

2019 / 2020 School Year

Class Title: HOBBY FARM LIFE
Category: Life Skills
Grades: 4th grade – 12th grade
Levels: I
When: Tuesdays at 4:30 pm until 5:45 pm, starting Sept. 10, 2019
Where: Birch Bank Farms
1826 Platt St, Niles, MI 49107
Instructor: Janine Frizzo
Website: www.birchbankfarms.com
Please visit our website to complete your registration



Class Description

What really goes on down on the farm. Well, the little farm. Featuring organic methods, re-purposing, budget minded family farm skills. Down and dirty. What is the Fruit belt anyway?

This is usually a full year class but your student is welcome to join us for one or both semesters. Each semester is comprised of 12 sessions, each 1.25 hours long.

Syllabus /Outline

The syllabus is a general guideline. Projects, skill goals and order may be changed to better suite the skill level of a particular class, a particular student, available mediums and supplies and weather. Each student will be required to finish an individual or group project before the end of the semester for which information will be provided in the first class. Final projects will be displayed in the Gallery on our website.

Semester 1

1. Pre test, hold harmless, classroom rules, registration, etc. What to expect. Field trip options. Final project options.
2. Map out your farm, fantasy and reality meet.
3. Tools and mending fences.
4. Soil, erosion, land use laws and common sense.
5. Animals, uses, cost.
6. Cont. select one and research.
7. Feeds.
8. Buildings-real estate-water-markets-\$
9. Decor.household, upholstery, curtains, heat.
10. Diarama- written plan for a year-time management outline=lets get real.
11. field trip or guest speaker which may be scheduled earlier

12. Post test. Photographs of final projects

Semester 2

1. Pre test, hold harmless, classroom rules, registration, etc.
2. Farm food
3. Planning a garden; ordering seeds, actual use. GMO or non. Veggie stand
4. Garden continued
5. Poultry and small animals; shows, expos etc.
6. Vet care, common diseases
7. Guard animals and working stock
8. Basic maintenance of home
9. Lumber and forest management
10. Prep soil, compost, containers. Horticultural terms
11. Field trip or guest speaker which may be scheduled earlier
12. Post test. Photographs of final projects

Attendance / Tardy Policy

Your student's attendance and participation in class are required. Illness and pre-approved absences, family emergencies and weather related closures will be excused. Make up sessions for weather closings will be announced if necessary.

Late arrivals interrupt other student's learning and will not be tolerated on an ongoing basis. If your student had a scheduling conflict and requires some flexibility, we will try to work with you but this must be discussed with and approved by Ms. Frizzo in advance.

Questions, please visit our website or send us an email.