



AUGUST 2026
NEWSLETTER



UPCOMING EVENTS



Open Barn
Saturday, August 8
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Meet our friendly farm animals and explore our beautiful gardens! This event is FREE and open to the public. Canvasback Coffee and Taco Town will be onsite selling delicious food and beverages.

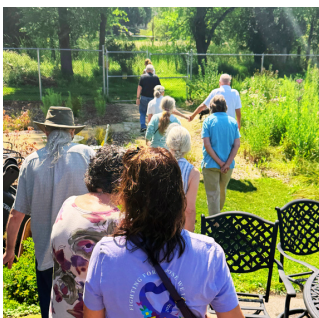
Family Camp (Ages 2-6)
August 10-12
9:00 – 11:00 AM

Experience farm camp with your little ones, even if they are not quite old enough for an entire week of summer camp! Each morning includes time with the animals, a garden snack, and other outdoor adventures. Sign up for one day or all 3 days! The cost is \$25 per child per day. To register, go to www.clearwaterfarm.org.



SPARK! In Full Bloom
Monday, August 17
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.



GARDEN CLUB NEWS



We want to thank all of our amazing volunteers who care for the numerous gardens at the farm. You brave the heat to water, weed, and care for our plants and keep the gardens looking beautiful!

The produce grown at the farm is shared among the volunteers who work on the Garden and Animal Teams as well as Summer Camp participants and other educational programming. We also donate excess produce to the food pantry.

Members are welcome to visit our gardens, but please do not pick anything. The garden is not big enough to provide food for all of our members. If you would like to share in the harvest, we encourage you to join our Garden Club next Spring!

www.clearwaterfarm.org

JOIN US FOR

Thursday
August 13
10 am - 12 pm

STAYSTRONG AT CLEARWATER FARM



FREE FOR LIVESTRONG & YOUTHSTRONG ALUMNI TO:

- Connect
- Enjoy light refreshments
- Presentation about bees
- Meet the farm animals!



Online Auction News

Auction items are starting to roll in for our first online auction.

We need your help though! We are in desperate need of **GIFT CARDS**.



Gift cards from LOCAL SHOPS are a WIN-WIN for our community.

If you are able to pick up a gift card or two, please let us know by emailing info@clearwaterfarm.org or contacting our auction chair directly at kathylandsinger@yahoo.com.

The donation deadline is **August 31st** in order to get items uploaded online.

Then get ready to start bidding on all of these great items **September 11-13**.

The link to the auction will be posted on our website and socials at that time.

We can't do this without our generous members!

Thank You

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

During the construction of a new wall to support the sidewalk that runs along the farm, it was determined that the foundation wall in the barnyard would also need to be replaced. This was an unexpected expense of \$8,250. In addition to rebuilding the foundation wall, new fencing is needed along the sidewalk to ensure the safety of pedestrians and our farm animals. This new fencing will add an additional cost of \$2,000-\$4,000.

We are seeking donations to help cover the cost of the new foundation wall and fencing. Your generosity will help us continue our mission to preserve this 19th century farm for generations to come!

To make an online donation, please visit our website at www.clearwaterfarm.org. You can also mail your donation to Clearwater Farm, 760 Green Coulee Road, Onalaska, WI 54650.



SPARK! Honeybee Jubilee

We had a great time at SPARK! last month! We started the program with refreshments, socializing, and exercises. Julia Johnson, local beekeeper and Dementia Care Consultant, gave a presentation about beekeeping, and we taste-tested honey and bee pollen. Then we enjoyed a walk through the pollinator garden. We ended the program by making suncatchers.

Thank you to our dedicated SPARK! volunteers who make this program possible! Our next SPARK! event is Monday, August 17. The theme will be *In Full Bloom: Exploring the Richness of August Gardens*. In addition to our monthly SPARK! program, we will also be offering a free class on September 15th called *Building Brain-Healthy Habits*.



JULY SNAPSHOTS



Driftless Drifters Hiking Club toured the farm!



Bluff Country Snakes visited at Open Barn & Farm Camp!



Animal Spa Day - Campers gave Frank the Goat a bath!



Exploring nature & catching bugs at Farm Camp!

Friend of the Farm



We would like to recognize Jim Olson this month. He has been a longtime friend and donor of Clearwater Farm. He contributed \$10,000 to the total cost of the Marshland Experience, a natural area that collects rain water and provides proper drainage in our garden. He also covered the \$10,000 cost of painting the big barn last summer. We greatly appreciate Jim's continued support and generosity.

ANIMAL SPOTLIGHT



When we think of farm animals, we often overlook the smaller creatures that farmers depend on like the honeybee. Honeybees are important pollinators for flowers, fruits, and vegetables.

At Clearwater Farm, we have two beehives, each with its own queen and tens of thousands of worker bees. Throughout Spring and Summer, the bees are busy collecting pollen and nectar and making honey. We check on the hives weekly to ensure the hives are healthy. In Fall, we harvest some of the honey for ourselves while leaving plenty of honey for the bees to feed on throughout Winter.

This year we were fortunate to receive a grant from Xcel Energy, which allowed us to purchase several kid-sized bee suits for Farm Camp. This funding will also allow us to construct a building to store equipment and protect the hives, especially during colder months.