



2012 Farms For City Kids Application

The 2012 Farms For City Kids program will begin **MARCH 5-9, 2012** and conclude the of week of **NOVEMBER 5-9, 2012**. As a reminder, our program runs through the summer months. We are accepting applications for children in grades 4-7, accompanied by two to three teachers and/or chaperones. Parent chaperones are discouraged. The maximum number of students is 25 children and the minimum is 15.

Teachers that may be new to our program must attend an orientation. Historically, the on-site teacher orientation weekend has been scheduled in March. However, due to various testing and vacation schedules we are looking into other 'means' of conducting these orientations. The orientation is a required step in securing your week on the farm. Please contact the Education Director for more details.

Farms For City Kids Foundation offers the program at no charge to schools. Transportation to and from Spring Brook Farm, as well as teacher compensation, are at the discrimination of participating schools.

The deadline for submitting this application is **December 31, 2011**. Notification of scheduling begins after January 15, 2012. Please submit application to:

Rob Macri, Education Director
Farms For City Kids
734 Caper Hill Rd, Reading, VT 05062
or by fax
802-484-5800

Scheduling Policy

Every reasonable effort is made to accommodate the desired dates for attendance listed on the application. However the number of annual applicants makes it nearly impossible to schedule every school or group that applies. If we are/were unable to schedule your group for the weeks submitted on the application, then you will be notified of any open slots. If we are still unable to schedule your school for the current year, then you will receive a preference status for scheduling the next programming year. Schools that applied last year but were left unscheduled will be scheduled first. When listing dates of choice, please be sure to give weeks in **three different months** that you would be willing to attend. You will receive notification of acceptance by e-mail and/or standard mail. Please be sure to provide accurate e-mail and physical addresses in order to receive notification.

Teacher Input and Date Request Page

School _____
Teachers Attending _____

1 We look at the farm as an extension of the classroom where lessons come to life. Please list any performance standards, lesson, and/or themes covered during the school year that you wish to actively compliment during your stay.

2 Please share your hope/vision for your students' week on the farm, and any specific goal you wish for them to accomplish.

3 Please describe the methods to be used in order to prepare and inform your students and parents about the farm program. How will students be chosen to attend the farm program?

4 To what extent, if any, will the lessons and experiences of the farm trip be reinforced upon returning school and/or home?

5 The program will begin the week of March 5th, 2012 and conclude November 9th. Please list four choices for your school/group to attend. Be sure to list weeks in 3 different months.

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School Application and Signature Page

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Submission deadline 12/31/11

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Our signatures below indicate that we commit to the human and financial resources necessary for _____ to successfully participate in the Farms For City Kids program. We understand that the Farms For City Kids Foundation will provide the five day program, including food and lodging, at no cost to our school/group. **The Foundation does not cover the cost of transportation or teacher compensation. It is understood that the school must secure transportation to and from the farm, and teachers' salaries, if applicable, in order to participate in the program.** It is also understood, that in the event a child must leave early, the cost of this additional transportation falls as the responsibility of the attending school/group. The Principal of the above named school/group will notify the appropriate regional and school personnel, if applicable, of the school's planned involvement with the Farms For City Kids program.

Principal: _____
Signature Print name

Local Instructional
Supervisor: _____
Signature Print name

Teacher 1: _____
Signature Print

Teacher 2: _____
Signature Print

Teacher 3: _____
Signature Print