

The Mission:

The mission of the Soule Homestead Education Center is to support and maintain a community based non-profit educational center for the general public while preserving and enhancing the historic Soule Homestead. Hands-on learning opportunities include environmental programs, organic farming activities, traditional crafts and cultural events.



Hands-on activities captivate as they teach about history, farming, food, and the environment.

Programs encourage participants to think beyond the farm and consider how their own choices affect the environment, people and animals around the world.

Programs fulfill MA Frameworks, and can be custom-designed to fit your group's needs to achieve a certain badge, lesson or goal.

Prices are reasonable and your group can visit throughout the year to learn the seasons and cycles of the farm and gain a deeper understanding of nature.

Directions from Rt. 495:

From Rt. 495 take Exit 6 - Rt. 44E, Middleboro. Follow Rt. 44E to the rotary. At the rotary continue on Rt. 44E towards Plymouth. Turn left at the 4th set of lights onto Plympton St. - Rt. 105N towards Plympton/Halifax, (1/2 mile from Rt. 44, Rt. 105N takes a sharp left **DO NOT** follow Rt. 105N towards Halifax.). Continue straight on Plympton Street for about 1 mile. Bear left at the fork. Take the first left after the fork onto Cedar St. (at the Eddy Homestead). Continue on Cedar St. for about 1/2 mile. Take the first right onto Soule Street. Soule Homestead is 1/2-mile down on the left.

Directions from Rt. 3:

Take Rte 3 to exit 7, Rt. 44W. Follow Rt. 44W about 6 miles and take the Rt. 58, Plympton - Carver exit. At the bottom of the ramp take a right on to Rt 58N (towards Plympton). Follow Rt 58N 1 mile to Winnetuxet Rd. Take a left on Winnetuxet Rd. and follow about 3/4 mile to the stop sign. Continue straight up the hill toward blinking yellow light. At top of hill bear left, you are now on Prospect Street. Follow Prospect St. 1 mile to Soule St. (cranberry bogs will be on the left). Take a right on Soule St. and follow about 1/2 mile. The Homestead will be on your right (look for big yellow house and barn). Please do not park on the grass.

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SOULE HOMESTEAD EDUCATION CENTER



FIELD TRIPS

HOURS OF OPERATION

9 AM - 5 PM

Tuesday - Sunday

SHEC is a non-profit working organic farm and agro-ecology education center teaching humane and sustainable agriculture, environmental science & rural crafts.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROUPS



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FIELD TRIPS TO THE FARM

Come to the Soule Homestead Education Center for a unique, hands-on, interactive learning experience for school groups, scout troops, day care centers and other youth groups. All programs at the farm can be tailored to suit individual group needs and are designed to meet some of the Massachusetts Frameworks in; Science and Technology/Engineering, History and Social Science, and the Arts Curriculum.

90 MINUTE PROGRAMS:

MEET THE ANIMALS: Students meet the farm animals and learn what products they provide us. Students will spin a bracelet from sheep's wool to bring home.

GET TO THE ROOT OF IT: Students will learn to identify different parts of a plant, understand what plants need to grow and how they help people! Students will have an opportunity to plant or transplant a vegetable or fruit.

SIMPLE MACHINES: Students will see how old fashioned simple machines make hard tasks easier on the farm and in life. Students will get hands-on use of various simple machines.

THEN AND NOW: The Native Wampanoag's, pilgrim George Soule, and 20th century farmers are discussed as students investigate the grounds of this historic farm. Students learn how farming, lifestyles, and landscape have changed, and what has stayed the same.

NEW - BIRDS OF SOULE: Thanks to a grant received from Taunton River Watershed Alliance. Students will closely examine bird's nests and feathers with tri-pod magnifiers. Then students will walk the farm using binoculars to search out birds and nests in their natural environment.

PROGRAM ADDITIONS

Add on to a 90 minute program with any one of these 30 minute mini-lessons for only \$2 per child.

SPINNING: Students learn about wool, from sheep to sweater. They card and spin the farms wool, making a bracelet to wear home as a souvenir.

BUTTER MAKING: Students discover first hand how butter is made with a hands-on experience demonstrating the states of matter. They'll enjoy the finished product on fresh-popped organic pop corn.

DAIRY BARN TOUR: Students will become aware of how milk gets from udder to refrigerator. They will learn about milk production and dairy products as they are guided through our historic dairy barn and to see where over 100 cows once lived.

COMPOSTING: Students will become familiar with soil and how Mother Nature is the original recycler. Students will become aware of the life in the soil and its purpose. They'll get up close and personal with the "black gold."

NATURE HIKE: Students will discover the secrets of the season on a walk through the forest. They will observe signs of wildlife identify plants and will witness what's going on in the forests around them.

LETTERBOXING: Students will practice map reading and decipher clues as they explore the farm scavenger-hunt style.

PLEASE NOTE:

90 minute program \$6/child
(\$5/child Middleboro Schools)

\$2 per Adult

\$20 non-refundable deposit to hold the date
\$ 20 reschedule fee (ask for details)

\$75 minimum for any 90-minute program

Over 50 students a \$50 Large Group Fee Applies

50 children suggested maximum for any 90-minute program

OTHER OPTION'S

OUTREACH- Soule Homestead can come to you!

Most programs here are available for Outreach and can be tailored to suit the facility, class, and curriculum requirements.

\$150 per 1 Hour Program

(\$125 per program in Middleboro)

Over 30 children a \$50 large group fee applies and may require additional time

LITTLE FARMER'S- Designed for pre-school children ages 2 – 5. The 1 hour program includes an interactive story; meet a farm animal and a take home art project.

30 suggested group maximum

\$6 child

\$60 minimum program fee

Choose 1 of 3 specially designed programs: Eggstra-ordinary Chickens, Hop-Bunny-Hop, Fluffy Fun Sheep

SCOUT PROGRAM'S – We can offer customized programming for your troop here at the scenic 120 acre organic educational farm! We will work with you to achieve your desired goal.

50 children suggested maximum group size

90 minute program \$6/child \$2/adult

\$75 minimum for any 90-minute program

For more information on Children's Programs, contact the Children's Educator at: educator@soulehomestead.org

For more information on Adult Programs, contact our Office Assistant at: info@soulehomestead.org

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