



Visit the Blandford Nature Center Farm today!

Say “hello” to farm animals, explore the children’s garden, and play in the farmyard playscape. Exciting and educational activities await!

PROGRAMS:

Starting in May 2019, the Blandford Farm is offering farm-themed community programs. Drop-in programs available Wednesdays and Saturdays: feed the animals, gather eggs in the chicken coop, and help with farm chores. Weekly parent & child classes and a full suite of family and adult programs mean the opportunities to learn and play are endless!

Check out the back of this page for the 2019 Calendar of Events.

Find details and registration sign-up online at:

<http://blandfordnaturecenter.org/community-programs-calendar/>

PRODUCE:

In addition to offering programs, the Blandford Farmers currently grow over 200 different varieties of herbs and vegetables on 2.5 acres of land. Produce grown on the farm can be purchased at the Fulton Street Farmers Market or via a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) share.

Find out more about farm production or sign-up for a CSA share at:

<https://blandfordnaturecenter.org/farm/>

Find The Farm!

3143 Milo Street NW

Grand Rapids, MI 49504

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2019 Calendar of Farm Events

May	5/18/19 Farm Day 10:00am - 1:00pm 5/24/19 Barnyard Buds Parent & Child Classes Start - See Right 5/25/19 Drop In Programs Start - See Right 5/25/19 Kinder Sprouts: Spring 1:00pm - 2:30pm
June	6/7/19 Free First Friday! 9:00am - 5:00pm (Property Wide) 6/8/19 Say Hello! Goat Says Maa 1:00pm - 2:00pm 6/15/19 Board Book Barnyard: Summer 9:30am - 10:30am 6/29/19 Composting 101 1:00pm - 2:30pm
July	7/5/19 Free First Friday! 9:00am - 5:00pm (Property Wide) 7/6/19 Say Hello! Sheep Says Baa 1:00pm - 2:00pm 7/11/19 Know Your Veggies 101: Bush Beans 6:00pm - 7:30pm 7/13/19 Wild & Wacky Worms 1:00pm - 2:00pm 7/20/19 Build It: A Vermicompost Bin 1:00pm-2:30pm 7/25/19 Know Your Veggies 101: Cherry Tomatoes 6:00pm - 7:30pm
August	8/2/19 First Friday! 9:00am - 5:00pm (Property Wide) 8/3/19 Farm Fresh Crafts 1:00pm - 2:00pm 8/10/19 Build It: A Bee Hotel 1:00pm - 2:30pm 8/15/19 Fruit of the Vine: Tomatoes & Wine 7:00pm - 8:30pm 8/24/19 Say Hello! Chicken Says Cluck 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Sept.	9/7/19 Board Book Barnyard: Autumn 9:30am - 10:30am 9/14/19 Build It: A Wooden Barn Quilt 1:00pm - 2:30pm 9/28/19 Forage & Dye Workshop 10:00am - 2:00pm 9/28/19 Chickens & Dinosaurs, Oh My! 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Oct.	10/12/19 Harvest Festival 10:00am - 4:00pm (Property Wide) 10/18/19 Barnyard Bonfire 7:00pm - 8:30pm 10/25/19 Barn Buds Parent & Child Clacsses End - See Right 10/26/19 Pumpkin-palooza 10:00am - 1:00pm 10/30/19 Drop In Programs End - See Right
Nov.	11/2/19 Kinder Sprouts: Autumn 10:00am - 11:30am 11/9/19 Poultry & Predators 1:00pm - 2:30pm (At Main Visitor Center)
Dec.	12/7/19 Winter on the Farm 10:00am - 11:30am

BARNYARD BUDS

Weekly Parent & Child Class
Fridays from 10:00am - 11:00am
May 24 to October 25, 2019

Need an excuse to get out of the house? Bring your tiny farmer to Blandford! Each program will be hosted by a Blandford Farmer and will feature a barnyard tour and an activity. New themes each week!

Check online calendar to confirm dates and register. Program is for ages 1-4. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

DROP IN CLASSES

All ages welcome! No need to plan ahead; just drop-in to participate. Check online calendar for more info and to confirm dates.

Check-in starts at the Blandford Farm 30 minutes before the listed start time. The first 10 people to check-in are guaranteed spots; more spots may be available on a first come first served basis.

FARM CHORES

Saturdays from 9:30am - 10:30am
May 25 to October 19, 2019

CHICKEN & EGG

Wednesdays & Saturdays
from 11:00am - 12:00pm
May 25 to October 30, 2019

Program Registration & Logistics:

Planning to attend a farm program or drop-in class? Please keep the following in mind:

- Advanced registration is required for the events listed above. Sign-up online today!
- Day-of registration for drop-in classes and check-in for registration required programs is at the Blandford Farm, not the main campus Visitor Center.
- Farm staff will be available to greet you, check your party in, and register participants for drop-in classes 30 minutes before listed program start times. Look for the "Farm Programs" signs in the farmyard space between the large red animal barn and the barn playscape.
- The Blandford Farm is located at 3143 Milo Street NW, Grand Rapids 49504. Parking is available at the corner of Lamont Ave NW & Milo Street NW. You may also walk to the Blandford Farm from the main Blandford Nature Center campus. If you decide to walk, please keep in mind that programs start promptly at listed start times at the Blandford Farm. The walk from the Visitor Center to the Farm is 10-15 minutes.