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Day camp only hours are available. Please contact us at 503-873-3406 or geercrestfarm@yahoo.com.

PARTICIPANT Has attended GCF before.

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CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

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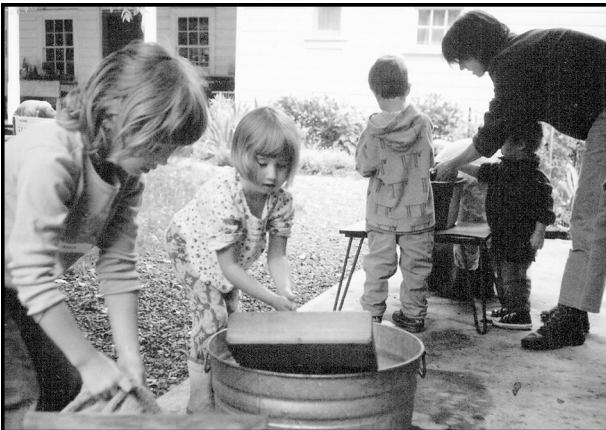
Agrarian Culture

Agrarian culture is a way of life which encourages people to rely on each other and co-operate with nature to grow food for themselves and others.

The principles and attitudes which reflect agrarian culture include:

- Embracing a life style which is adapted to what nature, farmers, community members and regional economic systems can produce;
- Reacquainting ourselves with the natural world by listening to the rhythms of the land;
- Appreciating that it is Nature that produces on the farm and that the farmer's role is a cooperative venture with the forces of the earth and the cosmos;
- Doing what is needed, when it is needed;
- Understanding that working our farm means building on what other generations have envisioned, experienced and brought to fruition;
- Supporting the collective endeavor by bringing individual aptitudes to the tasks at hand;
- Expressing gratitude for the bounty of the earth and the good will of our community.

The Farm Life Experience programs at GeerCrest Farm bring renewed attention to these and other agrarian principles in our daily lives.



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***Where Agrarian Culture
is Lived and Taught***

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5 miles south of Silverton and 10 miles east of Salem,
in the heart of the Willamette Valley



Welcome to GeerCrest Farm

Our farm is nestled in the Waldo Hills area east of Salem, Oregon. The homestead was established in 1848 by pioneers Ralph and Mary Geer. The house they built in 1851 still stands and is home to their descendants and the people who work the farm.

Our mission is to live and teach agrarian culture, encouraging people to rely on each other and co-operate with nature to provide a livelihood for themselves and others.

We are part of a network of small farms, which allows us to support local and urban communities with a greater variety of local, organically-grown food and products.



An Example Program

The daily routine includes morning and evening chores, exploration, play time and evening stories, in addition to the area of focus for the day.

Day 1: Sheep

Arrive by 10am. Tour farm with parents. Feeding; pasture; shelter; meat; wool products & project.

Day 2: Goats

Attitude; milking; feeding; water; shelter; hoof trimming; mucking; milk products; cleanliness.

Day 3: Chickens & Ducks

Feeding; cleaning; dust box; collecting eggs; water; nest building; protection.

Day 4: Food production

Organic care; vegetable gardens; orchards; food forest; nuts and baskets.

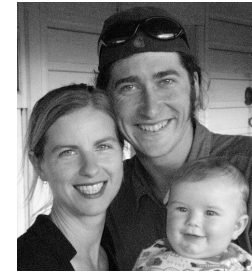
Day 5: Homesteading

Sharing everyday life; observation; integration. Sharing with family from 3 to 5pm.



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The Farmers



Kya and Hayden Eckstrand-White are the working generation of Geer Crest farmers, which with their son Soren now includes four living generations. Kya was raised on a small farm by her philosopher father and artist mother, is a nutritional therapist focused on traditional foods, and is head of the household. Hayden is the lead farmer and applies his experience in construction to the farm's renovation.



Erika Toler grew up in Switzerland, in a small farm community of the mountainous Emmental Valley. Although her education and subsequent profession took her away from rural surroundings, the desire to return to an agrarian way of life never vanished. Her joy in being back on a farm and able to translate her formative years of farm life into meaningful farm life experiences for others is contagious.

Testimonials

“Dear Clover, I really enjoyed milking you and spending time with you. Now that I have been around you, I really want a goat of my own. I hope I will be able to come back here someday. Thank you again.” - Hayle

“Ever since I was little I wanted to work on a farm. This is a dream come true. Farm life is hard but fun. It's very awesome being on the farm. Working with the animals is fun and shows me how to take care of my animals when I grow up. I was shocked at how much Erika let us do the first time we were there, She didn't stand over us, she just helped us understand the farm, and she treated us like grownups, that was cool.” - Laura