



Welcome to NWA Farm School!

At NWA Farm School, a program of Alternate Community Education (ACE), students dive into the heart of rural life, mastering agricultural skills, animal science, horsemanship, homesteading, survival techniques, and essential life skills. Our immersive approach combines practical experience with creativity, offering plenty of opportunities for animal care, cuddles, and connection.

Program Overview: A Unique Farm-Based Adventure for Young Minds

NWA Farm School is designed to spark curiosity and build real-world skills through hands-on activities tailored to each student's age and interests. From tending animals to crafting homemade goods, students engage in meaningful tasks that foster independence, teamwork, and a love for nature. Our fall semester highlights include:

- **Community Garden Project:** Students collaborate to design and build a thriving garden, learning planting, composting, soil health, crop cycles, and sustainable practices.
- **Chick-Hatching Journey:** From incubating eggs to building coops, students care for chicks and prepare them for a showcase, learning responsibility and animal science.
- **Horsemanship Mastery:** Lessons in riding, grooming, show prep, training, and showing horses build confidence and connection with horses.

Specialty Workshops: Rotating sessions cover animal care, homesteading, survival skills, and life skills. Each week, students explore rotating topics, such as:

- **Animal Science:** Study behaviors and needs of farm animals, from rabbits to pigs.
- **Homesteading Skills:** Master canning, soap-making, or candle-crafting for self-sufficiency.
- **Survival Skills:** Build shelters, start fires safely, or navigate outdoors.
- **Life Skills:** Practice communication, problem-solving, or using tools.

Students leave each day inspired, with dirt on their boots and new skills in their hearts. Every activity emphasizes hands-on learning, ensuring students gain practical knowledge they can carry into life.

Age Groups and Schedule: Who Can Join?

NWA Farm School welcomes students ages 2 to 19, ensuring every child finds their place on the farm. We group students by age to tailor activities to their developmental needs, creating a supportive and fun environment for all.

Details:

- **Day/Time:** Wednesdays, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- **Semester Length:** 16 weeks, starting August 20th
- **Commitment:** Full-semester participation ensures students fully experience projects like chick-raising and garden-building.

Daily Flow:

Students rotate through engaging stations, balancing learning and play:

- **Horsemanship Lesson:** Hands-on riding or horse care, fostering trust and skill.
- **Animal Chores:** Feeding, grooming, and cuddling animals like chickens, goats, or horses.
- **Specialty Workshop:** Deep dives into skills like soap-making, shelter-building, or animal science.
- **Lunch & Recess:** A 1-hour break to eat, play, and recharge outdoors.

This rhythm keeps students active, curious, and engaged.

Tuition and Fees: Investing in Your Child's Growth

NWA Farm School offers an affordable, enriching experience:

- **Registration Fee:** \$100 (non-refundable, due upfront).
- **Supply Fee:** \$60 (covers materials and workshop supplies, due upfront).
- **Semester Tuition:** \$800 total for tuition
- **Payment Plan:** Five monthly payments of \$160, starting July 1st, for easy budgeting.

Why Choose NWA Farm School? A Program Like No Other

NWA Farm School stands out for its blend of education and adventure:

- **Hands-On Learning:** Students don't just read about farming—they plant, raise animals, and craft with their hands.
- **Animal Connections:** Daily chores and cuddles with chickens, horses, and more build empathy and joy.
- **Life-Changing Skills:** From riding horses to preserving food, students gain confidence and independence.
- **Community Spirit:** Collaborative projects like the garden and chick show foster friendships and teamwork.
- **Outdoor Joy:** Our campus offers fresh air, open spaces, and a break from screens.

Whether your child dreams of being a farmer, loves animals, or just wants to try something new, NWA Farm School nurtures their potential in a fun, supportive setting.

How to Enroll: Ready to Join the Farm Family?

Enrolling in NWA Farm School is simple:

1. **Submit Payment & Forms:** Pay the \$100 registration and \$60 supply fees, \$160.00 total
2. **Submit Forms:** Complete your forms on Brightwheel
3. **Welcome Email:** Arrange your first \$160 tuition payment for July 1st, and receive your welcome packet by June.
4. **Prepare for Fun:** Mark August 20th on your calendar for the semester kickoff!

Spots are limited to ensure personalized attention, so apply early to join our 16-week adventure.

Have Questions? We're Here to Help!

- **Email:** admin@nwaace.com
- **Website:** www.NWAACE.com

We can't wait to welcome your child to NWA Farm School, where they'll dig into learning, bond with animals, and grow skills that last a lifetime!

Other ACE programs:

