

A Typical Day at Gibsons Farm Camp

**Farm Camp has the flexibility to be completely spontaneous - we might drop everything to build a zipline, play with piglets, or follow our curiosity. Because, as Richard Feynman might have said, when curiosity bites, drop everything and pursue it! Farm Camp is the creativity and interest campers bring to it. This schedule is only what might be an average day.*

9am Arrival - Farm Projects happening as campers arrive. Eg. planting transplants, harvesting potatoes, building a fence, carving stakes, etc.

9:15 Morning Farm Chores - In groups we will do our daily chores, Eg. feeding the chickens, collecting eggs, bedding the sheep on fresh straw, picking apples, harvesting raspberries.

Farmer Huddle - Coming together as a group around the firepit to plan our day, hear everyone's goals, intentions, or desires and how we can support each other. "You want to build a zipline?... okay, what materials do we need....?". Morning huddle is also a chance for farmers to give updates on what's happening on the farm today - "peas are ready to harvest", or "chicks are hatching in the brood room"...

Morning and Afternoon Projects or Activities - As the week progresses and campers gain the skills to work independently on projects of their interest, this time generally becomes more free. Some basic skills we like to give campers the space to work on are: carving and knife skills, axes and chopping wood, hitting things to make music, using ropes to build fun things to play on, hammers, saws, and basic construction techniques, harvesting, cooking, baking, and fire building. We aim to create a space where campers feel comfortable and safe following their interests and needs - even if it's just taking some alone time in the tall grass. Some things we may do as a group include visiting neighbouring farms to see their animals, exploring the creeks and forests, or harvesting honey.

Lunch and Snack - We typically come together several times per day for snacks, water breaks, and check-ins. Campers are always welcome to eat or drink whenever they are hungry or thirsty! We have 2 porta potties on site, and peeing in the forest is ok too. We have 3 hand wash stations.

End of Day - We try to come together at the end of the day around the firepit. Maybe we jam, or plan the next day. Parents, if we're sitting around the firepit making music when you arrive, please join in.

Friday Farm Market or Pizzeria - Some weeks the campers may run a Farmers Market or Restaurant along with Farm Tours. If this happens they will let you know. It will be from 2-3pm on Friday and all friends and family are welcome. If you bring kids under 12 who were not part of farm camp - please have them stick with an adult at all times when on the farm.