

Welcome to 'Farm Fresh faith" vacation bible school at Misty Highland Farm!!!

In case of the unexpected:

VBS directors can be reached at 860-710-0192 (Chrissy Boling) 860-234-0438 (Sue Barry)

Arrival: Please drop children off no earlier than 8:45 but by 9:00 as that is when we begin our day. Children will gather outside by the large tent with their group leaders and will march into the tent all together when the call is given. If your child will be picked up by anyone other than who we have listed as pick-up person, please let your child's group leader know at drop-off.

Pick Up: We finish each day with a closing program in the large tent beginning at 11:30. Parents are encouraged to come early to see and hear what we did each day. We will end at 12:00. Please allow the children to exit the church with their group before you claim them outside of the tent and sign them out. Group leaders will have the sign in/out sheets.

Mission Project: At VBS we will collect a daily offering that is donated entirely to missions. At Farm Fresh Faith, we will be supporting Nebraska flood victims through Mission Central Nebraska Flood Relief. Farm families are still suffering the devastation caused by the floods and we would like to help them. Each morning as we enter the big tent we will collect your child's offerings and will inform them each day as to how much we are collecting to send to them. Please give as you are able. This is a great time to introduce your child to having a giving heart when people are in need. Perhaps they can earn their donation by performing a daily chore at home or for a family member during the week.

****It will probably get hot on some days so we encourage you to be sure your child is drinking plenty of water before coming and after VBS each day. We will make water available during the day (for drinking & play).**

Reminder: Misty Highland Farm is a working farm and as such we ask that you remind your children to remain in their groups for their safety as well as the animals safety. We will spend a short time visiting with the baby goats and mini horses and learning something about them as time allows.

Responsibilities of children:

- To treat others as they wish to be treated
- To alert staff if they witness any undesirable/dangerous behavior
- To engage positively with the staff to resolve differences
- To apologize when appropriate

Responsibilities of parents:

- To encourage children to behave kindly and respectfully and give consideration to the enjoyment and safety of others at VBS.
- To engage positively with staff in their efforts to maintain discipline and resolve differences.
- To inform VBS at the application stage if your child has any behavioral difficulties in order that we may provide them with appropriate support.

Child Behavior Policies

Farm Fresh Faith VBS is a joint effort between Misty highland Farm and New Life Assembly of God. Below is our typical behavior policy at any event we do both here at the farm as well as at NLA. Please read it over and ask any questions you may have. It is our goal to allow ALL of the children to learn about God's faithfulness in a safe and controlled environment. IF there is a behavior concern, we will use the following protocol:

1. Pull the child aside in a loving/non chastising manner to inform them of any inappropriate behavior
2. If there is a conflict between children, move or separate them from each other in a non- chastising way...encourage positive change in a positive manner
3. If the negative behavior continues we have a "3 strikes you're out" policy. In those instances (which are pretty rare) the group leader will inform the parent at pick-up (or by phone if necessary) and ask that the parent speak to their child about their behavior. If the behavior continues the following day, we will ask that the child skip a day to think about how he/she could make any necessary changes to correct their behavior and then they may return the next day.
4. In extreme circumstances as in dangerous behavior or the child is unwilling to cooperate with VBS leaders, your child may be asked to not return to the event.