

Protection and Care of Animals

Goals

- * How to safely approach animals and lead them
- * Learn what appropriate housing is, what an appropriate supply of feed and water for the animals is, as well as how to clean their housing.
- * Learn how animals think and how that translates into animal behavior.
- * Demonstrate appropriate use of brushing tools on the animals.
- * Witness a blacksmith trim and shoe a horse
- * Educate children on the importance of respect and kindness towards animals.
- * Learn visual signs of when an animal is sick and how to respond.
- * Understand the importance of an evacuation plan and where to go during severe weather or an emergency.

Natural Habitat

Goals

- * Participants will be given a nature journal to develop throughout the week. They will be instructed how to effectively utilize their 5 senses, so they will be able to personalize their own journals as they explore things from their own viewpoint.
- * Participants will illustrate, sketch, paint, take pictures and detailed notes during their nature walks.
- * By utilizing their own senses, participants will enhance their knowledge of the importance of the surrounding natural habitats.

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“It Makes Sense” at Elm Hill Center

**26 East Main Street,
Brookfield, MA**

July 25th—29th & August 1st—5th

*A free program for children 9ys—15ys
dedicated to the protection and care of
animals and the environment.*



Animals, Nature & Fun!

About the Program

The core objectives of the program are developed around helping children to gain an understanding about animals and the natural habitats in which they live in, as well as emphasizing the relevance of a compassionate attitude towards animals. Utilizing natural vegetation and diverse farm animals, the main goal will be to educate about how important it is to protect and care for animals in their natural habitat. Activities will be focused on safety, compassion and further developing their knowledge base, while most importantly having fun!



What is Elm Hill Center?

Elm Hill Center (EHC) sits on a 40 acre farm located in the town of Brookfield which borders over 1000 acres of Audubon land. It has miles of hiking trails that lead to several historic locations, a frog pond, and the frog pond path. There is an in-ground pool, flower and herb gardens, horse stables, and an indoor and outdoor riding arena. There are several horses, donkeys, sheep & goats that live on the farm. EHC is a very private and unique location that your children will love to explore.

The center is now owned and operated by Rehabilitative Resources, Inc. of Sturbridge whose goal is maintain the legacy of the farm and offer an opportunity for the entire community to benefit from the facility.

By the end of the program all participants:

- ⇒ Will have learned how to safely interact with animals in their environment.
- ⇒ Will have demonstrated hands on experience as well as have received an education on total care of the animals.
- ⇒ Will have utilized all of their five senses and developed a nature journal for them to keep.
- ⇒ Will have fostered a respect for safety, care of farm animals, environment and most importantly had a great deal of fun.



Protection & Care of Animals

In order to prevent cruelty and provide protective care to the animals, participants will learn how to safely interact with the animals as well as develop the knowledge of how to care for them, to include how to groom and clean hooves. Participants will learn how to execute an emergency plan to ensure the safety of animals in the event of an emergency.

Natural Habitats

Elm Hill Farm has many acres of land that the participants will be able to explore and utilize daily. There is a frog pond that has natural vegetation, wonderful woodlands, as well as wildflowers and trees. Such areas demonstrate how animals co-exist with nature and the importance of maintaining healthy habits.

See reverse for more details on these objectives