

(The following information to be distributed to Parents or Guardians)



Dear Farms for City Kids Parent/Guardian:

Thank you for allowing your child to participate in the Farms for City Kids program at Spring Brook Farm. This week will truly be a memorable event in your child's life.

Farms for City Kids at Spring Brook Farm operates as a Recognized Vermont Independent School, which means we adhere to all the rules and policies put forth by the Vermont State Department of Education. Students will be lodged in a comfortable and modern dormitory. The staff at Spring Brook Farm consists of dedicated people who care passionately about teaching children about farming and the connection agriculture has to their everyday lives. While at Spring Brook Farm, your child will be able to participate in unforgettable experiences such as feeding a baby calf, gathering fresh eggs, milking a cow by hand, and creating a beautiful garden.

We begin the children's week with a farm safety orientation that outlines the rules we live by on the farm. Safety is our number one priority. The children then settle in and begin living the life of a farmer! Together we tackle many farm tasks throughout the week, creating a sense of accomplishment for everyone involved.

Your child's teacher will give you all the necessary forms to fill out and return, as well as all the information you will need to prepare for your child's trip. Please take notice that while we do serve many children who have asthma, it is still very important that you send your child with their proper medications, inhaler and/or nebulizer. **That medication must be in its original container.** Even if your child has not had an asthma attack recently, we still require the asthma medicine and nebulizer. It is a different environment with many trees and plants that may trigger an attack. Preparation is the best prevention.

You can learn more from our web site, at [www.farmsforcitykids.org](http://www.farmsforcitykids.org). I encourage you to call if you have any questions or concerns.

Best Wishes,  
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Farms for City Kids