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DIRECTIONS

Hilltop Hanover Farm Children's Environmental Education Center is located at 1271 Hanover Street in Yorktown, NY

From the Taconic State Parkway:

Exit at Millwood/Route 100

Take 100 North approximately 3.5 miles

Cross over the New Croton Reservoir

Turn Left at traffic light onto 118 West

Take first Right onto Hanover Street

Go approximately 1.5 miles.

Hilltop Hanover Farm is on the left.

Park at the end of the driveway on the left, up by the barns.

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SOMETHING GOOD IN THE WORLD AT HILLTOP HANOVER FARM

JULY 6 - 24, 2009

THREE ONE-WEEK SESSIONS

MONDAY - FRIDAY, 9 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

Welcome to our third season of the Turtle Island Summer Camp at Hilltop Hanover Farm in Yorktown! After many years of conducting educational programs and projects for children outdoors in nature and indoors in schools, the team of Something Good in the World educators is proud to offer three weeks of summer activities for children of all ages. In addition to a highly experienced staff, Turtle Island Summer Camp brings talented visiting educators to share their professional expertise with children in the areas of Art, Design, Handicrafts, Farming, Wilderness Skills, and much more. Each week has a different theme, and yet all are interconnected, allowing children the opportunity to build on what they are learning if they are able to attend all summer long, or to focus in on one particular area if they come for one week.

Registration

Camp is open for registration to children in two age groups: 3 and 4 year olds in the mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, and full days of 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. for ages 5 to 12 (5 year olds need to have completed at least one year of full-day kindergarten or pre-school in order to attend). There are three one-week sessions, which begin Monday, July 6 and end on Friday, July 24.

Location

SGITW is a "farm partner" at Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, which is owned and operated by Westchester County. The mission of the farm is to

preserve open space, protect drinking water and promote environmental education. SGITW works in cooperation with Westchester County to meet these goals. Hilltop Hanover Farm offers a unique setting for a summer camp in that all of our time is spent outdoors in nature. Our base camp area is "The Children's Peaceful Garden," which was designed and created by and for children. This is where we start and close each day, and is the site of many of our art projects. We have an indoor Children's Environmental Education Center that allows us to work safely sheltered in the event of rain, and miles of paths to hike and explore, woods and streams to cool off in, and large open fields for group activities. Children are sure to find their own special places to enjoy in the great outdoors, and each day we will look for opportunities for quiet time to be spent in the natural wonder of the landscape.

Philosophy

Behind all the work we do, the educational staff of Something Good in the World is dedicated to promoting as many varied arts and skills as possible inside of the natural surroundings of this extraordinary 183-acre facility. Our educational philosophy encourages



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individuality and creativity, with each child's unique contribution adding to the cohesion of all. Games and exercises are designed to promote teamwork and cooperation, rather than competition. Art projects focus on the process, more than on the result. All around, sensory, hands-on experience is the approach for all of our educational programs.

Weekly Activities

In addition to the theme-related activities for the session, each week will include hiking on miles of trails; light farm chores such as planting, weeding, harvesting, and animal care; walking the creek in the shady woods; free time for games and personal projects, creative play in the "Children's Peaceful Garden," and plenty of time to enjoy nature.

While all the children will get to spend free time together, the youngest children (3-4 year olds) will tend to work together in their own Yellow Group in the mornings. The older children will often have activities in one large group, but for some projects they will divide into the Turquoise Group (8-12 year olds) and the Purple Group (5-7 year olds). Every effort will be made to keep friends and siblings together when requested.

The Educational Staff

The educators of Something Good in the World come from a high level of professionalism and dedication to children's education, with a firm belief in providing a safe environment where a child's individuality and natural talents can be promoted. Educational Program Director Barbara Sarbin has an extensive background in children's education. Barbara is known for her ongoing "Earth School" programs at Hilltop Hanover Farm for homeschoolers. as well as her workshops as an

artist-in-residence for Westchester public schools, and her directorship of The Manitoga Summer Nature and Design Camp



for four years. The Turtle Island Summer Camp staff also includes: Kani Bynoe and Holly Stagliano, whose expertise is in teaching Pre-School through Kindergarten; William Giese, whose training is in the Fine Arts; Margaret von der Meden who is well-known for her skills in Farm Handicrafts; and Vince Walsh of the Kawing Crow Awareness Center, who is an expert in Wilderness Skills and Animal Tracking.



WEEK ONE

Living with the Land

July 6 - 10

This week will explore ancient knowledge of Wilderness Skills, based on many Native American traditions of the Northeast, such as animal tracking, shelter construction, fire building, sensory awareness, woodland crafts, and much more. These skills will help us to see how living in balance and harmony with our environment means "walking lightly on the Earth." This week will also include understandings of Native American beliefs through stories, artifacts, traditional theatre, music and dance. On the last day of this session, there will be a short presentation and an exhibit of the children's crafts.

Visiting Educator: *Vince Walsh*

WEEK TWO

Sustainable Living on The Farm

July 13 - 17

This session will help us to develop a greater awareness of the environment and how to live sustainably, using the wonderful ecology of Hilltop Hanover Farm. We'll engage in many handicraft projects that make use of farm products, such as wool crafts and weaving, vegetable gardening and composting, care for animals and beneficial insects, landscape design with renewable energy sources, and re-discovering traditional methods for making products needed for daily living; making use of honey, eggs, herbs, seeds, vegetables, wool—all right from our Farm! An exhibition of the children's creations will take place on the last day of this session.

Visiting Educator: *Margaret von der Meden*

WEEK THREE

Creative Arts and Design in Nature

The focus of this session is on the process of creating multiple forms of art, by drawing inspiration from what we find in nature. Children will have the opportunity to explore and experiment with multiple kinds of self-expression, learn new skills, and grow confidence in their abilities, through a wide range of artistic media: clay, sculpture, drawing, painting, collage, printing, casting, rubbing, and photography. On the last day of the week, parents will be invited to an art show, to see some of the tangible results of the children's experiences.

Visiting Educator: *William Giese*

The Volunteer Program

Our Volunteer Program for teenagers gives the opportunity for young adults who have an interest in outdoor education to assist the team, especially with the younger members of the group. If you are 13 or older and inspired by the idea of becoming a volunteer for at least one full session this summer, please contact us as soon as possible to arrange for an interview. There will be a required volunteer staff orientation, to bring everyone up to date with the safeties and procedures of the camp.

Open Weekend

All are welcome to visit the site of the Turtle Island Summer Camp, and to participate in a Children's Peaceful Garden work weekend on Saturday and Sunday, May 2 and 3, from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. each day. This weekend will offer a chance to meet the staff and families who are part of Something Good in the World's educational projects. There



will be ongoing activities throughout the two days that all ages can help out with, such as preparing the soil and planting of native plants, flowers, herbs, and organic vegetables in and around the Children's Peaceful Garden. Families are welcome to come and hike the trails and become more familiar with the Hilltop Hanover Farm landscape.

Please contact us in advance to let us know if you are coming, by phone: 914-217-9249, or email: somethinggoodtw@aol.com.

