



Winter Newsletter

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Message from the Director

What did farmers do in the winter? In the 1920s, many farmers spent the off-season checking their fields, tending to livestock, repairing farming equipment, and preparing for the spring. They look at fencing and other outbuildings such as barns and corn cribs for damage and then make repairs. In the 1920s few farm houses had central heat. Homes were heated with wood, or coal if the family could afford the expense. Many rural homes did not yet have indoor plumbing.

For us here at The Farm at Prophetstown it is not much different. Tending to our animal residents, making repairs, and preparing for the coming spring. Robin is making plans for several new event ideas while Hannah is busily checking inventories, preparing for the weather, and staff training. We have changed to being open to visitors year-round this year, which includes decorating the inside of the Gibson Farmhouse, putting up outdoor Christmas lights and lots of Hot Chocolate. Come see your favorite farm animal residents, sing some Christmas Carols, and enjoy life on The Farm this winter at The Farm at Prophetstown. We hope to see you soon.

Lee Goudy,
Executive Director, The Farm at Prophetstown

new winter hours!

This winter, the Farm at Prophetstown is open everyday from 10am to 5pm, with the exception of holidays and a few cleaning days. Come enjoy the Farm, Christmas decorations, spend time with all your favorite animal residents, pick up our farm raised meat and eggs, and see what's new.



Winter Events

Tuesday, November 28th, 2023

12/2/23 Decorating the Barnyard- Please bring string lights, garland, and/or outdoor decorations to donate and help decorate the Farm! This is our first year decorating the entire Farm, so any and all community support is very appreciated! Event is free, and there will be no park admission fee this day. 10:00am-12:00pm

12/2/23 Greater Lafayette Christmas Parade- Join us in downtown Lafayette to watch the Christmas Parade! Keep a look out for us on the trolley! 5:30pm

12/9/23 Christmas on the Farm- Join us to see the Farm decorated in lights, enjoy free hot chocolate and Christmas cookies, sing carols at the player piano, and visit with our Farm animals at this fun holiday event for the whole family! Event in partnership with Therapeion Therapeutic Riding Center. Free event, no park admission this day. 5:30pm-8:30pm



Reminder: It's time to get your 2024 Farm Membership!

Become a Farm member or purchase a membership for someone special as a gift! If you love visiting The Farm, purchasing our meat, produce and eggs, and/or attending our events, please consider supporting us by purchasing a 2024 membership.

For just \$55, **Farm Membership benefits include:**

An Indiana State Park Annual Entry Pass (typically sold for \$50) which gives you unlimited free admission to The Farm, Prophetstown State Park, and all other Indiana state parks!

Invitation to our annual meeting and end of the year celebration.

Newsletters (such as this one!) and other email updates regarding farm activities.

Special running discounts and other member priority events.

As we look ahead to 2024, we have a full calendar of special events and workshops, Farm to Table Dinners, meat sales for members, new antiques, and more that you won't want to miss out on! Purchase your Farm Membership today on our website, over the phone, or in person at the Farm!

The Farm at Prophetstown would like to recognize and thank the businesses and organizations who have generously supported the Farm in 2023.

Dave Criswell Painting
and Handyman Services
Dave 765-427-9256
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the Gamble Family
homesteadpinetreefarm.com



Battle Ground Saddle Club
www.bg-sc.com



New Addition to the Farm

We are excited to welcome back the 1926 Ford Model T, to the Farm at Prophetstown. Come see, touch, feel, and learn more about this beautiful piece of American history right here at the Farm. We want to thank our gracious community and everyone who made this possible. We hope to see you soon!

Meat Restock and Sale

Our beef and pork products are restocked and we are celebrating with a sale!

All beef and pork products are 15% off for members through the month of December!

***Anyone with a 2024 membership is also eligible for the discount!)**



Looking Forward to 2024

Here at the Farm, we will be focusing on making improvements to our education and events throughout 2024. In 2023, we restructured the way we host field trips. Previously, field trips looked very similar for every group, but last year we looked at the grade level standards that the students are learning in school and connected those topics to aspects of a 1920s Farm. Now, the field trips are customized for every grade level, making the experience more enriching for students and more helpful for teachers! In 2024 we will continue to improve upon the changes we made this year by offering additional experiences and trying to reach more schools and families with all the education and fun that the Farm has to offer. Another way that the Farm at Prophetstown provides education is through classes and programs. The Farm is the perfect setting to teach about farming practices, animal care, and homesteading arts historically, as well as how it applies today. Our classes in 2023 covered topics such as beekeeping, raising chickens, making dairy products, and spinning wool. Next year we plan to host a Homesteading Weekend, where we will schedule several of these type of classes in one weekend so those who are interested in certain topics can come and learn for the whole day, or even a couple days! Stay tuned for these dates and even more exciting and educational events when we share the event calendar in early 2024.



Meet the Staff of the Farm at Prophetstown



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