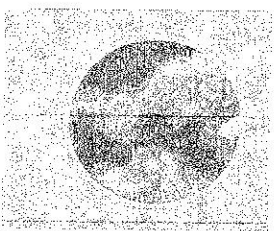


The Mission:

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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FARM BASED FIELD TRIPS

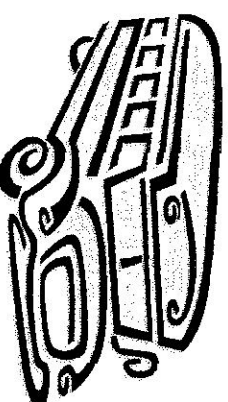
HOURS OF OPERATION

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 farm based hands-on, interactive learning experience. We welcome school groups, scout troops, day care centers and other groups young and old. All programs at the farm can be tailored to suit individual group needs and are designed to meet some of the Mass. Frameworks in Science and Technology/Engineering, History, and Social Science, Math and the Arts.

90 MINUTE PROGRAMS:

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

GET TO THE ROOT OF IT: Learn to identify different plant parts, and understand what plants need to grow. Students will have an opportunity to plant or transplant a vegetable and plant seeds in a root viewer to take home.

SIMPLE MACHINES: Work with old fashioned and modern simple machines that make hard tasks easier on the farm and in day to day life.

NEW - COMPOSTING AND RECYCLING: Learn how Mother Earth is the original recycler and become familiar with properties that make healthy, living soil. There will be hands-on exploration of our vermicomposting bin to meet the organic gardener's best friend, the earth worm. We will also learn to recycle household food waste and plastic, glass, metal and paper items.

BIRDS OF SOULE: We'll examine bird's eggs, nests and feathers with tri-pod magnifiers. Then explore the farm using binoculars donated by the Taunton River Watershed Alliance 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. \$2/child

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

BUTTER MAKING: Discover how butter is made with this hands-on experience demonstrating the states of matter. They'll enjoy the finished product on fresh-popped organic popcorn.

DAIRY BARN HISTORY TOUR: A quick study of how milk gets from udder to refrigerator. Learn about milk production and dairy products thru the ages as students are guided through our historic dairy barn to see where over 100 cows once lived.

COMPOSTING: Become familiar with soil types 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 "black gold."

NATURE HIKE: Discover the secrets of the season on a walk through the woods. Observe signs of wildlife, identify seasonal changes in plants, and better understand life in the woods around us.

LETTERBOXING: Practice map reading and decipher clues as students explore the farm scavenger-hunt style.

PLEASE NOTE:

90 minute program \$6/child
(\$5/child Middleboro Schools)
\$2/ Adult (Teacher/Chaperone)
\$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 (30 children optimal)

OTHER OPTIONS

OUTREACH: Soule Homestead can come to you! Most programs 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



SCOUT PROGRAMS: 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

ADULT VISITS: Whatever your group or organization, Soule can personalize an educational farm-based program for you.
90 minute program \$6/adult
(\$5/adult Middleboro resident)
2 hour program \$8/adult
(\$7/adult Middleboro resident)

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

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