



Owl Calling | April 22, 7:30PM-9:30PM Spring Brook Farm

Join us for the first gathering of 2022! Our pastures provide an extraordinary view of the heavens and an equally remarkable opportunity for owl calling. John Levitsky, officer at the Luzerne County Conservation District, will lead this experience. John is exceptional caller, so expect the owls to give a hoot.

Because we will be walking on uneven ground during dark, this event is for adults only. A donation of \$10 per person is suggested. Registration required. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/owl-calling-tickets-244531900497>

Born to be Shorn: Sheep and Alpaca Shearing May 7, Noon to 2PM Meet at the Coach Barn

Come down to the Coach Barn to watch our sheep and alpacas lose their winter coats in preparation for hotter days here at the farm. This event is fun, family-focused, and educational. **There is no charge to attend yet donations are appreciated.**

Adult Grief Camp | TBD: May 2022 Weekend Saturday, 7:30AM – 4PM - Sunday, 8AM – 5PM

Gather with others for a full weekend of farm-based activities, animal assisted interventions, grief education, and therapy sessions. Adult Grief Camp, like our Children's Grief Camp, was created to assist those who have experienced trauma as well as those who have lost a loved one due to illness, accident, murder, or suicide. Dates and details will be announced in March 2022 and available in the Dairy Store, Mercantile, and on Social Media. Attendance both days are recommended. Sunday's session ends with dinner and fellowship at Hillside Cottage. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/adult-grief-camp-tickets-244547376787>

Historic Spring Brook Farm Tour June 11, 10AM- 11:30AM

Join us for a behind-the-scenes walk through the private area of Hillside, Spring Brook Farm. Experience the history of the land, barns (which date back to the Civil War), and sprawling stone fences. Spring Brook is also where our heifers live before becoming part of the dairy herd. Learn how our grazing system is better for our heifers and this precious land. This tour is appropriate for ages 8+. Please wear sturdy shoes or boots, no sandals. There is no charge for this tour, yet donations are appreciated. Registration is required. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/historic-spring-brook-farm-tour-tickets-244549152097> **Rain date is June 12, 10AM**

Dr. Doug Ayers Dairy Barn Tour | June 18, 3PM - 4:30PM

Join us for a tour of our bed pack barn and visit with the dairy herd. Learn how a bed pack barn is different from standard barns and how this improves animal welfare. You'll see the milking parlor, holding tank, and discover why true pastured dairy is better for you, the cows, and the environment. This tour is for ages 12+ with a suggested donation of \$10. Registration is required. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dr-doug-ayers-dairy-barn-tour-tickets-244562903227>

Coach Barn Tour | August 13, 10AM – 11AM Meet at the Coach Barn

Here is a fun opportunity to learn about the valuable roles our calves and non-dairy animals play in education and animal assisted interventions. Interact with Mac, Dandy, Gretchen, Lulu, and a host of other farm favorites. This farm experience is appropriate for ages 5+ A donation of \$10 per adult is suggested. Registration is required. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/coach-barn-tour-farm-animals-in-education-tickets-244564728687>

Historic Camp at Spring Brook August 4 – August 7 Open to the Public August 5 & August 6, 10AM-4PM

Take a trip back in time when early settlers called America home. This popular camp spotlights life in the 1700's for farmers and hunters. Learn how they lived, cooked, dressed, and survived. See live fire of Revolutionary-style Muzzleloaders.

A Muzzle loading shooting contest will be held from 10AM-5PM on August 5 and August 6. Sutlers (vendors) will be at camp selling wares from the colonial time period.

This event is appropriate for all ages. Please wear sturdy shoes or boots.

Meet the Flock Tour September 10, 10AM – 11AM Meet at the Administration Building Parking Lot

Our popular behind-the-scenes "Meet the Flock" experience is back! Learn how eggs from pastured hens are better for you, the environment, and the birds. Leave with an understanding of common "buzzwords" used in the food industry, including battery cages, free range, pastured, Omega3:6 ratio, certified organic, and organic practices. If you are interested in starting your own backyard flock, this is the place to ask questions and receive tips! This event is appropriate for all ages. A donation of \$10 per adult is suggested. Registration is required. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/meet-the-flocktour-hillsides-pastured-chickens-tickets-244567517027>

Art in the Barns August 13 - 14 10AM – 4PM Opening Reception August 12, 5:30PM – 7:30PM Park at the Administration Building Parking Lot Museum Barn is across the street

Join us at the Museum Barn to experience the fine work by members of the Wyoming Valley Art League. A plethora of mediums, sizes, and themes will be displayed, with many available for sale. This marks our fourth year of exciting collaboration with our good friends at Wyoming Valley Art League. This event is appropriate for all ages.

There is no charge to attend this exhibit, yet donations are appreciated.

Adult Farm Camp | October 8, 8AM – 3PM
Meet at Hillside’s Education Center

Be a farmer for the day! Experience farm related responsibilities firsthand as you take part in milking, picking eggs, mucking stalls, feeding & caring for nondairy animals, and bottle-feeding calves while learning about humane farming and sustainable agriculture.

This is a physical experience that is best suited for ages 18+ and sturdy shoes or boots are required. Work gloves are suggested. Please bring a lunch.

A donation of \$50 per person is suggested. Registration is required. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/so-you-want-to-be-a-farmer-adult-farm-camp-at-hillside-tickets-244578178917>

**The Role of Animal Welfare in Farming,
Education, and Therapy**
October 29, 10AM – Noon
Meet at Hillside’s Education Center

Join us for a discussion on the benefits and potential costs of using farm animals in educational and therapeutic settings. It is becoming increasingly common where farm animals play a role in K-12 science, biology, nutrition, and environmental curriculum. Farm-based education programs are important as they strive to remove the disconnect individuals have from the primary sources of food and clothing. Agritourism provides opportunities for novice guests to participate in hands-on activities. Numerous research supports that humans of all ages may benefit from animal interaction during educational and/or therapeutic sessions. A 2021 Ipsos poll determined that 89% of Americans include meat as part of their diet.

Yet, do farm animal “co-educators/co-therapists” experience poorer welfare than farm animals that do not participate in activities? What about animals in our food chain? What, if any, welfare considerations are necessary? What, if anything, do we owe these sentient beings?

There is no charge for this event but registration is required. Donations are appreciated. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-role-of-animal-welfare-in-farming-education-and-therapy-tickets-244580255127>

NOTE: Our 2022 Summer Farm Camp is sold out. If you wish to be placed on a waiting list, please send an email to sierrak@hillsidefarms.org. Be sure to include the date(s) requested and number of children. Thank you.

Christmas Tea and Tour at Hillside Cottage
November 19 & November 20, Noon – 4PM

One weekend each year Hillside Cottage is open to the public! Join us and return to an era of magnificence. Spend the afternoon enjoying a variety of teas and desserts. Relax by the stone fireplace as you listen to Christmas music and catch up with friends. Take a self-guided tour of Hillside Cottage’s 32 rooms, see the Servants Quarters, tiled bathrooms with claw foot tubs, parquet floors, artwork and artifacts that adorn this late 1800s building.

Tickets are required for this event and will go on sale at the Dairy Store in mid-October. We will announce ticket sales in the Dairy Store, Mercantile, and on social media.

Christmas in the Barns
December 2, 3, & 4, 6PM – 8PM
Please park at the Administration Building or Upper Lot of the Dairy Store

Welcome Santa back to Hillside Farms! Our barns will be decked for the season and ready for guests. Enjoy cookies and hot chocolate while spending time at the Christmas Craft Tables. We know Santa will be excited to once again sit in his sleigh and listen to the wishes of each child (and grownup). Be sure to bring your smart phone or camera and Believe!

There is no charge for this event yet donations are appreciated. Tickets are limited and will be available in mid-November. Ticket availability will be announced in the Dairy Store, Mercantile, and on Social Media.

Private Farm Tours
January – December
Reservations are required

Host your own private tour of Hillside Farms. Learn the operations of this historic, non-profit educational dairy farm and the vital roles the animals and people play in sustainability. We accept groups up to 10 people. A donation of \$7 per person is suggested. Children age four and under are free. The experience includes a trip to Hillside’s ice cream parlor for an after-tour treat.

To learn more and request your tour, please visit: <http://thelandsathillsidefarms.org/tours.php>



Hillside Farms is open throughout the year with the exception of Christmas Day, New Year’s Day, and Easter.

The Lands at Hillside Farms is a historic, non-profit, educational dairy farm. EIN: 202975553
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