



JULY 2026
NEWSLETTER



UPCOMING EVENTS



Open Barn & Bluff Country Snakes
Saturday, July 11
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Meet the farm animals, tour the gardens, and learn about reptiles with Bluff Country Snakes. This event is FREE and open to the public. We are asking visitors to bring hygiene products and diapers for local children in foster care. Coulee Lemonade Co. and Canvasback Coffee will be onsite selling delicious cold beverages!

SPARK! Honeybee Jubilee
Monday, July 20
10:30 AM – NOON

SPARK! is a FREE cultural program for people living with memory loss and their caregivers. Enjoy a relaxing morning of engaging conversations, creative activities, and friendly farm animals. To register, call (507) 319-9156 or email info@clearwaterfarm.org.



Family Camp
August 10-12
9:00 – 11:00 AM

Experience farm camp with your little ones, even if they are not quite old enough for an entire week of summer camp! Each day includes time with the animals, a garden snack, and other outdoor adventures. To register, go to www.clearwaterfarm.org.



Farm Improvements



Last month, our Grounds Team dismantled these large stacking shelves and brought them to the farm. They will be used to build shelves in the pole shed & upstairs in the barn. This will not only get materials off the floor, but help with organization. Thank you Isaac, Casey, Jeff, Luke, Greg & Cathy.



If you like building & fixing things or just need a reason to get outdoors and stay active, become a member of the Grounds Team. Send us an email at info@clearwaterfarm.org.

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We are collecting donations to support
foster care children in our community.



Hygiene Products

Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant,
Tooth Brushes, Toothpaste, Bar
Soap, Lotion, Hair Care Products,
Brushes, Combs, and more.



Diapers

Sizes 3 - 6



Monetary Donations

Any donation amount
can make a difference.

760 Green Coulee Rd Onalaska, WI 54650

FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT

Lora Kirschner 608-789-4834

Thank you for continuing to support the
farm and for making a donation to help
provide comfort, dignity, and support to
children in foster care in La Crosse County.

Almost Taste of Summer Gala Auction

Mark your calendars! The
Almost Taste of Summer
Gala Auction will be
ONLINE ONLY this year. It
will run September 11-13th.



In order to make our auction a success, we're
searching for unique or new items and gift
certificates. Please consider donating:

- Restaurant gift cards
- Retail gift certificates
- Vacation stays
- Services or experiences
- New home décor
- Artwork
- Event tickets
- Golf packages for 2027
- Gift baskets
- Other unique items that would make great
auction offerings

If you wish to donate, please email
info@clearwaterfarm.org. You can also contact
our Auction Chair, Kathy, by emailing
kathylandsinger@yahoo.com or texting 608-
498-9855.

The deadline to donate is August 31st.

Thank you for your generosity!

FARM CAMP FUN

Farm Camp is well underway, and our campers have
been having a blast! Here are just a few highlights
from the first three weeks:

- Lots of animal time, including baby chicks
- Putting on bee suits and opening the beehives
- Picking fresh herbs and veggies in the garden
- Baking brownies in a solar oven
- Tie-dying bandanas
- Turning sheep's wool into felted balls
- Making beeswax lip balm

This summer we are able to offer a Middle School
camp for returning campers who are too old for our
regular summer camp program. This camp includes
many of their favorite farm camp activities in
addition to a campout at the farm. We also invited
younger campers, ages 2-6, to spend a morning at
the farm with their caregivers during Family Camp.

Thanks to all of the families who chose Clearwater
Farm this summer!



Free Compost for Members!

Our compost is ready for pickup! We invite our members
to stop by and load up on this rich, natural fertilizer. It's
perfect for vegetable gardens and flower beds! Bring
your own containers, and please take from the pile
closest to the dumpster.

We would like to thank Greg for volunteering his time to
turn the compost piles each week. This helps the
compost to break down more quickly.



JUNE SNAPSHOTS



Storytime and Music with
La Crosse County Library



Clearwater Farm's very
first campout!



Thanks to Xcel Energy for
funding our new bee suits.



SPARK! and Farm Camp
made butter together.

Community Partner



Clearwater Farm is proud to partner with Driftless Recreation, a local organization providing community-based day services for individuals with disabilities. We would like to give a shoutout to their hardworking participants and staff, who show up to do chores twice a week, rain or shine!

"Our clients enjoy having meaningful roles within our Driftless area community. The opportunity to participate as a valued part of the Clearwater Farm community has made our weekly visits and responsibilities an irreplaceable part of our small business and the lives of our group members. Thank you for helping us all enjoy this place and our work."

– Pat Killian, owner and recreation therapist.

To learn more about Driftless Recreation Company, visit their website or check them out on Instagram.

<https://sites.google.com/driftlessrec.com/lax/home>



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ANIMAL SPOTLIGHT



We have so many baby chicks right now! Some of the chicks were planned, and some were a complete surprise, like the hen who hid her nest in a flower bed and hatched 7 babies.

Our summer campers have spent the last 3 weeks handling a group of chicks called Black Copper Marans. These chickens will grow up to lay dark chocolate brown eggs. The campers did a great job staying calm and making the chicks feel safe. These chicks have become very tame and will even sit on your shoulder!

We also hatched 2 pale blue eggs. These chicks are called Cream Legbars, and they will grow up to have a feathery crest on top of their heads.