



Beech Hill Farm

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Thank You!

A big thank you to our 2011 summer crew! This farm runs with your hard work. Everyone enjoying our produce either in the CSA or at TAB should make sure to thank these folks for their efforts!

Beth Johnson '11, Bekka Paine '09, Chris Monahan '14, Everett Ottinger, Fiona Haslett, Jerzy Skupny '10, Jeannie Suhrheinrich '13, Lisa McCusker '14, and Caitlin Thurrell '11.

Farm to Fork

This summer season Beech Hill Farm teamed up with Summer Field Studies to run three weeks of Farm to Fork summer camp. Fiona Haslett and Audrey Post '12 worked together to create a camp at the farm that taught about the importance of local food and got many hands dirty in Beech Hill soil. Campers fed the animals, went on farm scavenger hunts, harvested produce, made farm journals, and explored the island's food system on visits to other markets and area farms. Thanks so much to those who made this happen, it was a great addition to the educational and community involvement efforts at the farm!



Volunteer Days!

Beginning September 21 we will be holding volunteer days at the farm on Wednesdays from 8 am-12 pm. Meet up at the whale skull on COA's main campus at 7:40 am to catch a ride to the farm and help us harvest winter squash and carrots for the COA kitchen, prep and seed our greenhouses for fall greens, and spend some time out of doors this fall!



The Farm Stand

Our CSA is full of COA community members old and new, and our farm stand is still open providing produce and a beautiful place to visit! Our hours have now changed from 9 am to 4 pm and beginning September 20 we will begin our fall schedule of three days a week (Tuesday, Friday and Saturday). We are still harvesting tomatoes and beginning on our fall crops, so come by and see us! We are selling our own lamb meat this fall which will also be served in TAB in the upcoming weeks.

Movie on the Barn

Tuesday, September 20 we will be projecting movies on the side of our barn and hosting a potluck. Come out and see the farm, enjoy the sunset and bring blankets to share food and time at the farm. Potluck will start at 6:30 pm, and the movies will run from 7:30 to 9 pm. Film and rain date to be announced.



Share the Harvest

Share the harvest is a Beech Hill Farm program that makes our local organic food accessible to more of our community by providing gift certificates distributed through food pantries on the island. This summer the program received many donations including those made through the purchase of bags printed and sold to benefit the program. This initiative, begun by Emily Postman '11 and Joslyn Richardson '12, was a part of their Hatchery project to help Share the Harvest's marketing for greater sustainability. A great thanks to their efforts and to Bronwyn Clement '13 and Lisa McCusker '14 who are the student contacts for the program this year. Please stay in touch with ways that you can help out to make this program serve even more community members in the upcoming seasons.



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