

Friends of Gifford Farm Newsletter Fall 2015



Join us This Coming Weekend!

'Down on the Farm'

**Gifford Farm
Fall Festival**

Saturday & Sunday
Sept. 19th & 20th, 2015
10-4pm

Admission— \$5 each aged 2 and up
Hayride, Animal and Nature Programs, and Outdoor Nature Classroom included in admission.

"Come on Down to the Farm for a Day of Old Fashioned Farm Fun!"
Proceeds to benefit Gifford Farm Educational Programs

Hay rack rides, Farm & Exotic Animal Visits, STARLAB, Games, Raptor Presentations, Farmers Market, Hourly Raffles, Food Booths & More!

Mini Horse rides for the lil' cowboys & cowgirls offered by LaRue's Little Pony Rides (\$5 per ride)

Come play in our Outdoor Nature Classroom!

Food Concessions available

Call 402-597-4920 for more information
700 Camp Gifford Rd, Bellevue, Nebraska 68005
(From Fort Crook Rd and Southroads Mall in Bellevue, go east on Childs Rd until it becomes Camp Gifford Rd. Continue east 1.2 miles through Fontenelle Forest to Gifford Farm)

Cash or Check only please!
"Like" on Facebook at ESU#3-Gifford Farm Education Center

Happy Campers

The Gifford Farm Summer Day Camp staff under the direction of Lead Team Leader, Laura Pedersen enjoyed having the opportunity to offer four weeks of fun and learning to our campers this summer. From the 4 and 5 yr. old "Little Farmers", to the 6-12 yr. "Farm Campers", "The Exotic Pet Lovers" and "The Adventure Campers", a good time was had by all!



**Trick or Treat
with the animals of
Gifford Farm**

Saturday October 17th, 2015
11am to 3pm
Admission \$5 per trick or treat (accompanying adults are free)
Hayride is included.

Join us 'down on the farm' for an afternoon of safe and fun trick or treating. Visit with the chickens, pigs, goats, lambs, cows, and llamas! Take a slide into the hay and a ride on or rocking horse! Join us for some fun farm games!

Lunch and Snack concessions available
Find a special treat waiting for you at every station!

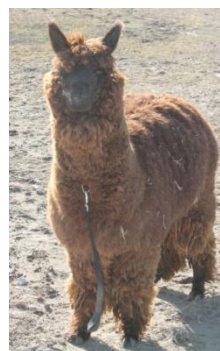
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Chewie gets a Haircut

Chewie, our Alpaca, is one of the newest additions to our Farm Family. He did need a trim though! Thanks to our Shearer, Morgan Hilderbrand, he got just that.....check out the.....

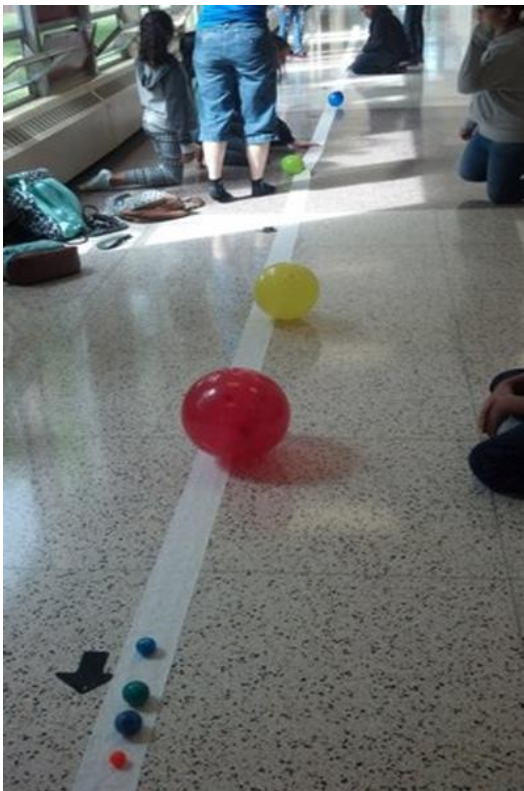
beforeand.....after!



The STARLAB Planetarium Visits Norris

Middle School

Our STARLAB visited OPS Norris Middle School, through the Collective for Youth Program, to offer an after school session of our Planetarium Program to 6th through 8th graders. Students got a hands-on lesson in the relative distance of the planets to the sun. How did our Team Leader Melinda Straka and team member Kelly Taylor demonstrate this? With balloons, various sizes of balls, a small stone...and a roll of toilet paper?!? The students rolled the TP out in a long hallway and arranged the “planets” by distance, type of planet and size. The 1st four, the rock planets, fit in the first 4 or 5 squares, but the big gas planets needed to be placed 78 “squares” down and beyond. Do you think our dwarf planet Pluto even fit on one roll? Just barely at 100 squares out!



Many Thanks to our Volunteers

We were so lucky to have many many volunteers to help us on the farm this spring and summer. We would like to thank; ENCOR, Leo Daley and Associates, Farm Credit Services Bureau, Children’s Square, Bill and Sharon Watson, Shirley Bothwell, Beppie Aube, Amay Rushing, Lexie Hill and Miranda Taylor.

Mark your Calendars for 2016

Spring Celebration and Egg Hunt----April 9

(Remember--- reservation required)

Summer Day Camp '16 --Weeks of June 20 -24,

June 27-July 1, July 11-15, and July 18-22.

Family Fun Saturdays---May 7, June 4 , July 9, and August 6 .

Fall Festival---Sept 17-18

Trick or Treat with the Animals---Oct 16

An Old Fashioned Skill



Our friend and woodworker, Bill Watson, headed up a restoration project. He taught us how to “chink” our 1804 style Lewis and Clark Program cabin, originally built in 1980. This old fashioned method of sealing the logs of a cabin used all recycled materials including sawdust and ground limestone mixed with water. Martha Mays and Nancy Williams became official “mud throwers”!

Parade fun!

Staff member Stephanie Johnson, her granddaughter, and Snickers the rabbit helped us out in the Arrows to Aerospace in Bellevue Parade!

