



FLOURISH

summer camp

the big March, 2017

Hello from DreamAcres Farm!

Congratulations. If you are reading this letter, then you have a place in **Flourish Summer Camp 2017!** The session is **July 15 to 22 on DreamAcres Farm.** Great! Glad to have you along for an always-adventurous ride.

We are beginning to shake the winter off the farm: waking to sunlight, often alarmed by sheets of snow resounding on the ground after inching gingerly down the warming roof. Everything wakes up for a sweet moment... before being blanketed again by snow. This is the Minnesota that we love. And we love it as much in the summer, in the sweltering heat of July, when you campers free-range through field and stream, taking inspiration from place and leaving big signs of growing life. As usual, we have a talented and eager staff of artists, farmers, and interns to make the week inventive, fulfilling and surprising for us all.

In this packet, you will find a **payment form, a packing list, an idea prep sheet, and an idea card.** The payment form should be filled out immediately and returned, especially if you would like to be considered for scholarship funds. The idea prep sheet, being paper, should be the perfect fuel for your creative fire: take time to ponder its suggestions before you fill out the response card. We use these cards to get to know you a little better and to help us in assigning you an appropriate mentor for the week. The packing list is yours to keep.

Not included in the packet, but more important than anything else, is your **health form.** This can be found on the website and downloaded. Please submit health forms by July 1. We cannot involve you in camp without health forms on file.

Camp officially begins on **Saturday, July 15 between 3pm and 4pm,** but we do welcome families to come early for staff performances on **Friday, July 14 at 8:30pm,** following DreamAcres' public pizza night. These spontaneous and quite playful examples of site-specific performance give participants an introduction to a variety of possibilities for their own work, and they are a nice way to introduce staff. BUT, because we have no staff available during Saturday's morning planning time, we need to ask that families find off-farm housing for Friday night (Forestville State Park is great!) and remain with campers until the official beginning of camp. If you miss Friday night, campers will have a chance to see these same pieces during camp.

The most important performance opportunity to note is the final day of camp, **Saturday, July 22 at 3pm.** All student pieces will be performed this day. Some students will elect to also present their pieces in the evening on **Friday, July 21 at 8pm.** It is worth stating that the farm in the evening can be truly magical. So, parents might consider attending both Friday night's and Saturday's events at end of the session for different experiences.

Flourish is a unique week of cultural and agricultural immersion. Campers should come prepared to move and to get dirty. Please plan to arrive at DreamAcres Farm (directions on website) between 3pm and 4pm on July 15, 2017. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to email or to call.

Looking forward to your artistry in our field –

Sincerely,

Eva Barr, Flourish Camp Director



FLOURISH Payment Form

This form confirms that _____ is registered for:

Flourish Summer Camp: cost Cost \$600.00. Camp Dates: _____.

\$525.00 – Early bird rate valid until April 1.

Account Balance

\$100 deposit received. Thank you!

\$_____ scholarship awarded.

Scholarship request received and under consideration. Notification by _____.

\$_____ is due on your account.

This amount is payable to Flourish Summer Camp by _____.

Please submit payment to the address below.

FLOURISH Scholarship / Financial Aid Form

We endeavor to make Flourish affordable to all. Scholarships and/or financial aid are available on a need-based, first-come, first-served basis. Please check one of the following, and return this form as soon as possible.

Scholarship desired. The maximum amount my family is able to pay is \$_____.

Payment plan desired. (Please submit a proposed payment schedule that works with your budget

Scholarship awards will be made by _____.

FLOURISH Directions to Flourish at DreamAcres

From the Northwest (Rochester):

Take Highway 63 South to Highway 16. Travel East on Highway 16 into Spring Valley. One block south of the Kwik Trip take a left on Farmer Street. (This road turns into County Road 8). Take County Road 8 for 6 miles until the pavement turns to gravel. Continue down the steep hill to the farm situated on your left just before a big bridge. The farm is located 1 mile past Good Earth Village.

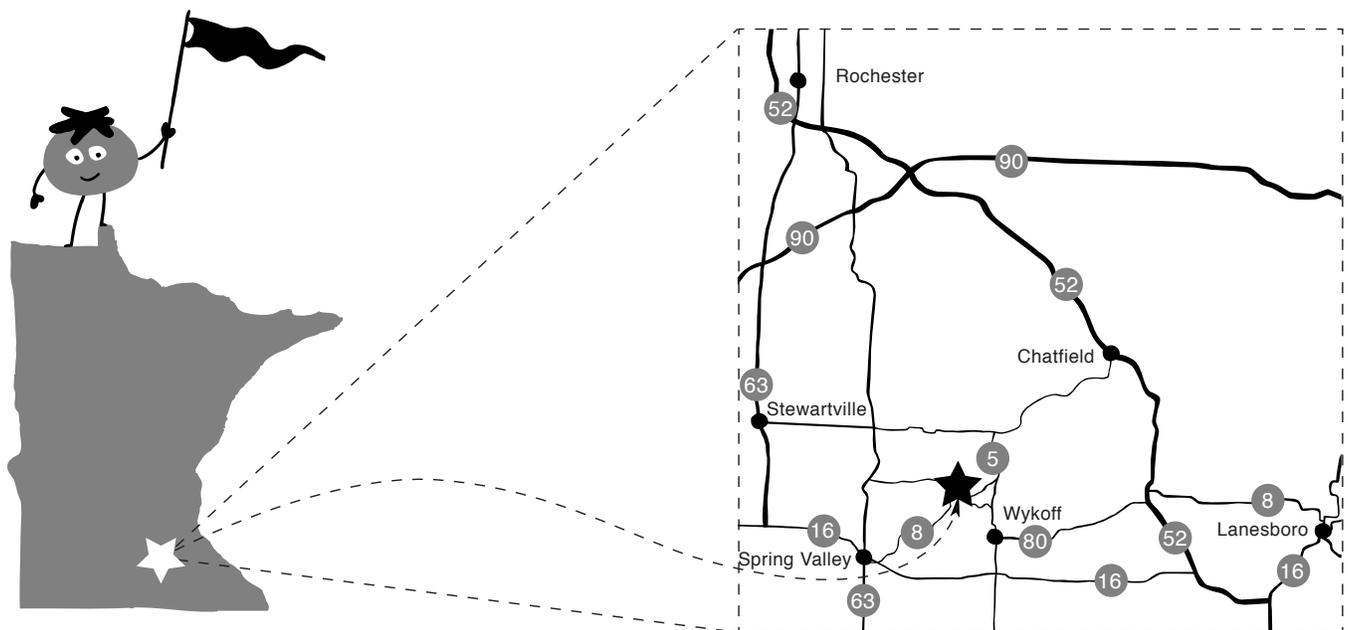
From the East (Lanesboro):

Travel straight West on County Road 8. In Fountain, County 8 briefly joins Highway 52 North. Stay with County Road 8 / County Highway 8. The road takes a couple jogs in Filmore. Take a left at the T intersection after Filmore. County Road 8 briefly joins with Highway 5. Take the next left and follow County Road 8. Cross two bridges. The farm is located on the right just after the second bridge

From the South:

Take Highway 63 North to Highway 16 Travel East on Highway 16 into Spring Valley. 1 block North of the Subway take a left on Farmer Street. (This road turns into County Road 8). Take County Road 8 for 6 miles until the pavement turns to gravel. Continue down the steep hill to the farm situated on your left just before a big bridge. The farm is located 1 mile past Good Earth Village.

Tip: If using Google Maps, try searching for 'County Hwy 8, instead of 'County Road 8'.





FLOURISH Packing List

- Comfortable clothing for one week, including: shorts, long pants, t-shirts and sweatshirts
- Shoes for all terrains, including rocky steams and prickly grass
- Swimsuit
- Towel(s) and washcloths
- Personal toiletries (please try to use soaps that are biodegradable)
- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray
- Flashlight and batteries
- Medications
- Sleeping bag, pillow, pillow cases (sheets, mattress cover and/or camping pad may be desired)
- Notebook and writing instruments
- Musical instruments, favorite books or poems
- Favorite music/CD's and personal music-playing/recording device
- Stationery and stamps
- Anything else that inspires you!



FLOURISH Idea Card Prep Sheet

Warning: Do Not Be Scared of This Part!

What is the purpose of this card?

We use this card to tell us a few things. First, we get an idea of how you begin to broach a subject. This helps us understand a little about your work process, which helps us then pair you up well with a mentor. Your mentor is the professional artist that will work closely with you as you prepare an original performance piece. Next, we get to know a bit about what interests you, and what art form(s) might attract you most. This also helps with the mentor pairing, and can also make the director aware of materials or other resources she might want to have available to support your work.

What do I write?

Great question! You may already have a solid idea of some subject matter for a performance piece. If so, you are ahead of the game: write it down, send the card off, and go ride your bike. If not, you are not alone. We have some suggestions to get your creative juices flowing.

We like to suggest that you brainstorm the things that are important to you right now, make a list even. Then, think about things you have always liked: fictional characters, foods, pets, friends, music. Make a list of them, or draw picture including as many as you can. Now, add your dreams into the mix: what things are playing on your subconscious? And then consider one big question that you would ask a prophet if you had a chance. Now, go through your lists, and see if any themes emerge, or if any one subject jumps out at you. This is all you need for a starting point for our work at Flourish. Go ahead and write it, and we will go from there.

REMEMBER!

This is only a starting point, and you can always rethink it before you get to the farm. We use these as much to give us an idea about you and what makes you tick, as to determine what kind of work relationship may suit you best.

HAVE FUN WITH THIS!!!!