



Munnell Run Farm News

August, 2007

Munnell Run Farm Day

The third annual Munnell Run Farm Day is slated for Sunday, September 16, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The purpose of this family-oriented event is to acquaint the community with Munnell Run Farm, the area's rich historical and agricultural heritage, the works of local artisans, the sounds of local musicians, and the season's bounty of locally produced farm products.

New this year is an art exhibit by the Lakes Area Art Guild, a group of local artists whose works include pottery, watercolor paintings, and photography. A number of fine handcrafters will also be on hand to demonstrate and sell their wares which include hand-carved walking sticks, handmade bows, baskets, chainsaw carvings, fiber arts, gourd art, and many other interesting items. A quilt show will also feature local, hand-made quilts.

Several activities will be available for children to enjoy including a farm animal petting pen, horseback riding, fall-themed games and prizes, and, of course, a wagon ride and tour of the farm.

Dennis James of DJ's Greenhouse will give a presentation about fall gardening at 1:00 p.m. and the Doug Butchy Big Band will perform live from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

A variety of food will be available including spit-roasted chicken by the Mercer County Youth Conservation Camp, chili, cornbread, pop, coffee, tea, and funnel cakes by the Shenango River Watchers, ice cream, nachos, and hot dogs by McCullough's Ice Cream, and popcorn and drinks by Munnell Run Farm.

We hope that you will join us on September 16 for a fun-filled day at the farm!



Fall Fun at the Farm!

UPCOMING PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Our summer kids' programs just ended, but we're already looking forward to fall. Our autumn preschool programs will run on four consecutive Wednesday afternoons from September 12 through October 3 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. These programs are for children ages 3, 4 and 5, but younger siblings are always welcome. All children must be accompanied by an adult and all programs are by pre-registration only. The fee for the programs is \$2.00 per child and may be paid the day of the visit. Register online at www.munnellrunfarm.org or by calling 724-662-2242. Day care centers and preschools are welcome to call to schedule separate sessions for 10 or more children. Please see the flyer enclosed with this newsletter for program details.

AN UN-HAUNTED HAYRIDE

Bring the whole family and join us on Saturday, October 13 anytime between 3:00 and 5:30 p.m. for an UN-Haunted Hayride to learn more about why some of the creatures we think of as "scary" really aren't. Program participants will ride the Munnell Run Farm wagon to our woodlot and walk the forest trail to learn about spiders, bats, and other creatures with a bad rap. The program will last approximately one and a half hours. Other free activities for children will also be available. Fees are \$5.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children, and kids under 3 are free. The proceeds from this fundraiser will help us build restroom facilities.

PIG ROAST

We will also hold a spit-roasted pork dinner on October 13 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. In addition to fork tender pork, the menu includes a baked potato, a choice of coleslaw or applesauce, a vegetable, fresh-baked bread, dessert, and a beverage. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Advance ticket purchase is requested by calling 724-662-2242 no later than October 5th.

Be A Friend of Munnell Run Farm

This is an exciting time at Munnell Run Farm! Plans have been finalized to begin making improvements to the farm that will enhance our existing programs and also allow us to offer new types of experiences. These projects include building permanent restroom facilities, an office/classroom complex that will expand our office, instruction, and meeting space capabilities, an expansion of the trails on the property, a new, separate entrance to the farm, and a shared kitchen that can be used to produce value-added agricultural products. Many other infrastructure improvements and projects are also in the works and the details can be viewed on our website, www.munnellrunfarm.org in the Master Site Plan section.

So, how does this involve you? We need help from you to make this project happen. Munnell Run Farm is a non-profit organization that must rely on donations and grants for its educational programs, maintenance and infrastructure improvements. Your donations will be an important facet of the project.

You can now pledge your support for the farm by becoming a "Friend of Munnell Run Farm." A donation of \$25 or more will entitle you to an annual associate membership and a gift of a Munnell Run Farm tote bag. Please use the form on this page to send in your gift today and thank you for supporting the programs and improvements at Munnell Run Farm!

Be "In The Know":

If you would like to receive mail and e-mail alerts about upcoming programs at Munnell Run Farm, please join our mailing list by sending an e-mail message to munnellrunfarm@hotmail.com listing your name, address, and e-mail address.

Or, fill out the form to the right and mail it to Munnell Run Farm. Thanks!



Volunteers Needed

Interested in volunteering your time to a good cause? Munnell Run Farm depends on volunteers to help make our programs and events a success. Please consider helping in one of these capacities:

- Munnell Run Farm Day, Earth Day, the
- Unhaunted Hayride and Pig Roast, or any of our other programs
- Landscape/Trail Maintenance
- Garden Angels are needed to help keep the Children's Garden and other garden beds in working order

Please contact us if you are interested in volunteering at munnellrunfarm@hotmail.com or by filling out the form below.

Levels of Giving

Category	From	To
<input type="checkbox"/> Donor		\$24.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Friend of Munnell Run Farm*	\$25.00	\$99.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	\$100.00	\$999.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor	\$1,000.00	\$4,999.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor	\$5,000.00	

Becoming a "Friend of Munnell Run Farm" entitles you to all annual associate membership benefits including our newsletter and a free gift!

Munnell Run Farm Foundation, Inc., is a nonprofit organization with IRS 501c3 status. Your contributions are tax deductible and much appreciated. Please fill out this form and mail it to MRF with your donation. Make checks payable to Munnell Run Farm Foundation, Inc.

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