Can I get on a waitlist?
We do maintain a waitlist. Please call us at 515-278-5286 to be added. When a cancellation is made for camps, we will call the first person on the list and give them 24 hours to respond. If they decline or fail to respond we will continue down the list.

What is the camp cancellation policy?
The camp fee for each camp includes a $50.00 non-refundable processing fee. ($10 non-refundable processing fee applies for Family Camp.) All requests for cancellations must be received in writing at least two weeks prior to camp. Send requests for cancellation to adminasst@LHF.org. Any cancellations received after the two week deadline will not receive a refund.

Can I stay with my child in camp?
Camp is a program designed for children who can remain in a group setting without parental involvement. Exceptions are made for children needing an interpreter or one-on-one liaison. We do offer a family camp that is designed for parents and children to experience camp together.

Do you provide snacks?
No. Some camps do cook, but this is not on a daily basis. We do provide a snack time should you want to send something with your child.

What about lunch?
Camp is a “high energy” activity, so campers should eat a hearty breakfast before arrival. Campers must bring a lunch. Refrigeration and microwaves are not provided.

What are sign-in and sign-out procedures?
You will receive a pre-camp email three weeks prior to camp, which will list your camper’s assigned flag color. Add daycamp@LHF.org to your email contacts to be sure you receive this email. Please take your camper to their flag color. Campers need to arrive between 8:50am and 9:00am for the full day and morning half-day camps. Afternoon half-day campers need to arrive between 12:50pm and 1:00pm. Counselors will not be out to meet campers until this time.

Half-day morning campers will return to the flag area at 12:00pm, while full day and half-day afternoon campers will return at 4:00pm to be picked up. Due to additional responsibilities, our counselors are unable to stay with campers past 4:15pm. Please make sure you have arrangements for them to be dropped off and picked up.

In order to increase safety for your children, each camper will need to be signed out by a parent or authorized adult. You will need to show a picture ID in order to pick up a camper. We will be checking IDs every day. Please let your counselor know who is authorized to pick up your camper on Monday morning. If a person not on our list or someone without an ID tries to pick up your camper, we will call you for authorization.
How much and how big are the t-shirts?
Camp t-shirts cost $11 each and must be pre-ordered before May 1. Sizes are Youth S (6-8), M (10-12), L (14-16), and Adult S, M, L. If you are unsure what size to order, please order larger as extras or exchanges are not available.

How much are the Camp Souvenir Packs and what is included?
Camp souvenir packs cost $35 each and must be pre-ordered before May 1. Camp souvenir packs include a camp t-shirt, group picture, Living History Farms lunch bag, old-fashioned cup and ball toy, vegetable and herb seed packets, popcorn on the cob, honeycomb chocolate bar, LHF sticker, and LHF lanyard.

Are group photos available this year?
5”x 7” group photos are available to purchase individually for $10. They are also included in the camp souvenir pack. Group photos are taken on the Tuesday of camp and handed out on Friday. If you pre-order a photo and for some reason your camper misses picture day, we will refund you the money.

Can I bring a backpack?
Yes, they are a convenient way for your camper to carry their belongings.

What are camp hours?
All full-day camps run from 9:00am-4:00pm. Half-day morning camps run from 9:00am-noon, and half-day afternoon camps are from 1:00-4:00pm.

Do you have before and after care?
Yes. We will be offering early drop-off and late pickup this year for an additional charge. You must register for this service while registering for camp or by calling at least three weeks prior to the camp session. Space will be limited.

I registered for camp, but didn’t receive a confirmation email. Why?
If you haven’t received an email confirmation of your registration, please check your junk/spam folder to see if the email is there. Or you may have mistyped your email address. Please send us an email at adminasst@LHF.org or give us a call at (515)278-5286 to confirm your registration.

Are there scholarships available to cover a portion of Day Camp fees?
Yes there are. For details on our scholarships, call 515-278-5286 ext. 110 or email us at adminasst@lhf.org. Scholarship applications are reviewed in the order in which they are received and are subject to eligibility requirements and availability of funds. Applicants will be notified of a decision in writing. Scholarships are available for all Living History Farms Day Camps including family camps and 1-day camps. Members can apply for a scholarship when day camp registration has opened for members. Non-members can apply for a scholarship when registration has opened for the general public.

Got to camp late? Need to leave early?
Please call the Camp Director if you will be arriving late (202-6269) so that the camp group does not sit waiting. If your camper needs to leave early, let your counselors know the morning of.
Weather Policy and Procedures

As an accredited American Camp Association camp, our procedures regarding excessive heat and severe weather are in line with their best practices, and are reviewed regularly. During excessive heat, we do many things, including: incorporating more breaks for drinking, moving activities to shaded areas or indoors, playing more water games, and eating lunch in air conditioned buildings.

During severe weather, such as thunderstorms, we move campers and camp activities to designated shelters for the duration of the storm.

After registering, please refer to the Parent/Guardian Camp Handbook for more details regarding our Severe Weather Policies.

Coming with a friend?

Requests for your camper to be placed in the same camp section as a friend must be made during registration under the notes section. Requests need only be made for the second grade camps (there is only one section for all other camps). Campers must be signed up for the same camp. Requests are not guaranteed. When there are four or more our policy is to split them up. Part of the excitement of camp is making new friends.

Can I sign up my camper for a different grade?

No. Our camps are grade specific and designed for their appropriate developmental stage.

Checklist

The following items are required:

- Closed-toe shoes (every day of camp)
- ID for guardian
- Lunch

We also recommend:

- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray
- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Water bottle

Please apply sunscreen and bug spray before arriving. We provide water throughout the day.