

SLAGEL FAMILY FARM

FARM TO TABLE TEEN CAMP

2020 CAMP POLICY



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ABOUT THE FARM

For years the Slagel family has been inviting the public to come and learn about the farm through tours and dinners. This year, however, they are excited to begin offering a week-long overnight camp to young adults (ages 13-16) so they can experience life on the farm first-hand.

The Slagel Family has been raising livestock in Central Illinois for generations. The farmstead they currently operate (LouisJohn Slagel, his wife Leslie and their four children) is only a mile away from the farm where their great-great Grandfather settled in 1888. His younger brother and his wife live a mile away and his parents are only five miles down the road. They all work together to run a small, diversified farm raising hogs, cattle, sheep, goats, chickens, ducks, rabbits, corn, soybeans, hay, and pumpkins.

They also operate their own retail butcher shop, Slagel Family Meats, to ensure quality throughout the entire process. The meat products are all processed naturally and can be found on many restaurant menus throughout Chicago.

Campers will interact with LouisJohn's family as they stay on his property. However, the main leaders of day-to-day activities will be his brother, Logan and his wife, Rachel. Logan works on the livestock side of the operation and also raises cattle, hogs, chickens, geese, and ducks at his farm. Often you can find some nephews and nieces following him around and helping him work. Rachel typically works in the office of Slagel Family Meats, but will be bringing her organization and leadership skills out to the camp this year. She has assisted and counseled at several camps in the past, including an international kids camp in India. They are excited to engage your camper and give them the best farm experience possible!

CAMP FACILITIES

Slagel Family Farm is located in the heartland of Illinois, just two hours south of Chicago. It is home to a variety of animals and the center of day to day operations. Fields and pastures line the outside of the property and nearby they have a timber where kids will learn about nature. The campers will also spend time at other family members' farms, all within a few miles of the Barn.

The Barn will be home for the campers for the week. There is a commercially certified kitchen and dining area on the bottom floor and upstairs is an open room with cots for sleeping. The air-conditioned building has two bathrooms and since we only accept a small number of campers, there is plenty of room for everyone.



CAMP ACTIVITIES

Campers will get to participate in a variety of activities depending on the day and season. Some projects may include collecting and washing eggs, picking vegetables from the garden, helping prepare meals, arts and craft activities, and outdoor games. We believe that this camp should be a mix of fun activities and farm work. We carefully choose activities each day to incorporate both of those aspects and create a learning environment. Campers should expect to get up early and have a full-days' worth of activities. We go to bed early and have scheduled free/down time throughout the day to ensure campers stay rested up.

Campers will also have the opportunity to create a small vegetable planter so they can continue to grow their own food at home! This will be a week-long project and will involve the use of small hand tools. These times will be taken seriously and led and supervised by Slagel Family Farm staff members. We will take all the necessary safety precautions.



A Day at Camp (Simplified Schedule)

- Breakfast Prep
- Breakfast & Dishes
- Morning Chores
- Snack
- Woodworking Project
- Lunch & Dishes
- Farm Class
- Afternoon Games
- Free Time/Clean Up
- Dinner over the fire
- Campfire activities
- Lights Out

PREPARING FOR CAMP

Recommended Packing List

- 4-5 sets of work clothes*
- 5 sets of casual clothes*
- Pajamas
- Socks
- Extra clothes for water activities*
- Undergarments
- Closed toe shoes*
- Flip Flops
- Sweatshirt/Jacket
- Rain Coat
- Hat
- Re-usable Water Bottle
- Towel and Washcloth
- Sleeping Bag
- Pillow
- Toiletries
- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray

*Work Clothes - These are clothes that the campers will be wearing throughout the day - expect them to come home dirty! Please leave any special clothing items at home. Campers should plan to wear long pants and short sleeves for work.

*Casual Clothes - Casual clothes should be packed for evenings after the campers have showered. Evening activities could still include active games and being outside - so again leave any favorites at home. Casual clothes can include shorts and t-shirts, but we recommend packing some warm clothing in case of chilly evenings.

*Extra clothes for Water Activities - There will not be any swimming activities, however there will be chances to get wet. Campers should plan to bring an extra set of clothes that they are willing to get wet in. Campers are welcome to bring swim trunks and swimsuits, we just require that girls wear a one piece swimsuit.

*Closed Toe Shoes - We require campers to wear closed toe shoes throughout the entire work day. We recommend rubber boots or boots as the farm can often be muddy. Tennis shoes are acceptable, but expect them to come home dirty. Sandals can be worn during the evening.

HEALTH & SAFETY

At camp, we take safety and physical health seriously. All staff are prepared to help campers participate in farming and recreational activities safely. However, sometimes accidents and illnesses can happen. Our staff is prepared to respond to any health concern.

Camp Staff are certified in First Aid and will administer medications as directed by the physician's instructions on the label of the container. Campers will be treated at our facility for minor injuries and sicknesses. Serious injuries will be treated at Gibson Area Hospital in Gibson City, IL.

Our staff will contact you in cases of emergency care or in cases of extreme illness. We will make every effort to keep you informed if any serious situation emerges. Please note coverage of any medical, dental, or prescription services will be the responsibility of the parents.

Medications

Medication must be noted on the health intake form and emailed to SFF staff prior to the camp beginning. Upon arrival, medications will be turned in to the SFF Staff and kept with them. SFF staff will administer the medication as directed on the physician's label. Unlabeled medication will not be accepted. Medication is not allowed to stay with the camper, with the exception of inhalers and Epipens.

Safety on the Farm

Our goal is to keep everyone at camp safe and well. Campers will stay with the group except during supervised free time. At the beginning of camp, campers will tour the farm and learn about all hazards. We will have some activities near a creek on a timber, all which will be supervised by a SFF staff member.

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Our camp will be operated by the Christian principles that our family lives by on a daily basis.

We expect campers to treat other campers, staff, and property with respect. This includes properly handling equipment and animals and refraining from swearing. We give campers real chores and responsibility on the farm and expect them to act maturely and carefully.

Transportation

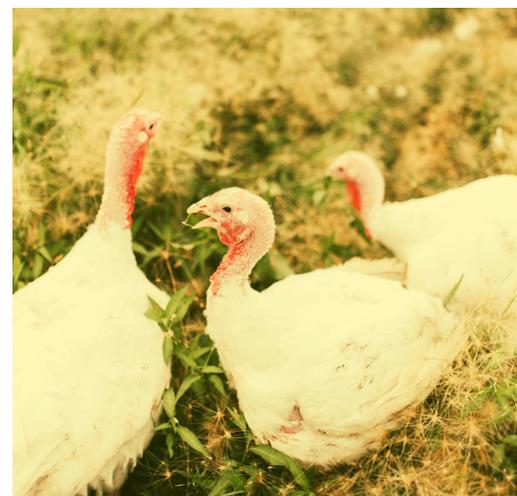
Campers will travel to different locations of our farm throughout the camp experience. All transportation will happen in a 15 passenger van or personal vehicles. All vehicles will be driven by licensed and trained camp staff.

Discipline and Dismissal

We engage in behavior management on a case-by-case situation as needed. In all situations, we hope to help campers learn from their mistakes - we help them address negative behaviors and create a plan to have a more positive camp experience. In some situations, disciplinary action may be taken such as the addition of farm chores, omission from certain activities, or taking away one's cell phone for a certain period of time. Behaviors that warrant immediate dismissal are: striking or threatening to strike another person; possession of alcohol, drugs, or a weapon; endangerment of oneself or someone else; inappropriate sexual behavior. Parents are responsible for immediate transportation of their camper if a dismissal occurs.

Laundry

There is no laundry facilities available so plan to pack enough clothes.



MORE INFORMATION

Dining

Meals will be prepared in the commercial kitchen of the Barn by SFF staff members with the assistance of campers. Campers will be served three meals a day and a mid-morning snack. Using the finest ingredients and meat from our own farm, campers will remain well-fed. Please note any allergies or diet restrictions on the Health Intake Form and we will do our best to accommodate.

Arrival & Departure

Parents are responsible for dropping off and picking up their child. If campers are old enough to drive themselves to camp, car keys will be collected at the beginning of camp. Campers are not allowed to leave the group during camp. If an emergency situation arises and you need to pick up your camper early, please notify SFF staff prior to coming and picking them up.

Campers should arrive to the farm on Monday between 9:30 - 10:00 am. Parents should plan to pick up their camper between 3:45-4:00 on Friday. If you will be sending your camper home with another parent, we will need written permission from both parents prior to camp beginning.

Contacting Your Camper

Campers will have access to their phones, except during specific activities throughout the day. Feel free to say in touch with your camper, but also remember this is a great time for them to disconnect from their daily routines. In case of emergency, please contact the camp director. This number will be sent out in an email prior to camp starting.



REGISTER

This summer we are only offering two, one-week sessions. The 2020 dates are:

JUNE 22 - 26 / GUYS WEEK

JULY 13 - 17 / GIRLS WEEK

Campers must be between 13-16 years old to participate. Cost is \$1000/per child. This covers all housing, food, and materials for activities.

Registration is on a first-come-first serve basis. To reserve a spot, fill out the online application found at slagelfamilyfarm.com. Once the application is reviewed with by a SFF staff member, we will contact you with the status of your application. If approved, we will send you a link to make your full payment and confirm your spot through Brown Paper Tickets.

All waivers and consent forms must be completed 10 days prior to the camp beginning.

Cancellations and refunds will be reviewed on a case by case situation. If you have questions, please contact **racheleslagelfamilyfarm.com**