

SHELBURNE FARMS

Dear Parents/Guardians & Farmers,

APRIL 2013

Are you ready to pitch in? We hope you're excited! Our plan is to help with chores and projects all around the farm. Annual spring duties include skirting fleece, prepping garden beds, and forking winter bedding. We also have daily chores like egg collecting! We will spend time with chickens and sheep and help our plants, discovering how they help us and how we help them! A more detailed schedule will be available on your first day. Much of our time will be outside, so please dress with the weather forecast in mind, RAIN OR COLD.

WHERE TO MEET:

Parking for camp is behind the Farm Barn (see map). We will start and end in the McClure Center for School Programs. From the parking lot entrance, cross the first footbridge into the Visitor Entrance and head down the stairs. Take a left into the Adventure Room hallway. We are at the end of the hallway on your right where the cafeteria is. **Our day starts at 9:00 am and pick up is at 3:30.**

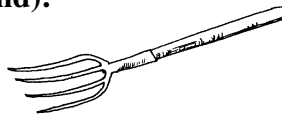
Before/after care is available as early as 8:00 am and late as 5:00pm and consists of supervised free time. Fee is \$3 / half hour per family. Please register with Julia Penca at 985-8686.

WHAT TO BRING:

Please provide campers with a garbage free and peanut/tree nut free lunch and snack in reusable or recyclable containers. Your support will help us reduce waste streams and encourage recycling, reusing, and composting. We will have children with severe peanut and tree-nut allergies attending with us.

For A Fun Time (we recommend):

- Morning snack & lunch
- Water bottle
- Mud or work boots/shoes
- Jacket (maybe a raincoat)
- Hat and/or sunscreen
- Warm layers



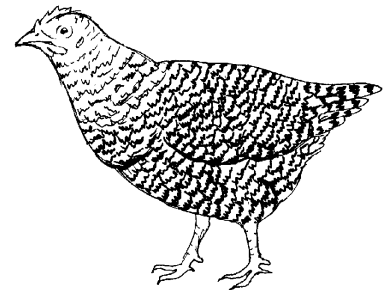
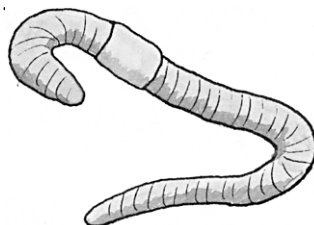
Extra:

- Extra pants if one pair gets muddy
- Indoor shoes or slippers
- Work gloves (please label)
- Small garden tools if you have them: shovel, pitchfork, and/or spade

We look forward to farming with you! If you have any questions, please call Peter Bullock at 985-0309.

Sincerely,

The Education Team!



PEANUT AND TREE NUT ALLERGY DIETS

AN INDIVIDUAL ALLERGIC TO PEANUTS MAY ALSO BE ALLERGIC TO LEGUMES AND TREE NUTS

Allergies to peanuts and tree nuts are common. It is estimated that approximately one percent of the population, or nearly three million Americans are allergic to peanuts or tree nuts. A peanut is not really a nut at all, but a member of the legume family. Legumes include dried beans, peas, soy beans and lentils. Often, an individual who is allergic to peanuts may also be allergic to legumes.

EXAMPLES OF TREE NUTS

Examples of tree nuts include:

- Almonds • Cashews • Pecans • Pistachios • Macadamia • Pine Nuts • Walnuts

Some individuals have allergies to both peanuts and one or more tree nuts. Many individuals with allergies to a specific tree nut, such as walnut, will often avoid all tree nuts due to the possibility of cross-contamination during food processing. At this time, the only way to treat a peanut or tree nut allergy is to strictly avoid all food products that may contain peanuts or tree nuts. Currently, a vaccine is being developed for peanut allergies for use in the future. It is essential that an individual with peanut and/or tree nut allergies carefully read and understand food labels, ask how food is prepared when eating out, and familiarize him or herself with food additives that are derived from the offending nut.

MAJOR SOURCES OF PEANUTS AND TREE NUTS**

- Peanut Butter • Mixed Nuts • Cold-Pressed Peanut Oil, & Walnut or other Nut Oils
- Anything labeled "Nuts" • Peanut Flour • Almond Butter • Cashew Butter
- Peanuts may also be called "Ground Nuts"

HIDDEN SOURCES OF PEANUTS AND TREE NUTS**

- Pesto • Egg Rolls • Sauces and Gravies • Hydrolyzed Plant or Vegetable Protein
- Nougat, Marzipan, and other Confections • Prepared Salads • Chocolate and other Candies • Salad Dressing • Baked Goods • Breakfast Cereals like Granola and Muesli • Frangelico and Amaretto Liquors • African, Chinese, Indonesian, Mexican, Thai, Vietnamese Cuisines • High energy bars • Grain breads

** For a more comprehensive list of peanut and tree nut-containing foods visit:
www.pueblo.gsa.gov/cfocus/cfallergies04/t_focus2.htm

series articles

FOOD PREPARATION TIPS FOR CUSTOMERS ON PEANUT AND TREE NUT-FREE DIETS

There are a number of peanut and tree nut-free foods that can be purchased through food suppliers (such as *United Natural Foods*), and at local grocery stores. Keep the following tips in mind when preparing peanut or tree nut-free special diets:

- Prepare peanut and tree nut-free meals with clean pans and utensils, and in areas that are separate from major food production.
- Prepare modified meals to order and avoid the possibility of cross-contamination.
- Identify a core team of foodservice personnel in each dining location to work with students who have specialized diets.
- Educate all members of the foodservice team, including management, about the common food intolerances and their symptoms.
- Post lists of ingredients that contain peanut and tree nuts in all food preparation areas.
- Never assume that a product is free of peanuts or tree nuts. When in doubt, avoid using it.
- If a food product label states that it was made in a plant that processes peanuts or tree nuts, do not use it.
- Carefully label all foods in serving areas that contain peanuts or tree nuts.
- Have recipes available for customers to review if they question whether a product on the menu contains peanuts or tree nuts.

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT PEANUT AND TREE NUT-FREE DIETS

Q. IS COCONUT CONSIDERED A TREE-NUT?

A. Coconut is not typically restricted in the diet of an individual who is allergic to tree nuts. However, some people react to coconut, and it is best to err on the side of caution, and label foods containing it.

Q. IS NUTMEG SAFE TO EAT?

A. Yes. Nutmeg is not a tree nut. It is obtained from the seeds of a tropical tree and is therefore safe to eat.

Q. ARE WATER CHESTNUTS CONSIDERED NUTS?

A. No, water chestnuts are not true “nuts”. They are the edible portion of a plant root and can be safely consumed by an individual with tree nut allergies.

Special Diets



WHERE CAN I FIND PEANUT AND TREE NUT-FREE FOODS?

There are a number of food companies that specialize in products for individuals with food allergies and medical conditions that require modified diets. The following is a list of companies that produce peanut and/or tree nut-free foods. Many of these companies sell their products through United Natural Foods, which is a Sodexo-approved purveyor.

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| • United Natural Foods, Inc. | www.unfi.com | 800-877-8898 |
| • The Gluten-Free Pantry | www.glutenfree.com | 800-291-8386 |
| • Enjoy Life Foods | www.enjoylifefoods.com | 888-503-6569 |
| • Rebecca's Nut Free | www.rebeccasnutfree.com | 978-352-6644 |
| • Miss Roben's | www.allergygrocer.com | 800-891-0083 |
| • VermontOne | www.vtone.com | 802-879-7127 |
| • Gluten-Free Mall | www.glutenfreemall.com | 707-537-3011 |
| • Cherrybrook Kitchen | www.cherrybrookkitchen.com | 866-458-8225 |
| • Gluten-Free Pantry | www.glutenfree.com | 800-633-3826 |

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FOOD ALLERGY PLEASE CONTACT:

The Food and Drug Administration
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD. 20857
888-463-6332
www.fda.gov

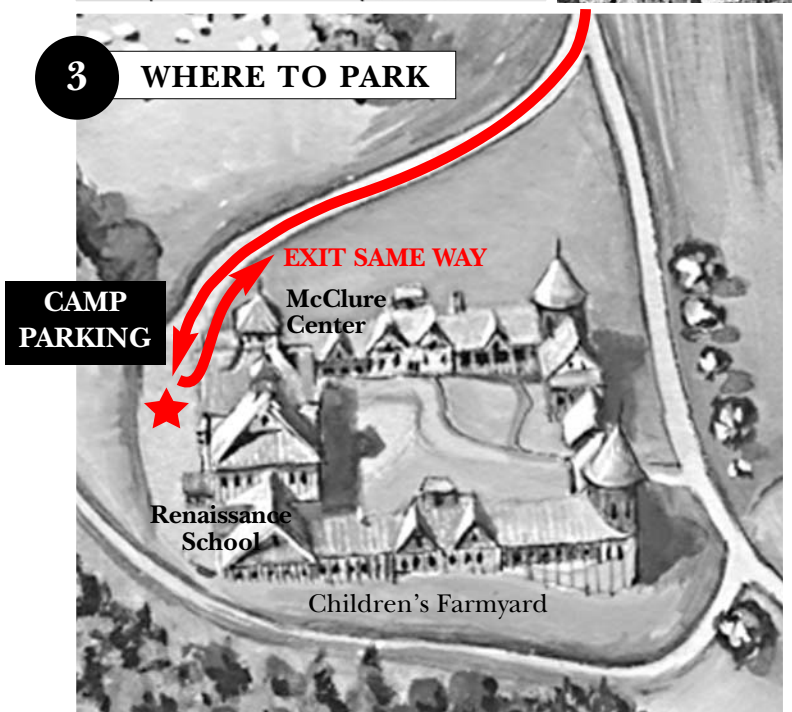
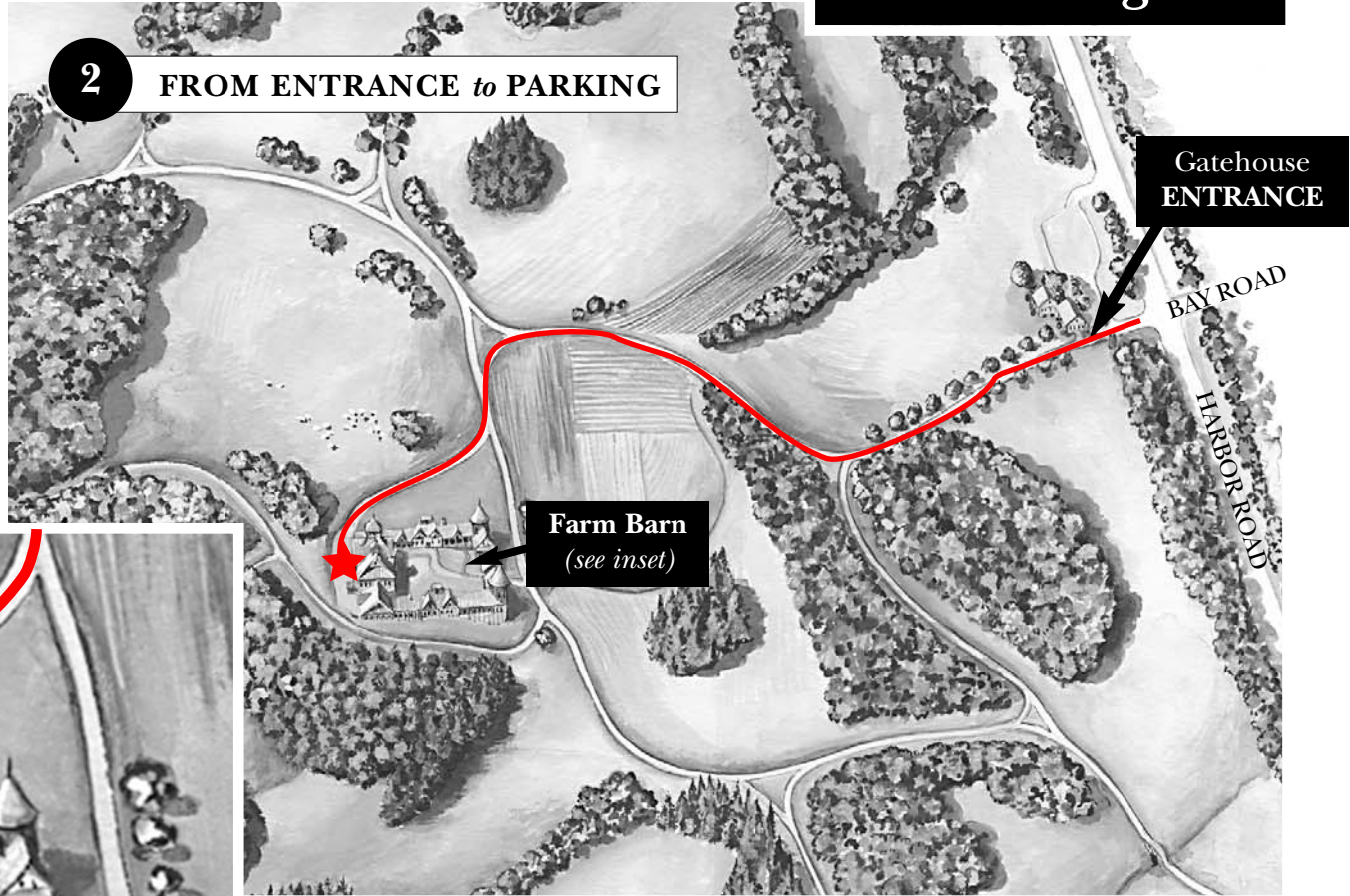
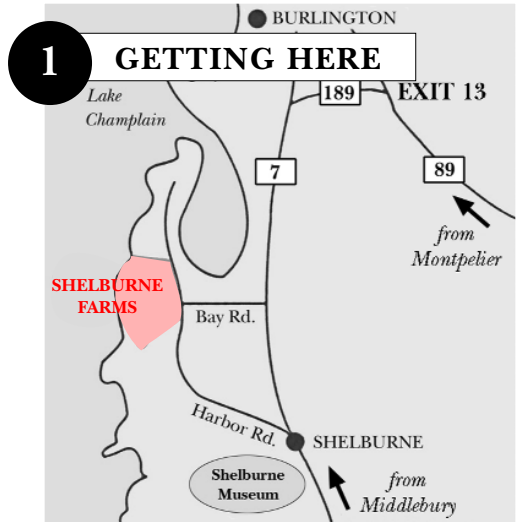
International Food Information Council
1100 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Suite 430
Washington, DC 20036
202-296-6540
www.ific.org

Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network
11781 Lee Jackson Hwy, Suite 160
Fairfax, VA 22030
1-800-929-4040
www.foodallergy.org

peanut allergies

SHELBURNE FARMS Summer Camps

Directions and Parking



Please greet the gatehouse attendant as you enter the property. **Camp parking is behind the Farm Barn.** Footbridges provide access to the McClure Education Center and Renaissance School. We ask that you enter and exit the parking lot from the same side. The Children's Farmyard lane will be closed in consideration of farmyard guests. If the parking lot is full, you may turn around in two reserved spaces at the end of the lot, and find additional space on the lawn in front of the building. Handicap drop-off/parking is available in the courtyard. *Thank you!*