

2012 Tap Root Farm Summer Camp

Register at taprootfarm.com

Purpose: Children will learn about farm life...where real food comes from & how it grows. They will work & play with large and small animals (horses, cows+) to understand how to care for them. Campers will be a member of a farm family team in which they will play games, have fun, do chores, share responsibilities & compete against other family teams for prizes and privileges. Tap Root Summer Farm Camp is about young people taking an opportunity to get back in touch with themselves. The pace of the world slows down, they will have time to share and experience nature's reality, every moment is NOT booked with entertainment but through being surrounded by creation and all of its purpose, we learn more about ourselves and our purpose.

Campers:

Age: completion of K -11th grade

Each group of 10 campers will form a family team with their counselor for the week they spend together. They will get to know each other, be responsible for each other, share, help each other out, work together, play together compete as a team together, and teach each other. Older family team members will have different responsibilities than younger family team members. They will stay together throughout all activities and will not leave any family team member out or behind.

Drop Off & Pick-Up @ Tap Root Too, 4104 Clovercroft Rd., Franklin, TN 37067

Drop off: no earlier than 8:50 am (early drop-off: 8am/arranged)

Pick-up: no later than 3:10 pm (late pick-up: 5pm/arranged)

Camp Dates:

June 11-15

June 25-29

July 16-20

July 30- August 3

Cost: \$289/early registration by 3/1/12
 \$299 by 4/1/12
 \$329 by 5/1/12
 \$359 5/1/12-camp start date

Camp Activities:

1. **Vegetable Gardening & Fruit Orchard:** planting, weeding, cultivating, pruning, harvesting & eating

3. **Horse Experience:** grooming, healthcare, cleaning, barn fun, feeding, tack instruction & riding
2. **Indian Knoll:** hiking, running, playing, games, history of area
4. **Creek, Spring & Pond Play:** tug-o-wars, wading & finding creatures
5. **Cattle:** healthcare & feeding of cattle, uses of the beef cow & beef by-products, cattle upfront & personal- see and work with them.
2. **Games & Competitions:** basketball, volleyball, foosball, air hockey, ping pong, keep away, sack races, tug-o-wars and much more. Family Teams will compete.
7. **Old Fashion Story Telling:** We tell many stories of our farm experiences and life's funny tales

What to Bring:

1. sunscreen
2. creek shoes (old tennis shoes)
3. boots or tennis shoes (not sandals or slides)
4. lunch the 1st four days (5th day lunch will be prepared by campers from farm produce)
5. wear clothes that can get dirty and it won't matter (shorts, jeans, t-shirts)

What not to bring (these will be taken from a camper): iPod, headphones of any sort, game boy, or hand-held game of any sort.

There will be no TV, Xbox, etc. You may have a cell phone, but it will be kept by the counselor at "home base". It can be used at lunchtime only, or in case of emergency. PARENTS WILL HAVE THE COUNSELOR'S PHONE # IN CASE THEY NEED TO CONTACT THE CAMP OR THE CAMPER.

What to wear: clothing that is cool, comfortable and that is ok to get dirty/stained. Shoes that protect your feet & do not easily come off. Bring a pair of "creek shoes that can stay at your "home base" all week. Bring rain gear on rainy days.

What NOT to wear: Clothing that exposes any portion of any undergarment, strap or strapless tops, short shorts, sandals or shoes with straps or slides) You will NOT BE ALLOWED around the large animals in improper shoes.