

Summer Programs at Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve

Little Naturalist Program:

These programs are for children ages 2 to 4 years old and their parents or guardian. Toddlers will learn about each theme through games, crafts, stories and songs. Each class starts at **10:00 a.m.** Free fun for the little ones. Please pre-register by calling (605) 232-0873.

Friday, June 17

Friday, July 15

Friday August 19

Nature Craft Mondays

Monday, June 20

Monday, July 18

This is a fun come and go program for kids of all ages that enjoy making crafts. Each month will have three to four nature themed crafts that kids will be able to create and take home. Nature Craft Mondays will run from **10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

Barnyard Buddies

June 13th, June 25th, July 11th, July 29th and August 8th @ 9:00 AM

Become a Barnyard Buddy at Adams Homestead by coming out to the barnyard with our naturalists at 9:00 AM on June 13th, June 25th, July 11th, and August 8th. Barnyard Buddies will assist with completing the daily pioneer chores out in our Sonny's Acres. By becoming one of Adam's Homestead's Barnyard Buddies you will be able to get to meet and care for our barnyard animal friends. Preregister by calling Adams homestead at (605) 232-0873.

Fresh off the Farm Cook-off

Saturday, June 25th @ 10:00 AM

Fresh off the Farm Cook-off is a good old Dutch Oven cooking contest that is good enough to feed the whole farm. On June 25th, cooks will be using supplies that are found on a farm, and will use their own recipe and create it

for our judges to taste. One or more of these foods need to be used within the contestants' recipes - eggs, chicken, corn, beef, pork, milk products, wheat, fruit, and beans. Once all creations are tasted and judged, winners of the contest will be chosen. Contestants will be expected to bring their own supplies (food, dutchovens, charcoal starters, etc.) and the whole family is welcome. Kids are encouraged to participate in the barnyard buddies program started at 9:00 AM that same day. Preregister by calling Adams homestead at (605) 232-0873.

Adult Art Night at the Homestead

Mason Jar Citronella Candle

Tuesday, June 14th @ 6:30 PM

Are pesky bugs bothering you while you are enjoying the outdoors this summer? If so, come down for Adult Art Night at the Homestead this week, on June 14th, to see how to rid yourself of this pest. Summer Naturalist Intern Olivia will be leading a program on how to create your own citronella candle. By using recycled mason jars, that we will be decorating and a citronella candle wax mixture we will be able to create nice candles to set outside with you and will be able to avoid those pesky bugs. Preregistration is appreciated. **Cost will be \$10.00. Limit to 15 people.** Preregister by calling Adams homestead at (605) 232-0873.

Patriotic Wreath

Tuesday, June 28th @ 6:30 PM

This week's Adult Art Night at the Homestead we will be having a Patriotic twist on our project. On June 28th, we will be creating a Patriotic Wreath which can be used to decorate your house for your Fourth of July celebration. Using burlap and patriotic colored fabric we will be able to create this wreath. This program will be led by Summer Naturalist Intern Olivia who will also be assisting you in the project. Preregistration is required. **Cost will be \$15.00. Limit to 15 people.** Preregister by calling Adams homestead at (605) 232-0873.

Wine chimes

Tuesday, July 12th @ 6:30 PM

This week's Adult Art Night at the Homestead we will be using recycled wine bottles to create wind chimes. On July 12th, we will be using pieces of the wine bottle, bead, twine, and other decoration supplies to decorate wine bottles that will be used at the body of the wind chime and hanging chimes made from other pieces of the bottle and other materials from the bottle. This program will be led by Summer Naturalist Intern Olivia who will also be assisting you in the project. Preregistration is appreciated.

Cost will be \$15.00. Limit to 15 people.

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Bookbinding

Tuesday, July 26th @ 6:30 PM

Have you ever been wondering about how books were bound before they were printed in big factories? This week's Adult Art Night at the Homestead will show you how. On July 26th, Summer Naturalist Intern Olivia will be showing you the lost art of book binding by showing you the steps that pioneers went through to create these bound books. You will also create your own journal by using these old steps that the pioneers had to experience. Preregistration is required. **Cost will be \$15.00. Limit to 15 people.** Preregister by calling Adams homestead at (605) 232-0873.

Fairy Garden and Succulent Planting

Saturday June 18th @ 10:00 AM

If you would like to start a small indoor garden, but just a beginning gardener come join us at Adams Homestead to get an introduction planting session on fairy gardens and succulent plants. Summer Naturalist Intern Olivia will be hosting a program on starting your indoor garden and also showing you ways to recycle a few items found around the house to create beautiful variations in your pots for your indoor garden. **A recycled project will be constructed at this program and a small plant will be sent home with you at the end of the program. Preregistration is required and a copay is included.** **Cost will be \$5.00.** Preregister by calling Adams homestead at (605) 232-0873.

Wine and Canvas

Friday, July 1st @ 6:30 PM

Join us for our Homestead Wine and Canvas fundraiser night where we will be painting a classic scene of a homestead landscape. This wine and canvas will be led by our Summer Naturalist Intern Olivia on Friday July 1st. Supplies will be provided. **Cost will be \$35.00.** Preregister by calling Adams homestead at (605) 232-0873. Limit to 25 people.

Birds of the Night

Saturday July 9th @ 1:00 PM

Curious about what types of birds fill the night sky when you are star gazing? Come and join us at Adams Homestead to be able to discover these birds with a SOAR (Saving our Avian Resources) nocturnal bird program. At this program, you will be able to meet these birds and learn how they have adapted to night life. Preregister by calling Adams homestead at (605) 232-0873.

Perseid Meteor Shower Hike

Friday, August 12th @ 8:30 PM

On the peak night of the Perseid meteor shower which occurs annually in August, Adams Homestead will be hosting an evening hike to be able to watch the meteor shower in a dark clear night. Right out of the reach of the city lights, Adams Homestead is the perfect place to go to get a good view of this night sky. Before leaving for the dark night hike, Summer Naturalist Intern Olivia will be informing you on the history of this meteor shower. Preregister by calling Adams homestead at (605) 232-0873.

Adams Homestead Celebration
Saturday, August 13
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

On August 14, 1997, Adams Homestead & Nature Preserve officially opened as a state park. We mark this very special occasion by having an annual festival on or around this day. This year **Saturday, August 13, 2016** has been selected as our festival date.

There are many new and exciting activities that are scheduled throughout the day. Some of the activities include threshing machine demo, corn shelling, candlemaking, tin punching, homestead tours, rope making, musicians, watermelon seed spitting contest, buffalo chip throwing contest, face painting, rope making, Dutch Oven Cooking Demo, kids games, homemade pie contest and much, much more!

Those interested in participating in the homemade pie judging contest need to bring their pies to Adams Homestead by 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 13. The pie judging will start at 11:30 p.m. Pies will be judged by their appearance, texture and taste.

Plan to spend the entire day at Adams. We will have food and refreshments that you may purchase while enjoying your day of FREE entertainment. There will be activities, presentations, music, and crafts for the ENTIRE family to enjoy and take part in. Get a sense of history, learn about your heritage and explore the outdoors! Bring your walking shoes, bikes, strollers and your love for the great outdoors and we will do the rest!

We are located off Interstate 29 Exit 4, 1-mile west, and $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south. You can follow the brown nature area signs from the interstate.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at (605) 232-0873!