

# Henrieka Farm Center (HFC)

## Family Agreement

- 🍌 **Hard Work:** We believe that hard work is an important value which is learned through doing. We expect our loved one will come home excited, tired and fulfilled each day.
- 🍌 **Involvement in Farm Chores:** We love that Henrieka Farm Center integrates responsibility into daily learning. We encourage our learner to carry buckets, muck stalls, pet farm animals, tend to the garden and enjoy the peace that comes with being one with our food system.
- 🍌 **Benefits of Outdoor Play:** The educational philosophy of outdoor play that guides Henrieka Farm Center is important to us. We support the exploration of nature and the farm in all seasons and situations to include being near or in water, ice, snow, mud, animal pastures and the forest. We welcome the benefits of children taking risks, problem solving, engaging in natural social scenarios and encourage messy, active, whole-body play and learning!
- 🍌 **Handbook & Waiver:** We will carefully read and abide by the Family Handbook and sign a waiver to participate.
- 🍌 **Family Involvement:** Where possible, we will attend special family events to explore the farm with our child and be a meaningful member of the Henrieka Farm Center Community.
- 🍌 **Gear:** We will provide essential gear to ensure our child gets the most out of time spent outdoors. This includes gear to stay dry, warm or cool and safe in every season. We understand good gear is the key to comfort and will ask Henrieka Farm Center for support if we cannot provide appropriate gear.
- 🍌 **Arrival:** My learner will arrive at the program ready to participate with proper gear. I will encourage them to use the restroom and wash hands prior to arriving at HFC. If I arrive more than 30 minutes late, I may need to call and arrange a meeting location with the teacher. My child will come prepared with a backpack, full water bottle, change of gloves and socks along with a healthy, nourishing snack.
- 🍌 **Pick up:** I will promptly pick-up my child at the end of their scheduled class. If they must go home with another adult, I will provide a written note in advance and expect a teacher to confirm the pickup arrangements with me. I will alert the other adult of the requirement for ID to be checked at pickup.
- 🍌 **Safety:** I will provide the teachers at HFC with accurate information regarding my child's health (allergies, medical conditions, medications) and behavioral tendencies to ensure the best learning experience. I will make sure that HFC has accurate, up-to-date contact information in case of an emergency.
- 🍌 **Illness:** We understand the interconnected community that is at Henrieka Farm Center and do not want to contribute to the spread of illness. We will keep our child home if they are ill with a contagious illness, rash, fever or other discomfort that inhibits full participation in the immersive program. We will help HFC abide by community health guidelines and if our child shall fall ill during the day we will make arrangements for immediate pick-up.
- 🍌 **Enjoying Farm Products:** Our child has permission to taste edible farm goods from the garden or greenhouse and participate in occasional cooking or baking activities.
- 🍌 **Tools and Fire-making:** We encourage the use of real tools to accomplish hard tasks and enjoy that our child is able to participate in the workings of a farm. We appreciate the real-life lessons and warmth learned around a campfire or wood stove.
- 🍌 **Respect:** We will work together with our learner and the teachers to help cultivate a community of respect, gratitude, trust and friendship. We will always show respect and gratitude for the animals that provide the foundation of our food chain and provide encouraging words to all learners when hard work and ethics are demonstrated.

We are the parents/legal guardians of the child below and we agree to the policies set forth here.

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CHILD'S NAME (PRINTED)

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PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN (PRINTED)

SIGNATURE

DATE

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