

JUNE 2022

# GROUNDING IN HOPE

Newsletter from Memory Lane Farm, Inc.

## Celebrating 5 years of AgriVenture Farm Camp!

### HISTORY OF AGRIVENTURE FARM CAMP

Martin Wolf grew up on Memory Lane Farm and loved to spend time with his family while adventuring through God's beautiful creation. He always dreamed of sharing this with others. Now, years later, Martin, alongside of his family and friends, shares his dream by exploring God's outdoor classroom with our next generations. Campers have been learning about Gardening, Animals, Environmental Science, Arts & Crafts, Woodworking, and Music for five wonderful years. The AgriVenture Farm Camp goal is to share hands-on agricultural experiences where kids can learn to explore, grow, build and problem solve. Kids are encouraged to get their hands dirty, ask questions, make friends, and have fun while learning how to safely navigate a farm setting.



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## AgriVenture Farm Camp 2022

What a beautiful year of AgriVenture Farm Camp! We were once again graced with so much kindness; kindness from Volunteers, Campers, Families, and Community. The mission of AgriVenture Farm Camp was fulfilled! This year brought many smiles, hugs, giggles, and cheerful memories.

Campers explored, learned, made new friends, and got their hands a little muddy! Campers spent 2 hours each night at stations, learning about Gardening, Arts & Crafts, Music, Woodworking, Animals, and Environmental Science. Unfortunately due to severe weather concerns, one night of camp was cancelled.

The extra fun at Family Night made up for the previous cancelled night! Family Night was a blast with many demonstrations and campers showing off what they learned the last two weeks! Campers represented the camp theme of Respecting God, Respecting Nature, and Respecting Others while showing the growth and many things they learned.

Many memories were made by all! For many campers, it was their first time experiencing leading a horse, using tools, planting a garden, and exploring soil critters.

Thank you to all those involved in planning and creating the wonders of AgriVenture Farm Camp 2022! We appreciate all of our Volunteers and Sponsors!



*Thank You for helping Sponsor AgriVenture Farm Camp!*




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## AgriVenture Farm Camp 2022, Cont.

Every year, each Project Leader modifies the learning content so returning campers find out something new.

### -Animals-

Campers learned about care and handling of horses, sheep, chickens, chicks, goats, rabbits, dogs, cats, and calves. All campers had the opportunity to interact with each animal and learned how to lead a horse! A miniature donkey, Sophia, was added to the the animal group this year and the kids loved on her!

### -Arts & Crafts-

Campers made concrete flower pots using washcloths and planted a flower in their pot. Campers were able to express their creativity by creating a sun catchers with a variety of tissue paper.

### -Environmental Science-

Learning about life in the soil became a fan favorite for our campers. They learned about layers that vary in color, texture and organic matter that supports life. Campers learned about different soil critter from big to small that help build soil and create food for plants. Dirty hands explored the wonders of underground!

### -Music-

Campers learned the words to Country Roads by John Denver-AgriVenture version! They performed this fun song rendition at Family Night. Campers sang, danced, and had fun!

### -Woodworking-

Campers learned how to "measure, mark, cut" using a hand saw, hammer, and tape measure with assistance. Campers made a unique puzzle with recycled items! For many campers, it was their first time using tools and they learned many new skills.

60 Campers

65 Volunteers

Endless  
Memories  
Made!



## The Grit & Grace Gathering

Back a few months ago, as the snow was falling and a cup of steaming hot coffee was treasured, a group of women gathered to share their desire to bring together women seeking healing and encouragement. The idea of gathering in a neutral and unique space was desired.

Memory Lane Farm's barn and facility seemed like a natural fit for such an event.

The weekend of May 20 & 21, 2022, a group of 60 women gathered in the big barn. There was no set agenda, but the air was sweet, filled with laughter, hugs and anticipation. Collectively the women filled the barn with songs, heard faith-based messages of hope, personal transformation and encouragement. Guests were also encouraged to participate in breakout sessions consisting of line-dancing, journaling, watercolor painting, time with the horses or simply relax!

In support of other women, guests supplied The Bread Barn, a local food pantry located in Arpin, WI with a loads of personal care items to help fill local needs.

The Grit & Grace Gathering concluded with powerful speakers, testimonies and opportunities to share stories of hurt, hope and healing. And yes...there were tears shed too - tears of healing!

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## Acres of Fun Foster Care Camp

Did you know that there are approximately 7,000 kids in Wisconsin's Foster Care system? Memory Lane Farm has been blessed and honored to walk alongside Wood County Human Services by providing camps and family events for foster care kids and kinship families.

This year MLF will host two camps "Acres of Fun" for these amazing kids. Ten kids per week get to spend half days with us in mid July learning about farm animals, spending time in the woods, being creative with crafts, playing games and so much more.

At a recent Kinship Foster Family Event, we heard from one grandma who now is fostering her grandchildren. She shared that their experiences of meeting a horse, playing in the mud (and then getting hosed off!) and simply running and laughing with other kids was their first time "being a kid" she was delighted and so were they! I guess we take simple things for granted on the farm, but we realize the beauty in offering space, experiences, learning and self-discovery in nature.

*If you would like to contribute note cards filled with words of encouragement for our foster care campers, we will be sure to present them to them! Simply write positive, encouraging notes and mail to us at 8640 Heritage Drive by Saturday, July 9th.*

## Meet Korinna!

Memory Lane Farm recently added Korinna Johnson to our staff as a Mentor, assisting with the Cultivating Hope Mentoring program. Korinna hails from Greenwood, WI and graduated from Greenwood High School in 2021.

Korinna will be a sophomore at UW Stevens Point this fall, pursuing a Business Administration degree with a Music minor. She has been working with horses for 10 years and showing in pleasure/ranch horse competitions for eight years. Her hobbies include showing horses, hiking, and fishing.

Korinna is excited to see how she grows through her time at the farm! We are blessed to have her on our team and love watching her joyfully interact with our mentees, campers and guests!





# Lookin' Back, Mooovin' Forward

## DAIRYFEST CELEBRATION 2022

We had a blast participating in the Marshfield Dairyfest Parade! We are honored to have been named 1st Place Organization Float. Our friends of Memory Lane Farm helped on the wagon, hand out candy and supported us from the sidelines!



As a non-profit charitable organization, every donation to our organization is special to us! Your generosity enables us to serve more kids, youth, and families, as well as provide much needed care to our animals and growing mentoring and educational programs.

A special thank you goes to the Marshfield Area United Way's funding which enables our staff to focus on the needs of our community by providing mentoring services, camp support and program development. As a partner program of MAUW, community funding also provides needed scholarships to families in need of our services.

Additional thanks goes out to the Marshfield Area Community Foundation for their generous gift of funding for camp and mentoring scholarships and for raised garden bed lumber.

While the AgriVenture Farm Camper kids planted the gardens, foster care families and Cultivating Hope mentees will be maintaining, weeding and tending to the gardens throughout the summer! We are anticipating a fabulous harvest which will be shared with these families!

Everything that is  
done in this  
world is done by

*Hope.*

- Martin Luther



**Yes! I believe in the mission of  
Memory Lane Farm, Inc.  
Here is how I can help:**

**Sign me up to volunteer:**

- Mentor (Cultivating Hope Program)
- Horse Handler (Cultivating Hope Program)
- Camp Volunteer
- Special Events
- Other (please list): \_\_\_\_\_

Please mark above, then complete the name & address portion below or visit [www.memorylanefarm.org/volunteer](http://www.memorylanefarm.org/volunteer)

**I'm happy to donate - use my donation for:**

- Use it where it is needed the most
- Scholarships for programs

**Payment Method:**

- A check payable to Memory Lane Farm Inc. or MLF for \$\_\_\_\_\_

Donations may be sent to: Memory Lane Farm, Inc.,  
8640 Heritage Drive, Marshfield WI 54449

- Donations may also be made online at [www.memorylanefarm.org](http://www.memorylanefarm.org)

**Please make my donation a gift:**

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**Upcoming July Fun**

-Monday-Thursday, July 11-14 -  
Acres of Fun Farm Foster Care  
Camp (Week #1)

-Monday-Thursday, July 18-21 -  
Acres of Fun Farm Foster Care  
Camp (Week #2)

-Monday, July 18 - Spencer Kids  
Group Visit (Volunteers needed)

-Thursday, July 21 - Spencer Kids  
Group Visit (Volunteer Needed)



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