Custom Workshops & farm Tours

If you don't see something that interest you or have a group that wants to cover a specific topic, contact us. We enjoy teaching others about life on the farm, how we got started, growing crops using Naturally Grown methods, and of course, our animals.

We welcome visitors to the farm as well. Please contact us to schedule a time. This is a working farm so we want to ensure we have time to meet with you when you come. Tours include visits with our animals, the herb and veggie garden, a walk through our wooded trails, and more.

Take some time out of your busy life for some relaxing time with us.

About Us

Hidden Springs Farms: Located just a short drive from downtown Springfield, Hidden Springs Farms was established in 2005. Ken and Karen Wortman purchased some of the most beautiful farm land in Robertson County and have been building their dream after spending over 20 years traveling with the U.S Army. In addition to growing fresh vegetables and herbs, Hidden Springs farms is home to free-range chickens, heritage turkeys, boer goats, several horses, our beautiful angora goats and Gwendology, our nubian dairy goat. Visit our website at www.hiddenspringsfarms.com for more pictures and information.

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Hidden Springs Farm

Classes & Workshops 2010

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Providing educational classes & workshops for both adults and children in gardening, animal care, and more. Family-fun in a country setting on a working farm.

Classes & Workshops

Sustainability

The Forum for the Future defines sustainability as "a dynamic process which enables all people to realize their potential and to improve their qualify of life in ways that simultaneously protect and enhance the Earth's life support systems." Our goal is to live a simpler live and provide for a family while protecting the land we work. . We've learned a great deal since we purchased our property in 2005 and want to share our knowledge with others. By growing and raising our own food using natural methods, we hope that our farm will be here for many future generations.

Gardening/Farming/Herbs

Container Gardening: This workshop is perfect for those who live in an apartment or who have a porch they'd like to decorate. It is also great for those who live in neighborhoods whose homeowners association doesn't allow veggie gardens. Learn to grow your veggies and herbs in containers. Each participate is asked to bring a container and we will plant the container during class. We'll look at many possibilities for containers, what makes a good container, and how to care for plants grown in containers. ($20.00 2.5 hours)

Growing Culinary Herbs: This workshop will teach you how to plant, weed, mulch, water, harvest, and preserve 8 culinary herbs (including: oregano, basil, thyme, rosemary, and more). We will talk about using herbs as companion plants to repel unwanted insects. You will take home several herb plants and some fresh herbs and recipes to use at home. ($30.00 3 hours)

Planning Your Vegetable Garden: Join us to discuss space-saving planting techniques, good plant choices for smaller spaces, crop rotation, and mapping and drawing your garden plan. Each participant is asked to bring a basic drawing of their garden space for use in class. ($15.00 2-hours)

Holiday Herbal Gifts: The holidays can be exhausting. So why not come and spend a wonderful afternoon with use working with wonderful herbs making gifts for friends and family. This workshop will include instruction on creating easy herbal body care items, herbal soaps, sachets, cooking wreaths, and herbal vinegars. You will receive recipes, "how-to's" for putting together wonderful herbal gift baskets, and several of our herbal products. Everyone will create their own herbal soup wreath and more. ($35.00 4 hours)

CLUCK, CLUCK, Chicken Workshop: This workshop is for those of you who have thought about raising chickens but aren't sure where to start. We will discuss the basics of raising chickens from ordering or buying your chicks, raising them, and moving them into your hen house. We will look at housing options, nesting boxes, and how to handle roosters. Starting your own egg business will also be discussed and we will provide you with the key contacts and regulations for the state of Tennessee. $35.00 4 hours, We have brooder kits available for $55.00 with everything you need to get started except your chicks. Chicks available depending on the season)

Raising Goats: Considering adding a goat to your property as a pet or dairy animal? This ½ day workshop covers the basics of goat husbandry. We will discuss the different breeds of goats including meat goats, diary breeds, and fiber breeds. We will cover how to choose the breed that is best for you, how to keep your goat healthy and safe and proper housing. We will demonstrate trimming hooves, shearing (in season), and discuss breeding, kidding, and kid care. ($35.00 4 hours)

TOOL School 101: Ladies, there is nothing worse then waiting for a repairman (or your hubby) to fix a problem around the house. Leaky faucets, unclogging a drain, or finishing up a painting project can seem to take forever. Why not learn how to use tools yourself. This class, for ladies only, is designed to give you "hands-on" experience using tools designed just for you. We'll practice using hammers, saws, measuring, doing small repairs and more. We use Tomboy Tools in our demonstrations. (Free class)

Children's Programs & Classes

All Age Groups

Tracks & Traces: Using all 5 senses – smell, listen, see, touch, and taste on our way through the trails we will better understand the world around us. Trek your way through the woods with your child and let the beauty of nature surround you. ($5.00 per child, adult free)

-This program is offered every Sunday starting April 17th - through October 31st between 1:00 & 3:00 PM. Registration required

A Touch of Country: Join us for a morning of fun. We'll meet our favorite animals, work on farm chores, plant, harvest, and create. Each class focuses on a particular animal group or seasonal theme at the farm. Specific dates and times listed below. Classes are designed for elementary aged children with an adult partner. Both should dress for a mess with comfortable shoes. ($5.00 per child, $3.50 per child if you sign up for all classes)

- Cluck like a Hen, Crow Like a Rooster: visit the chicken coop, collect eggs, and meet Mr. Rooster: June 4th, 10:00 am
- Where's my Sweater: Meet our Angora goats and watch one get sheared: April 2nd, 10:00 am
- Springtime at the Farm: Come and meet our babies. We will have baby goats, chicks, turkeys, and more: April 23rd 10:00 am
- Let's Meet in the Pumpkin Patch: Take a walk with us through the Pumpkin Patch and take a pumpkin home: Oct. 22nd, 10:00 am
- Gobble, Gobble, Where's Mr. Turkey: Walk with us and feed our heritage turkeys: Nov. 19th, 2010, 10:00 am
- Let's Make Something for Mom: Join us for a fun "crafty" day and make something special for mom. May 7th, 10:00 am
- Dig It!: Spend some time in our garden planting. Take a seedling home to care for. May 14th, 10:00 am
- Ohhh, that Smells Good: Walk through the garden and enjoy the sweet smells. We'll pick some flowers to take home. September 18th 10:00 am

NEW FOR 2010

HOMESCHOOL PROGRAM

Hidden Springs Farms will host a Spring and Fa
Home-School program designed for children in
4-6th grade. The home-school classes will meet one-day a week for six weeks. Children arrive to learn about growing and preparing food, seed-saving, gardening, crafts, farm animals, and more. Besides teaching children about farm living, these classes provide an opportunity for the children and parents to meet, socialize, and develop friendships. Classes will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 – noon. (Please select the day you prefer when registering)

Spring 2010

Tuesdays: April 20, 27, & May 4, 11, 18, & 25th

Thursdays: April 22, 29, & May 6, 13, 20, & 27

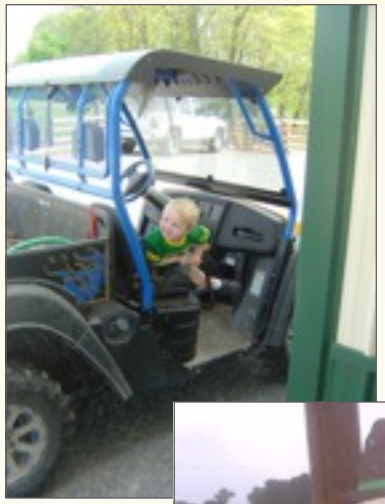
Fall 2010

Tuesdays: Sept. 7,14,21,28, & Oct. 5, & 12

Thursdays: Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30 & Oct. 7 & 14

Hidden Springs Farms will provide a light snack during the class. ($59.00 per child for the 6 week program, discounts given for multiple children from the same family)

Register by calling (615) 210-7525 or via email at: info@hiddenspringsfarms.com



Adult Workshop /Class Schedule 2010

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Class/Workshop	Dates	Time	Cost
Container Gardening	April 17th, 2010 June 12th, 2010	9:00 - 11:30 am	$20.00, please remember to bring your own container
Growing Culinary Herbs	April 24th, 2010 May 29th, 2010 June 12th, 2010	1:00 - 4:00 pm	$30.00, bring a basket or bag to carry your herb cuttings home
Planning Your Garden	March 6th, 2010 April 10th, 2010 May 8th, 2010	10:00 - noon	$15.00, Bring a basic drawing of your garden or an area of your yard you'd like to place a garden in
Holiday Herbal Gifts	November 5th, 2010 November 19th, 2010	9:00 - 1:00 pm	$35.00, bring a lunch. We'll provide the herbal tea and sodas
Cluck, Cluck, Chicken Workshop	March 20th, 2010 April 17th, 2010 May, 15th, 2010 June 19th, 2010 September 18th, 2010	1:00 - 5:00 pm	$35.00. We will provide a light snack. Chicken Brooder Box Kits available for sale for $55.00. Includes everything you need to get started except your chicks. We do have chicks available for sale at times.
Raising Goats	March 27th, 2010 May 1st, 2010 June 26th, 2010 September 25th, 2010	1:00 - 5:00 pm	$35.00, We will provide a light snack.
Tool School 101	March 13th, 2010 April 22nd, 2010 May 22, 2010 October 2nd, 1020	Saturday Classes: 9:00 - 11:00 Thursday Classes: 6:00 - 8:00	FREE Class (ladies only please)