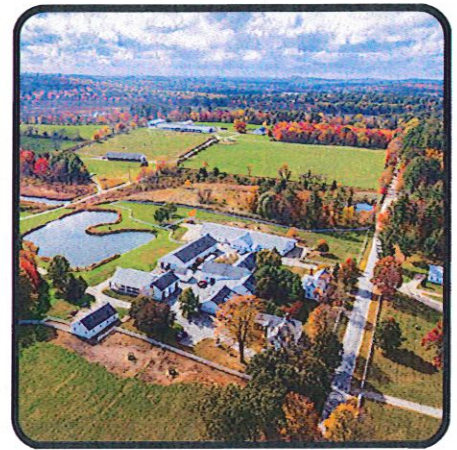


# Arethusa Farm 4-H Camp

A partnership of the  
Arethusa Farm Foundation  
& Litchfield County 4-H



Litchfield County UConn 4-H is proud to announce their partnership with the Arethusa Farm Foundation to provide local youth **ages 5 to 13** as of January 1, 2025 with a variety of Agriculture Summer Camp experiences during the summer of 2025. A common goal of both organizations is to increase agricultural literacy among local youth so they understand the importance of agriculture, farming, local food and the environment.

Our 2025 Agriculture Summer Camp experience is a state-approved day camp run by professional educators and 4-H youth leaders with support of the Arethusa Farm Foundation sharing their extensive farm property with Litchfield County 4-H for this unique opportunity for learning.



## What is 4-H?

UConn 4-H is the youth development program of UConn Extension. As part of the University of Connecticut, 4-H has access to research-based, age-appropriate information needed to help youth reach their full potential. The mission of 4-H is to assist all youth ages 5-18 in acquiring knowledge, developing leadership and life skills while forming mindsets that will enable them to become self-directing, productive and contributing members of their families and communities.

## Arethusa Farm Foundation

The Arethusa Farm Foundation is a newly established not-for-profit 501(c)3 entity created to receive from Mr. Anthony Yurgaitis the gift of a portion of the premises of Arethusa Farm which he and his late partner, George Malkemus, previously operated as a high-quality dairy farm. The Foundation's primary goal is to establish an agricultural education center for elementary, middle and high school students, 4-H members and to the wider community as a whole.



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# Arethusa Farm 4-H Discovery Camps

\$400 for non 4-H members, \$360 for 4-H members

- June 16 to June 20
- June 23 to June 27
- June 30 to July 3 (\$320) \*only four days, no camp July 4th, (4-H member discount price \$288)
- July 7 to July 11
- July 14 to July 18
- July 21 to July 25

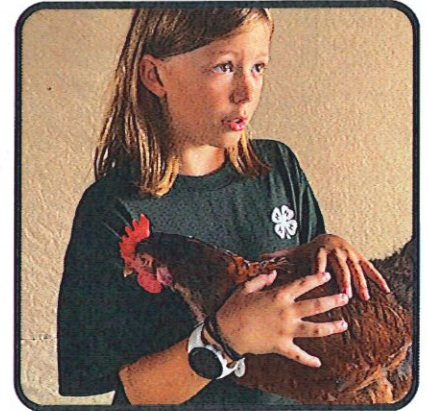
(NOTE: Discovery camps are the same curriculum each week)



## Monday

### Environmental Science Day

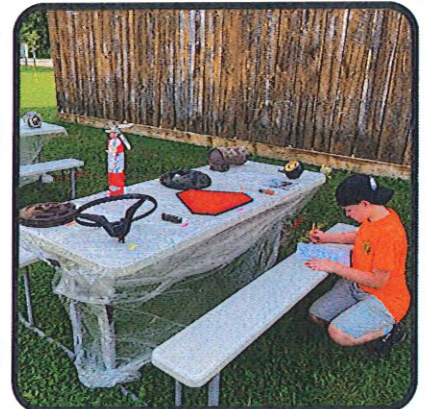
Campers will explore topics of forestry, wildlife, the science of insects and renewable energy with activities that may include water testing, exploring wildlife natural environments and tree identification.



## Tuesday

### Plants, Horticulture & Bees Day

Campers will explore topics including plants, horticulture & the science of bees through activities that may include hands-on gardening, watering, harvesting and understanding the production of honey.



## Wednesday

### Farm Animal Science Day

Campers will learn about dairy science, animal nutrition and farm animals through activities that may include meeting and handling different animals and creating animal crafts.



## Thursday

### Agricultural Mechanics Day

Campers will learn about safety, tool ID, hands-on skills & machinery overview with activities that may include building birdboxes, project planning and other hands-on activities.



## Friday

### Veterinary Science & Small Animals Day

Campers will learn about veterinary science tools, cat and dog health, and other small animals through activities that may include dog grooming and handling, vet tool identification and working with rabbits.



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# Arethusa Farm 4-H Specialty Camps

\$450 for non 4-H members, \$405 for 4-H members

## Vet Science Camp

(same camp each week)

July 28 to August 1  
August 11 to August 15

Do you love animals? If you love animals or think about a career in veterinary medicine. This camp is for you! Hands-on interactions with farm animals and pets, both large and small, create a unique learning experience as students are introduced to the amazing world of animal science. Campers will learn about the skills used in real-world veterinary medicine for a fun, interactive, and educational experience. Cows, goats, sheep, pigs, rabbits, chickens, and horses are just some of the animals that you'll be introduced to, as you learn about anatomy, safe handling during examinations, identifying disease, treatments, and illness prevention. Immerse yourself in a veterinarian's daily rounds, as we cover nutrition, dentistry, and practice emergency response treatments. You can even learn to suture! Discover what a day in a veterinarian's life might entail as professional guest speakers visit our classes to share their experiences, along with the fundamental concepts and current issues in veterinary medicine. Enjoy this incredible enrichment opportunity to increase your knowledge in keeping animals healthy and happy as you explore a possible veterinary career and a life filled with animals!

Note about age range: We will divide students into groups 5-6 year olds, 7-9 year olds and 10-13 year olds for age appropriate curriculum

## Farm Camp

(same camp each week)

August 4 to August 8  
August 18 to August 22

Would you like to expand your knowledge about farm animals? Plan on getting your hands dirty caring for our farm animals and working around the farm. Learn facts and fiction about the many breeds of animals found in farming operations. But it's not all work and no play! A new discovery is waiting to happen surrounded by baby animals. The lambs, kids, foal, piglets, calf or kits all inspire the learning as we dive into the rhythm of farm life. This hands-on experience helps campers to understand that each animal has unique characteristics, eating habits, health requirements and seasonal needs to keep them safe and happy. Explore poultry power collecting eggs or watch chicks hatch and grow from eggs to legs. Dig a little deeper to cultivate a stronger appreciation for sustainable farming in our educational gardens filled with honeybees and pollinators. Build an understanding of how vital their role is in producing food that feeds us all. Soak up the sun, make new friends, replace screen time with fresh air and get ready for an unforgettable agriculture adventure!

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# Arethusa Farm 4-H Camp Information

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**Dates and Prices: (Camp is open to all youth ages 5 to 13 as of 1/1/25)**

**Discovery Camp Dates and Prices: \$400 for non 4-H members, \$360 for 4-H members**

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(Note: Discovery Camps are the same curriculum each week)

**Specialty Camp Program Dates and Prices: \$450 for non 4-H members, \$405 for 4-H members**

- July 28 to August 1 Vet Science Camp
- August 4 to August 8 Farm Camp
- August 11 to August 15 Vet Science Camp
- August 18 to August 22 Farm Camp

(Note: Vet Science and farm camps are repeated twice)

4-H DISCOUNT: Enrolled 4-H members get a 10% discount on all camps.  
UConn 4-H uses the Z-Suite system for their enrollment software.

To enroll in 4-H (no cost), please click here: <https://4-h.extension.uconn.edu/zsuite>

When asked to choose a club, campers ages 5 and 6 select "Litchfield County 4-H Explorers"  
and campers ages 7 to 13 select "Arethusa Farm 4-H Club"

If you are a current 4-H member or are joining during the registration process,  
please only pay the 4-H member discount price when registering.

Contact [christine.smith@uconn.edu](mailto:christine.smith@uconn.edu) with questions.

**Hours:** 8:30 am to 9:00 am: Drop off  
Camp hours: 9:00 am to 3:30 pm  
3:30 pm to 4:00 pm: Pick Up

**Registration link:** <https://s.uconn.edu/arethusafarm4hcampsignup>

**Registration QR**



**Paypal/credit card payment link for 4-H member rates:** <https://s.uconn.edu/4hmemberpayment>  
(please be sure to include campers full name in the text box)

**Paypal/credit card payment link for non 4-H member rates:** <https://s.uconn.edu/non4hmemberpayment>  
(please be sure to include camper's full name in the text box)

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