

Billings Farm & Museum

Gateway to Vermont's Rural Heritage

2017 Youth Group Programs

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

All programs include playing historic games and a make-it-and-take-it craft or make-it-and-eat-it snack!

Please choose one of the following programs:

Making Ice Cream Everyone gets to turn the crank as we make this summer treat for all to enjoy. *Please add a \$15 supplies fee.*

Rope Making Join in the fun as we turn two yarns into a strand and three strands into rope. Make a jump rope for your group to take away! *Please add a \$15 supplies fee.*

Corn, King of the Farm Crops Walk into the farm fields to examine cattle corn and into the garden to see popcorn and other heirloom crops. Work alongside the gardener and plant a seed to start your own garden.

Children on Hill Farms Experience the life of a child long ago by using the tools and toys of the time. Weave a memento to take home with you!

Up Close With a Jersey Cow Meet one of our Jersey cows up close and help churn cream into butter. Learn how we care for her and why her body is uniquely designed to produce so much milk.

Horses and Oxen Gee! Haw! Gitup and Whoa: these are the commands that tell these animals which way to go! Watch our teamster work the oxen and discover the important role that draft horses once played on the farm. Design your own clothespin horse to take home with you.

Meet Our Sheep Meet one of our ewes and feel her thick wool, rich with lanolin. Work with her wool to make a felted wool ball to remember your visit.

During your visit explore:

- **The Dairy Farm:** the cow barn, calf nursery, trophy room, milk room, horse barn, chicken barn, and sheep pen.
- **The Restored & Furnished Farm House:** explore the farmhouse through the eyes of nine-year-old Agnes Aitken, who grew up in this home; discover her world with our scavenger hunt - can you find the ice skates and bear paws?
- **Vermont Farm Life Exhibits:** a self-guide adventure that follows the seasonal cycle of the farm year and includes plowing, planting, haying and harvesting. Don't miss the general store, *Ben's Water Tub* film, and ice harvesting footage.
- **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, 2017
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Group: Youth groups of 10 or more.

Fee: \$7.00/youth; 1 adult free/7 youths.

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



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

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