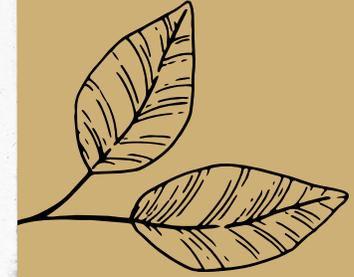




Educational Farm &
Nature Preserve



Learning Pod Self Guided Experience

Bring your group to Stratford's living classroom for an intimate experience on the farm. Stratford's 236 acre farm and nature preserve is home to a diversity of life waiting to be discovered! Don't forget to bring your curious mind and sense of wonder to explore the countless learning opportunities found in the vernal pools, prairie, pond, forest, meadows and creeks. A self-guided activity packet is available in the front lobby. This packet will help your group understand the ecological concepts happening on the farm and nature preserve.

Fall is harvest time, but please leave the vegetables on the plants. Go on a rainbow hunt in the garden! How many colors can you find? Stratford will harvest the produce for the food bank and other programs. There are children's shovels and watering cans in the garden shed. You are welcome to dig in the digging area and to water the garden. Fill the watering cans from the rain barrel. Ask yourself; I wonder where this water came from? Look close at the picture on the barrel for the answer. Please return the tools to the shed when finished.

Use the animal visiting lanes to interact with Stratford's goats, sheep, llamas and pigs. Don't forget, pigs have teeth and poor eyesight; fingers look like yummy carrots to hungry pigs. Fall is mating season for the farm goats and sheep, for your safety and for their privacy we ask you to say hello to the animals through the fence and not in the pens. If you find clover or dandelion greens in the yard feed them to the chickens through the fence. Please don't open the gates; we don't want the chickens to fly the coop! Take a hike past the native prairie and pond to watch the cows graze in the pasture. Please stay on the people side of the fence; don't forget it's electric! This is a 3 hour self-guided experience for a group of any size, up to a maximum of 10 people. Bring a snack to share at the new pond shelter or under a shade tree. We hope you enjoy the beauty of the autumn season and the wonder of nature.

Stratford's COVID-19 guidelines are posted at the education building & barn, restrooms are available.

Sessions Offered: Sept. 14, 25, & 28th, Oct. 5, 16, 19, & 30th, Nov. 2, 9 & 16th

AM Session: 9am to 12pm or PM Session: 1pm to 4pm

\$100 per session. **Online registration required at**

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