

## **You and Your Kids Can Get Down on the Farm Saturday at Darien Nature Center**

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The Darien Nature Center is gearing up for its annual Down on the Farm event, a beloved community event that brings good old-fashioned fun for the entire family to Darien.

This year's event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, May 27 on the grounds of the [Darien Nature Center](#) in Cherry Lawn Park. The rain date is Sunday, May 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Early entrance for families with special needs children will be at 9:30 a.m.

Whole Foods Market, Darien is back as a title sponsor, serving a barbecue lunch. There will also be an ice cream truck and lemonade to help beat the heat for adults and children alike.

Many wonderful activities will be featured at this special event, including:

- Free pony rides, barnyard animals and petting zoo, featuring sheep, goats, rabbits, donkeys and ducks, will be sure to thrill children. Lots of farm equipment, donated by Fox Hill Builders, will also be on hand for climbing and exploring.
- Almstead Tree and Shrub Care will oversee the wildly popular “travel to the treetops” which will

hoist children up high above Cherry Lawn Park. Children will get a bird's eye view of their favorite park from the branches of the trees next to the Darien Nature Center.

- Extreme Farmer Games will get children active and busy with some exciting outdoor exercises on the lawn.

- Live DJ and dancing will keep the party hopping.
- Facepainting will surely bring smiles to children's faces.
- Trail maps and guided tours of the Darien Nature Center trails will delight children with an exploration of nature's beautiful treasures tucked right within their own back yard.
- Children of all ages can join us in creating patriotic Memorial Day crafts which will decorate the Darien Nature Center parade truck.
- Pop up shops by Lulu's Pies and Neat.

The drawing of the winners of the Darien Nature Center 2017 Raffle, featuring an array of great prizes, will take place at 1 p.m. on May 27.

The Darien Nature Center invites young and old to join us for this fun family event. Children with special needs and their families are invited to a special preview of the barnyard at 9:30 a.m.

The admission fee for the event is \$10 per child and \$5 per adult. Food, raffle tickets and other merchandise are an additional cost.

Tickets are available at the entrance to the event at the Darien Nature Center on the day of the event. Advance tickets are available online at [dariennaturecenter.org](http://dariennaturecenter.org). For further information contact Leila Wetmore at the Darien Nature Center at 203-655-7459.

