

# Prescott Farm



## Environmental Education Center

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Dear Members,

Summer camp is in full swing here at Prescott Farm and we are happy to report that registration has been good! So far we've done a lot of exploring and fort building and also spent a week creating permanent art out of trash ("up-cycled art") for the Center, including wall sculptures made out of toilet paper tubes for the bathrooms - stop in and check it out!

We are also planning our second annual Harvest Festival, scheduled for Saturday, September 17 from 10:00-3:00. Once again we'll have hay rides, animals, a barn dance, facepainting, delicious food, and lots of other fun family activities.

Finally, we have just started developing a 3-year strategic plan for Prescott Farm. As part of this exciting process, in order to develop the best possible plan and have Prescott Farm be the very best it can be, we want to hear from YOU about what you like (or don't like) about Prescott Farm, ideas or opportunities you think we ought to pursue, etc. Your feedback will be a very valuable part of this process - you may also get a survey with questions at some point or a phone call from our friendly consultant, but also feel free to send us an e-mail with your thoughts or stop by to talk. Also, if you are interested in volunteering your time to become more involved in this planning, please let us know. Thanks in advance for helping out!

As always, we hope you'll come by this summer to explore our beautiful trails through the forests, fields and ponds here at Prescott Farm. Bring a friend! It's a fun, free way to spend a summer day!

Stop by and see us soon,

Cathy, Sarah & Kim – PFECC Staff

### Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center

is a non-profit center that offers environmental education for all ages. The 160-acre historic family farm is designated as an official NH Wildlife Viewing area, and offers visitors hiking on more than three miles of woodland, pond and field trails. Visitors can also explore a three-story historic barn, beautiful heritage and heirloom flower and vegetable gardens, and an old-fashioned maple sugar operation. Other programs include school vacation camps, field trips and pre-school programs.

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## WILDQUEST SUMMER CAMP

Still accepting registrations!

June 27 - August 26, 2011; 9:00 - 4:00

For kids ages 4-15

Remaining camp weeks and descriptions:

July 25-29

### Life on the Farm (+Pre-K/LIT program)

Prescott Farm has been a working farm for more than 200 years. Join us as we explore the history of the farm through hands-on activities including archaeology, spinning & dyeing yarn, woodworking, and a special quest about the Farm's history. We'll also have some special animal visitors joining us!



August 1-5

### Nature Artists

If you love to be outside and love art, then this is the week for you! We'll keep nature journals, paint with watercolors, make outdoor sculptures, and much, much more.

August 8-12

### The Wonderful World of Water (+Pre-K/LIT program)

It's summer! What better way to spend the week than exploring the streams and ponds at Prescott Farm? We'll follow streams, go wading in the pond for aquatic critters and learn how important clean water is for all life on Earth.



August 15-19

### Survivor II

Such a popular week, we have to do it twice!

August 22-26

### A Little Bit o' Everything (+Pre-K/LIT program)

It's the last week of camp and we'll be revisiting our favorite activities from all summer....ponding, arts & crafts projects, fort building, hiking, looking for insects and more

For more information please [click here](#).



### Where can I be found at Prescott Farm?

If you don't already know, then come and explore the Farm and see if you can find me!

The answer will be included in our next eNewsletter.

Answer to April's photo: The picture was of a plaque that was made in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

## Photo Gallery



Our mascot welcoming 2011 summer campers!

***A special thanks to the following people and organizations who have helped us by making a contribution to our Camp Scholarship Fund this year.***

*Laconia Savings Bank, Laconia Area Community Land Trust, Public Service of NH, Zonta Club of the Lakes Region, St. Vincent de Paul Charitable Foundation, WLNH 98.3FM, The Allen & Ballou Families*

## **SUMMER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

What better way to give back to the community than to volunteer? Prescott Farm has several volunteer options available to suit anyone's needs and restrictions. If you are interested in volunteering for any of the options listed below, please e-mail [info@prescottconservancy.org](mailto:info@prescottconservancy.org) or call (603) 366-5695.

### **Garden Volunteers**

We have a dedicated group of garden volunteers that come on Tuesdays during the Spring and Summer months to work on the gardens down near the Farmhouse. They are always looking for help, and if you have a green thumb and don't mind getting a little dirty then this volunteer opportunity is for you!

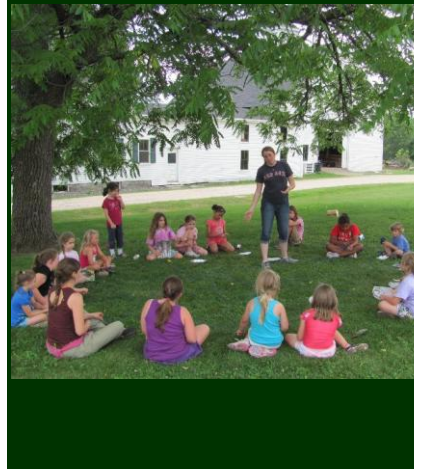
### **Trail Maintenance**

If you love hard work and are handy with a pair of clippers, our trails need you! The trails get a lot of use throughout the year and get cluttered by branches and other debris.

## **2ND ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL - Save the date!**

Saturday, September 17, 2011; 10:00 - 3:00

Last year's Harvest Festival was such a success, we decided to make it into an annual event! Please join us again this year as we celebrate harvest time at Prescott Farm. There will be something for everyone so bring your family and



friends and enjoy a day at the Farm.

### Event Activities

Horse drawn hayrides, barn dances - performances by the Two Fiddles, petting farm, face painting, pony rides and much more!

Learn more about the people and organizations helping to make this event a success (each is linked to their website):

[Two Fiddles](#) - providing music for barn dances

[Ox-K Farm](#) - providing Oxen

[Heritage Farm](#) - providing horse drawn hay rides and petting farm

[K & M Livery](#) (on Facebook only)- providing pony rides



2010 Harvest Festival

### Volunteer Opportunity

We are looking for volunteers to help with this event. If you would like to learn more about what volunteer opportunities are available please contact our Office Manager, Kimberly at 603-366-5695 or [info@prescottconservancy.org](mailto:info@prescottconservancy.org).

This is sure to be an enjoyable event for all, and what better way to end the summer! We hope you will be able to join us and please do share this with others who may be interested.

*\*Please note an electronic RSVP will be going out in August - please keep an eye out for it as it will help us keep track of registrations and better prepare for the amount of attendees.*

### \*Wish List\*

New and energy efficient refrigerator

picnic tables

Donations for our Camp Scholarship Fund

recycling bins (large)

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