

Billings Farm & Museum

Gateway to Vermont's Rural Heritage

2009 Youth Group Programs

Billings Farm & Museum is an operating dairy farm and a museum of Vermont's rural past.

Choose from the following programs:

Up Close With a Jersey Cow Meet one of our Jerseys – up close! Learn how we care for her and why her body is uniquely designed to produce so much milk.

Horses and Oxen These are our 19th century tractors - Percheron draft horses and a team of Short-horn oxen. Discover how they are trained, their work, and the advantages each team has over the other.

How to Keep a Sheep Meet a woolly Southdown ewe from our flock, learn how we care for her, and why this breed was valued on the Billings Farm one hundred years ago.

Check Out the Chickens Check out our chickens and the wonder of an egg, as we learn how these useful birds were an important part of the farm and a child's daily responsibilities a century ago.

On Behalf of a Calf See the younger members of the herd. Discover the special care they receive that ensures that they grow up healthy and allows them to fulfill their role on the farm.

Children on Hill Farms Children played an important role on the family farm of 1890. Explore their lives through everyday toys, clothing, and tools used over 100 years ago.

Squash Squad Join the squash squad as you get down and dirty (just a little bit) in the garden with over 20 different vegetables, ranging from carrots to pumpkins. Plant your own veggies to take home, play the seed game, and help honor horticulture by harvesting, hoeing, or hilling.

Churning Butter Help churn cream into butter and sample your product on "common" crackers.

Making Ice Cream Everyone gets to turn the crank as we make this summer treat for all to enjoy. *Please add a \$10 supplies fee.*

Historic Games All work and no play? No, it wasn't like that! Play some of the games that were popular over a century ago – clothespins-in-a-bottle, hoops and sticks, and more.

Make It and Take It What better way to remember your visit than with something you made with your own two hands! Choose one of the following crafts: stenciling, felted wool balls, weaving, clothespin people, and cornhusk people (recommended for ages 8 and older). *Please add a \$10 supplies fee.*

During your visit explore:

- **The Dairy Farm** features our Jersey herd, calves, work horses, sheep, oxen, and chickens up close, through programs and barn tours.
- **Vermont Farm Life Exhibits** depict family responsibilities on the farm during the late 19th century, including the home and community.
- **The Restored & Furnished Farm House** was considered a *very modern home in 1890* and features the farm office, creamery, family living spaces, and ice house.
- **Take a Hike!** Enjoy our one-mile walking trail around the farm fields, woodlands, and the Ottauquechee River.
- **The 8-Minute Video: A Thing Worth Doing** describes the evolution of the Billings Farm since 1871, with historic photographs and lively music. *Please request.*
- **Daily Afternoon Milking:** 3:15 - 5:00 p.m.



Planning Your Visit

Dates: May 1 - October 31, 2009 • 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Group: Youth groups of 10 or more.

Fee: \$5.00/youth; 1 adult free/7 youths.

Lunch: Bring your picnic! The dairy bar sells ice cream, drinks, and snacks.



Rte. 12 , one-half mile north of the village of Woodstock, Vermont

Reservations: 802-457-2355 • www.billingsfarm.org