscreen or bug spray please provide a labeled bottle of sunscreen and/or bug spray to use. We cannot provide any sunscreens or bug sprays from the campers to use.

I am happy to provide a hard copy of this handbook for you to keep. If you would like a hard copy please one of the camp staff know!