

2016 Spring Farm Day May 21

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**Dear Friends, Neighbors and Customers**

This is the letter about the Spring Customer Day at Snake River Farm.

It will be much like previous Farm Days with a couple of additions.

**May 21 is a Saturday.**

The time is from 1 to 5 p.m.

As always, if you come early, we may put you to work.

If you stay late, it gets pretty relaxed after 5.

We have **bison, cattle, calves, sow and baby pigs, chickens on pasture and baby chicks in the brooder, turkey chicks, goslings, ducklings and bunnies.**

Jordan may bring a lamb over from Sandhill Farm.

**Horse drawn and antique tractor drawn wagon tours** of the farm and out to the cattle and bison herds, all day. There are bison calves.

Horse and **pony rides** for the kids.

A **playground.**

The **one room schoolhouse** will be open as will the **farm museum.**

**Log Milling Demonstration**

Our good friend and neighbor Terry Herman will again set-up his portable saw mill. He will saw logs into boards.

I will try to have oak, pine, maple, cherry and cedar for Terry to work with.

Ask Terry if you have a special request for a rough cut board. (No charge.)

**Iron working. (New this year)**

Brother John will be here to demonstrate iron working and blacksmithing.

**Spinning, tanning and felt making. (New this year)**

Midge, who farms near Aiken, is raising most of your meat rabbits this year. She is also a wool spinner and expert tanner.

She like John, will have a display and work area.

**Soap and Magic Balm**

Sarah will be available to talk with you about soap and balm from tallow.

No doubt she will have some samples.

**Rope Making**

We have plenty of twine to make ropes for all the kids.

Kids (and adults) can make jump ropes and lassos.

Everyone can help.

Bethany and Nick of **Quality Meats** will be here with their kids.

Be sure to talk with them about processing questions you have.

If you are getting June ground beef, you might ask about processing options such as wieners and sausages.

We will have a camp fire.

There is plenty of room to walk, play, and relax.

Although these farm days are primarily for our customers, you are welcome to bring your family, friends, and neighbors.

It is helpful to us if you give an indication of how many are coming, but not required.

Dress for the farm and the weather.

Long pants, long sleeves, denim is good.

Solids shoes are good. Sandals are not so good.

A change of clothes for the kids is a good idea. They play hard.

If you wish to load some **compost**, you can self serve from a pile near the end of the driveway.

There is a shovel at the compost pile, but bring your own containers. Boxes or pails work fine.

Do you need **spruce seedlings**? Or white cedar? Or locust bushes?

There are volunteer plants growing under the spruce trees near where you park.

They are 12 to 24 inches tall.

You are welcome to dig some if you wish.

**About parking.** Brother Mike will direct parking on Saturday. He is also our official greeter.

Email if you have questions.

Best regards and see you soon.

**MapQuest is best for directions.**

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Tom

**p.s. No one has ever been injured at a Farm Day. Help us keep it so.**

**Please keep the kids safe by watching them as if they were all family.**