

ARDENWOOD HISTORIC FARM

NATURALIST PROGRAMS

MAY 2024



All programs meet at the Farmyard unless otherwise noted.

TODDLER TIME ♿

10:30-11:45am, Wednesday, May 1, 15

Bring the tots out for an exciting morning at the farm. Hear a story, do some chores, and meet some farm friends. Little ones will enjoy a variety of activities at their own pace. We'll meet rain or shine!

SPECIAL EVENTS

MOTHERS' DAY ON THE FARM ♿

11am-3pm, Sunday, May 12

Celebrate the special people in your life at the farm. Create a flower crown, design a special Victorian-style card, and play a game of croquet or bocce ball. Palmdale Estates Events will host our 5th annual Mother's Day Brunch in the Pool Site Garden at Ardenwood. A delicious brunch buffet + dessert will be served along with other fun activities. Advanced registration required. Tickets go on sale April 1st at www.ardenwoodevents.com/mothersday. The Farmyard Cafe will also be open for special sweet treats and Mother's Day Gifts.

RAIL FAIR ♿

SPCRR & Interpretive Staff

10am-4pm, Saturday–Monday, May 25-27

Get your train fix at Rail Fair! Train enthusiasts of all ages will enjoy train rides, a variety of model and live steam trains, historic railroad equipment displays, live music, a full-size steam locomotive, and more. Rail Fair is a fundraiser for the nonprofit Railroad Museum at Ardenwood, operated by the Society for the Preservation of Carter Railroad Resources.

Tickets: \$16/adults, \$14/seniors, \$13/children ages 4-17, ages 3 and under free. **Advance Registration Available:** Avoid the line by purchasing advance tickets online or by calling 1-888-327-2757, option 2.

Park Hours:

Tuesday-Sunday, 10am-4pm

Closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day

Open Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day

Entry Fees:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday

\$4/adults (18+ years)

\$3/seniors (62+ years)

\$2/children (4-17 years)

Under 4 years-free

Thursday, Friday & Sunday

\$6/adults (18+ years)

\$5/seniors (62+ years)

\$4/children (4-17 years)

Under 4 years-free

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Program



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Wheelchair accessible
Online registration
ebparksonline.com
Healthy Parks Healthy
People programs offer
low impact exercise.

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ONGOING PROGRAM

ANIMAL FEEDING 🍴

3pm, Thursday through Sunday

Check for eggs and feed the livestock. Learn all the animals' favorite foods as we help tuck them in for the evening. Meet at the Granary.

RIDE THE RAILS - TRAIN RIDES 🚂

Various times, Thursday, Friday & Sunday

Railroads once connected many of the farms with towns in the East Bay. Today they still run around the farm. Journey past rows of crops and through eucalyptus groves as you travel back in time. Check the daily schedule and meet the train at Arden Station or Deer Park.

PATTERSON HOUSE TOURS 🏠

Various times, Every Thursday, Friday & Sunday

Tour the beautifully restored Patterson House Museum. Discover the history of this 19-room Queen Anne Victorian farmhouse listed on the National Register of Historic Places which operates as a museum of local history and turn-of-the-last century life. Tours are led by docents dressed in 19th century clothing. Check for availability at the Train Station upon your arrival.

Info: rkiehn@fremont.gov or (510) 791-4196

INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

FARMYARD STORY TIME 🍴

10:30-11am, Saturday, May 4

Perhaps you'll meet Woolbur, the Billy Goats Gruff or other farm friends! Join the story circle for some barnyard tales before visiting the main characters.

GARDEN BUG SAFARI

11:30am-12:30pm, Saturday, May 4, 18,

Stop by the Kitchen Garden near the Patterson House to join in some tiny-game hunting and learn about the many amazing arthropods we can find under our feet.

STILTS!

1:30-2:30pm, Saturday, May 4; Sunday, May 19

Want to be taller? Improve your balance? Give stilts a try. It's fun! Guess why farmers used these fun tools in the past.

BIRDS OF THE FARM

8-9:30am, Sunday, May 5, 19

The farm provides valuable habitat for migratory birds. Let's explore the gardens, forests, and fields looking for these delightful visitors. No admission fee.

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WAKE UP THE FARM ☼

10:30-11am, Sunday, May 5, 19

Rise and shine little farmers! Say “Good morning!” to the sheep and goats and lend a hand as we prepare a morning snack for the farm animals.

LEARN THE ROPES

11-11:30am, Sunday, May 5

Make rope with our antique machine, then lend a hand hoisting hay bales into the barn loft.

FILIPINO TEATIME TREATS ☼

1:30-2:30pm, Sunday, May 5

Explore the enduring legacy of the Manong, Filipino farmworkers who worked these fields in the early part of the 20th century, while sampling sweet treats from their island homeland.

FARM CHORES FOR KIDS ☼

10:30-11am, Saturday, May 11, 18

Running a farm is hard work. But it’s fun too! Lend a hand cracking corn and feeding the animals. You’ll check the chickens and help with other morning chores.

EGG-CELLENT TEA EGGS

11:30am-12:30pm, Saturday, May 11

Come celebrate AAPI month and the history of Asian immigrants on the Patterson Ranch as we whip up some tasty tea eggs, fresh from the farm!

CORN MOSAICS ☼

1:30-2:30pm, Sat, May 11

Learn how to turn our farm-grown flint corn into a fun craft for the whole family! Use the rainbow of colored kernels to make your own mosaic.

WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM! ☼

1:30-2:30pm, Saturday, May 18

Put together some ice, salt, cream, sugar, then add a little muscle power and learn how delicious old-fashioned ice cream is made. Learn the tasty history of this popular treat.

BEAUTIFUL TREES

11:30am-12:30pm, Sunday, May 19

From Bald Cypress to Yew, lovely specimen trees fill the estate of George and Clara Patterson. Stroll the grounds, see some special trees, and hear their stories.

HISTORIC DAYS ☼

10am-4pm, Thursday, Friday & Sunday,

Ride a narrow-gauge train, tour the beautifully restored Patterson House Museum, and join park staff in historic costume for programs and activities throughout the day. Farmyard programs start at 10:30am and end with an animal feeding at 3pm.

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MAY 2024 – WEEKENDS

MAY 4, SATURDAY	MAY 5, SUNDAY
10:30-11am – Farmyard Story Time 11:30am-12:30pm – Garden Bug Safari 1:30-2:30pm – Stilts! 3pm – Animal Feeding	8-9:30am – Birds of the Farm 10:30-11am – Wake Up the Farm 11-11:30am – Learn the Ropes 1:30-2:30pm – Filipino Teatime Treats 3pm – Animal Feeding
MAY 11, SATURDAY	MAY 12, SUNDAY
10:30-11am – Farm Chores for Kids 11:30am-12:30pm – Egg-cellent Tea Eggs 1:30-2:30pm – Corn Mosaics 3pm – Animal Feeding	10am-3pm – Mother’s Day on the Farm 3pm – Animal Feeding
MAY 18, SATURDAY	MAY 19, SUNDAY
10:30-11am – Farm Chores for Kids 11:30am-12:30pm – Garden Bug Safari 1:30-2:30pm – We All Scream for Ice Cream! 3pm – Animal Feeding	8-9:30am – Birds of the Farm 10:30-11am – Wake Up the Farm 11:30am-12:30pm – Beautiful Trees 1:30-2:30pm – Stilts! 3pm – Animal Feeding
MAY 25, SATURDAY	MAY 26, SUNDAY
10am-4pm – Rail Fair	10am-4pm – Rail Fair

