

# Prescott Farm



## Environmental Education Center

Members' Newsletter, Issue #7 - October 2011



Dear Members,

A chill is in the air and fall is in full swing here at Prescott Farm! We had a great summer of fun-filled camp adventures, and then started the fall with a very successful Harvest Festival (over 900 visitors!) on September 17.

Now we are back to school at Alton, Gilmanton and Belmont elementary schools, hosting our weekly Polliwogs preschool program, offering a variety of do-it-yourself workshops, working with a new VISTA volunteer, as well as working on our strategic plan. In short - things are really busy around here and we'd love to have you come join us.

Or, if you can't make it to a program or workshop, remember that our trails are open daily from dawn to dusk for free. We've been seeing lots of cool mushrooms and animal scat.....fun stuff to check out!

For more information on this fall's programs, see below.

Stop by and see us soon,

Cathy, Sarah & Kim  
PFEEC 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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## Fall Workshops October - December 2011

### Full Moon Campfire

Wednesday, October 12; 6:00-8:00pm (\$2/person)

What better way to spend a chilly moonlit fall evening than around the campfire? We'll provide the s'mores, you provide the campfire stories!



### Preserving the Harvest

Wednesday, October 19; 6:00-7:30pm-\$20 (\$15 members)

Save money and savor the goodness of locally grown veggies and fruits all year-round! Get hands-on experience as you learn the basics of hot water bath canning, freezing, and drying. Participants will be able to sample a variety of preserved foods.

### Non-Toxic, Clean Home

Wednesday, October 26; 6:00-7:30pm-\$20 (\$15 members)

Learn how simple ingredients can be used to make safe, non-toxic cleaning products for your home. We'll share recipes for surface cleaner, window cleaner, soft scrub, furniture polish and laundry soap. Participants will make several products to take home.

Please bring several empty jars with lids and an empty spray bottle.

### Soap Making at Home

Wednesday, November 9; 6:00-7:30pm-\$20 (\$15 members)

Join us to learn the art of making natural homemade soaps. Participants will receive complete written instructions and get hands-on experience making a batch of soap to take home which will make great holiday gifts! Due to the use of lye, adults & teens only, please.

### Easy Home Dairy

Wednesday, November 23; 6:00-7:30pm-\$20 (\$15 members)

Learn to make fresh soft spreadable cheeses, butter and yogurt in your own kitchen with just milk or cream, basic kitchen equipment and a few other simple ingredients. Participants will take home recipes and samples of foods made in class.

### Craft Nights!

Wednesdays, November 30 & December 7; 6:00-8:00pm

## Photo Quest!



### 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 July's photo: Last issue's photo was of the top of a flag pole located up at the Center.

## Photo Gallery



## Donations Accepted

Whatever your craft-knitting, crocheting, spinning, beading, sewing, scrapbooking or other art-gather with other crafty people as you work on your pre-holiday projects. Tea, coffee, and good times will be had by all!

\*Reservations are required. Call us today to reserve your spot!



## Facility Rental

Are you looking for a place to hold your next meeting or event? Why not check out Prescott Farm? We offer a beautiful and unique venue for many types of meetings and events such as:



- >Weddings (pricing separate)
- >Birthday parties
- >Baby showers
- >Corporate retreats
- >Holiday parties
- & Much more!

If you would like more information please contact Kimberly at 366-5695. Also, feel free to download our Meetings & Special Events brochure - [Click here.](#)

## 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.

### 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

If you would like to view more photos from our 2nd Annual Harvest Festival and other programs and events held at Prescott Farm - please visit our Shutterfly website [Click here!](#)

and get cluttered by branches and other debris.

### Cleaning Sugaring Equipment

We need a small group of volunteers to come to the Farm for one or two days and help with cleaning and moving sugaring equipment prior to snowfall.

*We had an amazing turnout at our 2nd Annual Harvest Festival. Thank you to all that came, sponsored, donated or volunteered your time that day. We appreciate the support and look forward to providing this fun family community event each year.*

*Our next event is Winter Fest and will be held in February. More information will be available on this event as we get closer to it on our website, so please make sure to check back with us!*

### Welcome Katie!

Katie recently graduated from the University of New Hampshire with her Master of Science in Natural Resources with a focus in soil ecology and a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science. She worked as a laboratory and research technician in the Frey Soil Microbial Ecology Lab at UNH for four years; projects focused on the effects of climate change and atmospheric nitrogen deposition on New England forests. While in graduate school, she was a teacher's assistant and taught college science labs for both introductory soil science and fresh water resources. Katie recently moved to Laconia and began her year as an AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) at Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center where she is working with Laconia High School to implement an afterschool environmental science program for upperclassmen to earn school credit. She hopes to utilize her teaching experience and love for environmental science to build a sustainable afterschool program that students both love and appreciate. Katie will also be building an electronic GIS (Geographic Information Systems) database of Prescott Farm information that will be used for making maps, informational guides of property resources, and used for educational purposes. In her free time, Katie enjoys vegan baking, knitting, yoga, and hiking.



### \*Wish List\*

New and energy efficient refrigerator

picnic tables

Donations for our Camp Scholarship Fund

recycling bins (large)

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### Dates to remember...

*(click on each to learn more)*

[Polliwog Preschool Classes](#)  
Thursdays, Sept. 29 - Oct. 27, 2011; 10:30-12:00

[WildQuest Holiday Camp](#)  
Dec. 27-30, 2011; 9:00-3:00

Join Our Mailing List!

Looking for things to do this Fall in NH? Check out the below links.

[Pumpkins, Haunted Houses, Corn Mazes & Hayrides, Recipes](#)

[Fairs & Festivals](#)

[Fall Foliage Train Rides](#)

[Self Guided Foliage Tour from Laconia to Wolfboro \(directions included\)](#)

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