

Welcome to Camp!

Before Camp Begins

Health Form: Filled out online. <https://www.historicnewengland.org/casey-farm-summer-camp-welcome-packet/>

Camper Placement Policy: If you would like your camper to be with a particular friend, please email Camp Director Adam Lowe at alowe@historicnewengland.org or call 401-237-7472 and leave a detailed message at least a week before the start of camp. We aim to place all campers with their friends, but these requests cannot be fulfilled once camp begins because groupings have already been established.

Getting to Camp

Directions: Address and directions can be found at <https://www.historicnewengland.org/property/casey-farm/>.

Parking: The stone walls at Casey Farm are beautiful but they make for narrow openings and blind spots. When you enter the property please drive slowly and follow the signage. You will be directed through a gate to a parking area where we ask that you park facing in towards the wall or string fence only (NOT parallel along the field). Please do not park along the driveway or in farmyard. Children need supervision at all times in the parking area as the stone walls really do restrict sight.

Drop-off and Pick-up: Please walk your child to the check in table each day and check in with either the counselor or junior counselor of your group. Also, please come to the check in table with your photo ID to pick up your child. If someone other than a parent is dropping off or picking up your child, please let your counselor know and remind them they must bring a photo ID.

Dogs: Please do not bring dogs to the farm. Due to liability reasons dogs are not allowed in the same areas as children and our parking lot has no shade so its unsafe to leave them in the car.

Absences: If your child will not be attending camp on a day they are scheduled to come, please call 401-237-7472 and leave a message.

Sunscreen/Bug Spray: Please have your child apply sunscreen and insect repellent before camp each morning. We will reapply as necessary.

While at Camp

What to Bring: Each day, your child's backpack should contain the following items:

Sunscreen

Hat

Insect repellent

Extra socks and shirt

Lunch and a healthy snack (Note: Casey Farm does NOT provide lunches or drinks.)

2 Water bottles

Depending on the weather, you may also want to pack rain boots and a rain jacket and/or a sweatshirt

Shoes: Your child's day at camp includes varied terrain. All children are required to wear "farm shoes" (sneakers or boots with closed toe and heel) for our daily farm chores, including feeding the animals and picking our snack. If desired, they can also bring a pair of lighter "camp shoes" (Crocs, light weight sneakers, sandals with a rear strap such as Tevas or Keens) to change into later in the day. Flip-flops are not allowed.

Swim Day: Tuesday is swim day for *Farm Friends*, *Growing Together*, and *Farm Explorers*. Please make sure your child arrives at camp in their bathing suit and brings a towel as well as water shoes. For safety reasons, no child will be allowed to swim without water shoes. Children will change into their regular clothes after swim time. Swimming takes place at the Boys and Girls Club camp and is fully supervised by licensed lifeguards.

Covid Procedures

Rhode Island will not issue final guidance for summer camps until closer to the summer. We will follow all mandated procedures, and will update this page as new information comes in. However, there are some procedures that we implemented in 2020 and have made permanent.

- Drop off times will be staggered between 8:45-9:10 am and pick up will be between 2:50-3:15 pm to help with social distancing. Little Ducklings pick up/drop off times remain 9:00/12:00 but you will not be allowed to eat lunch with your camper on the front lawn.
- When walking in please stop at the hand washing table and make sure your camper washes their hands, before proceeding to the camp registration station, where Casey Farm Staff will take your child to their designated group. If someone else will be picking up or dropping off your child during the week please notify the Casey farm staff member at the registration table.
- Parents (or other authorized pick-up person) must bring a photo ID which will be checked before proceeding to the designated area to wait for their camper to be brought to them for dismissal.
- We will be screening campers daily for symptoms using a simple questionnaire. If your camper has an elevated temperature, is feeling sick, or if anyone in your household is sick do not bring your camper to camp that day.

After Camp

Tick Check: We do find a tick occasionally. We will check for them during camp time but recommend a more thorough check of your child again at home.