

# THE FARM AT PROPHETSTOWN



## 2024 EVENT SCHEDULE

For more information on The Farm, call 765-567-4700 or email [events@prophetstown.org](mailto:events@prophetstown.org)



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A 1920's Farmstead Highlighting Sustainable  
Agriculture, Homesteading, Heirloom  
Gardening, and Farm to Table Cooking

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*Located on 100 acres inside beautiful Prophetstown State Park*



To attend any events at the farm, the purchase of admission to Prophetstown State Park is required. Admission is either \$8 for Indiana residents or free with a Farm Membership or State Park Annual Entry Pass.

Check our Facebook and Instagram or email [events@prophetstown.org](mailto:events@prophetstown.org) for information on our Farm to Table Dinners and additional events throughout the year.

Events run rain or shine. If you have questions or want to reserve a spot for an event, call us at 765-567-4700!

**2/17/24 Seed Library**- A seed library is a free resource to the community, providing access to heirloom seeds! Join us for information, tips, and FREE heirloom seeds from our seed library. Please grow the seeds, save seeds from the fruits or flowers, then bring them back to the Farm so we can keep distributing seeds in the years to come! Free admittance. Stop in anytime between 12:00pm-3:00pm. *\*If you missed this event, come in anytime during business hours to pick from remaining available seeds.*

**3/9/24 Planting Seeds with Kids**- For this event, we will have several educational activities and crafts for children to learn about plants and gardening. Children will also have the opportunity to plant and take seed starters while learning how to care for the plants. Rain or shine! *FREE with park admission.* 12:00pm-2:00pm.

**3/23/24 Easter Egg Decorating**- Come decorate an egg with us and learn about the history of painting eggs and other Easter festivities from the 1920s. Reservations required, please call to make reservation. *\$5 per participant. Park admission not included.* 12:00pm-2:00pm.

**4/6/24 Historic Oxen Farming Demonstration**- Double M Farms will be bringing their team of oxen to give demonstrations of how farmers in the 1920s tended to their fields with antique farm implements. Come to learn from the past and see how oxen are still useful to small farms in the 21st century. *FREE with park admission.* 1:00pm-4:00pm.

**4/8/24 Solar Eclipse on the Farm**- Come for wide open spaces to view the eclipse, \$3 solar eclipse glasses (or 4 for \$10) for safe viewing (while supplies last), educational activities, and food available for purchase. *FREE with park admission.* 1:00-4:00pm *\*The eclipse will be at peak coverage at approximately 3pm.*

**4/13/24 Class: A Hobby for the Farm Woman**- Learn how to make crepe paper flowers! Even on the 1920s farm there was some leisure time for women. Experts in farm management encouraged women to take up a purposeful and enjoyable hobby. They suggested fancy work, basketry, china painting, photography, and even carpentry, upholstery and refinishing furniture! One inexpensive, popular craft was the creation of crepe paper flower decorations to

beautify the home. Reservations required, please call to make reservation. *\$5 per participant. Park admission not included.* 12:30pm-2:00pm.

**4/20/24 Class: Corn Husk Dolls**- Try your hand at making a corn husk doll! These dolls have been made for hundreds of years. Enjoy this 1920s tradition, learn the history of these dolls, and take your doll home with you! Reservations required, please call to make reservation. *\$5 per participant. Park admission not included.* 11:00am-12:30pm.

**5/10/24 AND 5/11/24 Heirloom Plants and Native Wildflowers Sale**- In partnership with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. The Farm will be selling heirloom vegetables and herbs at the farm and the DNR will be selling native species of wildflowers and grasses from the greenhouse at the DNR Visitor Center. Join us anytime from 9:00am-3:00pm! *Park admission not included.*

**5/18/24 Crafting Treats for Farm Animals**- Everyone loves treats and toys! Animals are no different. Let your creativity go wild and help us build interactive treats for our animal residents. The chickens, horses, JJ the donkey and several other animals, will be happy taste testers! Join us for this fun activity, and watch the animals enjoy your work. *FREE with park admission.* 11:00am-12:30pm.

**5/20-5/24 Heritage Breed Week**- Come to the farm each weekday from 3-3:30 for a meet and greet with one of our heritage breeds. Learn all about them and their role on a 1920s Farm! *FREE with park admission.*

**5/25/24 Percheron Day on the Farm**- Join us to see some special visitors at the farm on our grand finale of Heritage Breed Week! These gentle giants will give demonstrations of how farmers in the 1920s tended to their fields with different farm implements. Learn about Percheron horses and have your photo taken with them as well. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. *FREE with park admission.* 11:00am-2:00pm.

**6/1/24 Volunteer Work Day**- Help us clean up our gardens and outdoor areas. Please RSVP for yourself, your family, or your group! Please bring work gloves and work boots/shoes. Free admittance if you RSVP by the end of May 29th by calling us at 765-567-4700 or emailing [events@prophetstown.org](mailto:events@prophetstown.org) 10:00am-12:00pm

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**6/8/24 Family Day**- Please join us for a fun filled day on The Farm! This is one of our biggest events! We will have historic demonstrations, music, games, food, horse trolley rides and more! *FREE with park admission.* 11:00am-3:00pm.

**6/15/24 Photography Workshop**- Calling all beginner photographers and photography enthusiasts! By the 1920s the entire farm family could enjoy the inexpensive and popular hobby of photography. Join us for a photography workshop on National Nature Photography Day with helpful instruction, history of photography in the 1920s, and a chance to practice your skills and get feedback from experienced photographers. *FREE with park admission.* 12:00pm-2:00pm.

**6/22/24 Iced Tea on The Porch**- Tea has been a popular beverage for centuries and the 1920s was no exception. We will be serving up different teas for you to sample. Find out what common plants can make great teas! *FREE with park admission.* 12:00pm-3:00pm.

**6/29/24 Illiana Tractor Show**- The Illiana Antique Power Association will be bringing truckloads of antique tractors and hit and miss engines for a big show! Step back in time and see how farm technology has changed through history. We will also have historic demonstrations of 1920s trades, live music by the Bum Ditty Barn Dance band from 12-1:30, food for sale, and games! \$5 parking, plus park admission. Proceeds from parking will benefit both local nonprofit organizations, the Farm and Illiana Antique Power Association. 10:00am-3:00pm.

**7/6/24 Vintage Baseball Game**- Enjoy a real, old time American classic! The McLean County Prairie Chickens of Illinois will play our community farm team, The Bo Janglers, in a 1920s style baseball game. Bleachers available, feel free to bring a camping chair. Food will be available for purchase. *FREE with park admission.* 12:00pm-2:00pm.

**7/13/24 Family Garden Party**- Join us for a family friendly lunch on The Farm. We will serve a buffet style lunch around the garden that will feature farm beef and pork, and fresh produce. Enjoy live music by the Bum Ditty Barn Dance band as you eat lunch! Picnic tables will be provided. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$7 kids 4-12 and children 3 and under eat FREE. Reservations required. *Park admission not included.* Rain location: the Gibson Farmhouse 11:30am-1:00pm.

**7/13/24 Useful Play**- Toys for Little Women- Late 19th century and early 20th century toys for children often imitated the activities of mothers and fathers. Girls learned practical skills of housekeeping by playing with toy stoves, sewing machines, and washing machines. Explore history and see examples of toys for little women in the tenant house. *FREE with park admission.* 11:00am-2:00pm

**7/20/24 Concert and Barn Dance**- Join us for live music by the Bum Ditty Barn Dance Band and square dance with the Lafayette Fun Squares. Then enjoy live music by Scott Greeson and Vickie Maris. Food and drinks will be available for purchase as a fundraiser for the Farm. *FREE with park admission.* 5:30pm-8:30pm.

**7/27 and 7/28 Homesteaders' Weekend**- The Farm at Prophetstown is the perfect setting to learn about homesteading arts and small farm animal care; after all, that's how things were done on a 1920s Farm. Join us Saturday and Sunday for classes related to homesteading. Topics will include: beekeeping, making dairy products, raising chickens, growing heirloom apples, canning, raising pigs, raising beef cattle and more. On both days we will have food available for purchase so you won't need to leave the park. Entry is *FREE with park admission*; a few classes have a small fee. Classes will be spread out from 10:00am-5:00pm each day. See our Facebook, website, or call us for full detailed class schedule.

**8/3/24 Ice Cream Social**- This frozen treat was very popular in the 1920s! Join us for homemade ice cream and a buffet of toppings! At 1:00pm we will start games and relay races for all who would like to participate! *FREE with park admission.* 12:00pm-2:00pm.

**8/17/24 A Day in the Life**- Join our staff and volunteers as they demonstrate some typical chores and practices of 1920s families. Experience what it was like to prepare food, create an attractive table setting, care for animals, wash laundry, and help us cook on our antique wood stove! *FREE with park admission.* 1:00pm-3:30pm.

**8/24/24 Square Dancing in the Barn**- A local square-dancing group, the Lafayette Fun Squares, will be on the Farm sharing the joys of square dancing. They will be demonstrating and teaching some dances! So don't forget to wear your dancing shoes when you join us for this fun, interactive program. *FREE with park admission.* 1:00pm-2:30pm.

**9/7/24 Apple Dumplings and a Trolley Ride**- Join us for a special evening on The Prairie, complete with a warm, homemade apple dumpling. The Percheron horses will be at The Farm to pull the trolley, as you learn information about the prairie from a DNR guide. \$5 per person plus park admission. Reservations required, as space is limited. We will do two rides: 5:30 and 6:15pm.

**9/15/24 Honey Hoopla**- For this event, we will have several educational activities and crafts for children to learn about honey bees! *FREE with park admission.* 12:00pm-2:00pm.

**9/21/24 Country Fair**- Join us for our annual Country Fair! Enjoy a fun day on The Farm for food, games, music, historic demonstrations, riding demonstrations by the Battle Ground Saddle Club, horse trolley rides, plus lots of family fun. We will have our annual pie eating contest at 12:00pm. \$5 per car, plus park admission. 11:00am-3:00pm.



# DISCOVER THE FARM...PURCHASE A FARM MEMBERSHIP FOR SPECIAL PERKS

**9/28/24 Fun in the Apple Orchard**- Come out to our orchard for an afternoon of fun! Go for a hayride, taste different apple varieties, have some homemade apple pie and apple cider, explore the pumpkin patch, and play yard games! *FREE with park admission.* 12:00pm-3:00pm.

**10/5/24 Dried Flowers Workshop**- Drying flowers is a great way to save flowers and extend their life. Come to the farm to learn some different methods for drying and see some examples of varieties that make excellent bouquets. Everyone will be able to take home a bouquet and a pressed flower card from flowers grown at the Farm. \$10 per person plus park admission. Reservations required. 1:00pm-3:00pm.

**10/12/24 Local Artisan and Craft Fair**- We will have several local artisans of 1920s trades selling their crafts. Come and see what kinds of arts and skills were practiced in the 1920s. The Farm will also be featuring our own beef, pork, eggs, and honey (while supplies last)! Event is *FREE with park admission.* 10:00am-2:00pm.

**10/19/24 Chili Cookoff**- Compete or vote in a fun competition during our Fall Funfest! Participants must call 765-567-4700 to register by Thursday, 10/17; \$20 registration fee per entry. Chili Cookoff participants should bring a 5-6qt crockpot of chili and arrive by 11:30 to check-in and set up. Judges will vote on 3 categories: Best Overall, Best Heat, and Most Unique. Guests can sample and vote for "People's Choice". Best Overall will win a grand prize of a custom apron and a \$50 gift certificate for our Farm Fresh beef and pork. Chili Cookoff will start at 12:00pm. Winners will be announced at 1:30pm.

**10/19/24 Fall Funfest**- Throw on your costume and celebrate Fall Funfest on The Farm! We will have fall themed crafts and activities for kids, including pumpkin carving and painting. Visit the houses to see exhibits and 1920s Halloween décor, ride the horse trolley, and listen to music by Scott Greeson and Vickie Maris at 12:00-1:30pm. Taste samples and vote at the Chili Cookoff! Event is *FREE with park admission.* 11:00am-3:00pm.

**10/26/24 Trick-Or-Treating with the Animals**- Come dressed in your costume and share this festive weekend with our animals. Visit each station on The Farm and receive a treat. Several of our animals will be in costume, so don't miss this fun event! Rain or shine. Reservations required. *FREE with park admission.* Reservations will close on Friday, 10/25 at 5pm or sooner if all spots are filled. Call the Farm at 765-567-4700 to make a reservation. 1:00pm-3:00pm.

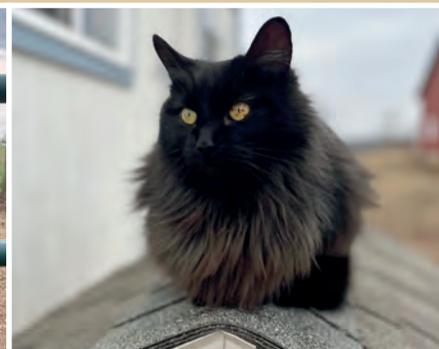
**12/6/24 Make and Take Popcorn Garland**- Families in the 1920s decorated for Christmas with a lot of homemade decorations. One beloved tradition is making a popcorn garland to hang on the Christmas tree. All materials will be supplied. Recommended age: 8 and up. Event is *FREE with park admission.* 3:00pm-4:00pm.

**12/7/24 Breakfast with Santa**- Bring your family and join us for a warm and delicious breakfast in the Gibson Farmhouse, with guest of honor, Santa Claus! \$30 for adults, \$15 for kids 4-12 and children 3 and under eat FREE. Reservations required. *Park admission not included.* Two breakfast times will be offered: 9:00am-10:30am and 11:00am-12:30pm.

**12/14/24 Christmas on the Farm**- Celebrate Christmas with us through traditions that have stood since the 1920s! There will be hot chocolate and Christmas cookies, caroling at the player piano, a craft for kids, Christmas lights decorating the Farm, and of course, all of our animals to visit. Stop by the Barn to visit with Santa and the animals! Event is *FREE with park admission.* 5:30pm-8:00pm.

**1/1/25 New Year's Day**- No one celebrates the New Year quite like they did in the Roaring 20s! Ring in the New Year with us after the First Day Hike with the DNRI! We will have materials to make a 1920s style party hat! *FREE with park admission.* 3:00pm-4:30pm.

*The Farm accepts cash, checks, credit and debit cards*



Come to the Gibson Farmhouse to purchase beef, pork, eggs, seasonal produce and other items.

**See more at: [prophetstown.org](https://prophetstown.org)**



Want to get involved?  
Volunteer applications available on-line or on-site.

**[Events@prophetstown.org](mailto:Events@prophetstown.org)**

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