

Hello Families of Farm Campers,

We hope you are excited about your upcoming farm program! Here are a few things to get you ready for your time on the farm.



### What to Expect

Some examples of things your child might do at Gibsons Farm are play with animals, care for animals, play with each other, plant things, pick and eat things, make pizza or popsicles or other edible creations from the farm, play in the creek (very shallow), visit the neighbor's farm to learn from another expert, play in the sprinkler, climb a tree, build something using hand tools, invent something, repair something, and much more. The big idea is to go home having learned a lot about where food comes from, why it's important, and have had an amazing time in the process.

### Our Team

Robin and Jordan are long time outdoor educators, liscenced teachers and knowledgeable farmers. Jordan started a previous educational farm in Vancouver called Southlands Farm, where he dedicated 10 years to establishing the land, vision and all the programs there before moving on. Robin has worked for Outward Bound, Sea to Sky outdoor school, and ran the OEd program at York House School in Vancouver. Now, together they have built Gibsons Farm, and have gathered a highly skilled and inspired group of educators and experts to become the farm team. We are all looking forward to getting to know your kids!



### Transportation and Amenities

- Students are transported to and from the Langdale ferry terminal to the farm by school bus. It is about a 7 minute drive.
- There are washrooms on site.
- Students sleep in Sibley tents, like the one pictured. There will be 7-10 students/tent.



If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can contact the farm by email at [office@gibsonsfarm.ca](mailto:office@gibsonsfarm.ca). We are looking forward to seeing you soon!

Robin, Jordan and the farm team

# WHAT TO BRING!

## GIBSONS FARM OVERNIGHT PACKING LIST

### In a backpack

- Snack and Lunch for the first day. (As waste-free as possible. The farm has a pack it in-pack it out policy).  
Pack your lunch in a reusable tupperware that you can use to pack snacks and lunch in on following days.
- Headlamp with spare batteries
- Sunscreen: min SPF 30
- Water bottle - 1 litre minimum.
- Waterproof** rain jacket and pants (activities continue in the rain!)
- Warm layer. Sweater/vest/jacket
- Hat (for sun and rain)
- Mug (different from water bottle!)



### In a big bag

- Sleeping Bag - warm! (These can be purchased from many outdoor stores, rented from MEC, or borrowed from a friend.)
- Thermarest or other small camping mattress (nothing larger than a single mattress please)
- Pillow and pillowcase (smaller the better)
- Toothpaste and toothbrush
- Hairbrush/comb
- Towel
- Lip balm
- Laundry/plastic bag (to keep dirty clothes separate)
- Any medications, stored in a Ziploc bag and labeled with student name and dosage. (please give to teachers upon arrival at camp. **\*\*Insect repellent must be non aerosol, and counts as medication\*\***)



### **Clothing**

- Supply of underwear for three days (plus 1 extra)
- Supply of socks, both thin and thick (wool)
- 1 pair of shorts
- 2 T-shirts
- 1 long sleeve T-shirt
- An old T-shirt, preferably with no logo on it, for silk screening. Turning a shirt inside out works great too!  
Please don't buy something new.
- 2 pairs of pants (one must be warm)
- 1 warm sweater, sweatshirt or fleece jacket
- 1 pair pajamas
- Swimsuit
- Change of shoes, must be closed toe. These might get dirty! Don't bring your favorite white sneakers.

**What not to bring:** Valuables, jewelry, makeup, mirrors, anything scented. Cell phones, or any other type of technology, are not allowed. Please leave **all** tech devices at home as they are found to detract from the experience for everyone. Please do not bring your own pocket knife, even if you are excited about having one. Gibsons Farm does teach knife skills for carving and cooking, but we have our own sets for these workshops you don't need to bring one.