

GEORGE JONES MEMORIAL FARM

2026 Catalogue of Events

📍 George Jones Memorial Farm - 44333 OH-511 Oberlin, OH 44074





Welcome

Hi there!

Join us for another year of learning, exploration, and play at City Fresh's George Jones Memorial Farm! Home to farmers, students, naturalists, and our farm box program, there's so much here to do and discover. We have free and ticketed events, and all proceeds will directly support GJF and City Fresh, ensuring our ability to continue to grow and provide fresh, local veggies for all!

We can't wait to see you!

Peace and veggies!

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City Fresh



2026 FARM EVENTS



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Monthly Musts

April



Saturday April 11th | 10AM-2PM
Maple Sugar Camp (Suggested Donation)

Friday, April 24th | 5:30PM-6PM
Guided Hike (Suggested Donation)

May

Sunday, May 10th | 5:30PM-6PM
Mothers Day Birding Hike (Suggested Donation)



Saturday, May 23rd | 2PM-6PM
GJF Plant Sale (Free-plants priced individually)

June

Friday, June 5th | 12PM-1PM
Farm Tour (Suggested Donation)



Saturday, June 6th | 10AM-2PM
Spring Community Volunteer Day (Free)

Friday, June 12th | 5PM-7PM
Workshop: DIY Lanternfly Traps (\$25/person)

Saturday, June 20th | 2PM-4PM
Workshop: Foundations of Fermentation (\$35/person)

Wednesday, June 25th | 10AM-12PM
Farm Lab: Owl Pellet Dissection (\$15/person)

Friday, June 26th | 12PM-1PM
Farm Tour (Suggested Donation)

July

Thursday, July 2nd | 5:30PM-6PM
Guided Hike (Suggested Donation)

Saturday, July 11th | 10AM-2PM
Workshop: Foraged Fiber and Dye (\$25/Person)

Wednesday, July 15th | 3PM-3PM
Farm Lab: Fresh Water Fishing (\$15/person)



Saturday, July 25th | 2PM-5PM
Monarch Emergence Party (Suggested Donation)

Thursday, July 30th | 5:30PM-6PM
Guided Hike (Suggested Donation)

August

Wednesday, August 5th | 10AM-12PM
Farm Lab: Forests and Forts (\$10/person)

Thursday, August 13th | 5:30PM-6PM
Guided Hike (Suggested Donation)

Thursday, August 20th | 5:30PM-6PM
Guided Hike (Suggested Donation)



Friday, August 28th | 3PM-6PM
Salsa Party (Suggested Donation)

September

Wednesday, September 2nd | 4PM-5:30PM
Farm Labs: Flowers, Herbs, and Pollinators (\$15/person)

Thursday, September 10th | 5:30PM-6PM
Guided Hike (Suggested Donation)



Saturday, September 19th | 2PM-6PM
Fall Equinox Frolic (Suggested Donation)

Thursday, September 24th | 5:30PM-6PM
Guided Hike (Suggested Donation)

Saturday, September 26th | 2PM-4PM
Workshop: Seed Saving from the Garden (\$25/person)

October

Tuesday, October 6th | 5:30PM-6PM
NEOEA Day Guided Hike (Suggested Donation)



Saturday, October 10th | 10AM-2PM
Fall Community Volunteer Day (Free)

Friday, October 16th | 5PM-7PM
Workshop: Hot Sauce and Ristra Making (\$35/person)

Recurring Volunteer Opportunities

Every Friday | 12PM-5PM (March - October)

Farm Fridays

MONTHLY MUSTS



Relax and Enjoy the Farm!

Maple Sugar Camp | Saturday, April 11th, 10AM-2PM

Learn how this seasonal treat is made from native maple trees! Spend the day searching for signs of spring in the woods, wetlands, and across the GJF farm, then learn how to tap trees and turn sap into syrup. Wrap up by relaxing by the fire.

Age Range: All Ages

Cost: Suggested Donation

GJF Plant Sale | Saturday, May 23rd, 2PM-6PM

*Join us for our third annual plant sale! Shop vendors from the New Farmer Incubator and George Jones Farm, swap seeds and plants, and exchange gently used tools. Explore the farm, browse our gardening library, and connect with local growers and neighbors. **Cash preferred, no ATM on site***

Age Range: All Ages

Cost: Free to attend - plants priced individually

Spring Community Volunteer Day | Saturday, June 6th, 10AM-2PM

Planting season is here! Join us on the farm to dig in, connect with community, and get ready for the season ahead. Projects will vary by weather, group size, and ability. Come ready to get dirty, work up a sweat, and leave with a sense of accomplishment!

Age Range: All Ages

Cost: Free

Interested in running an event in our space? Reach out to emma@cityfresh.org and we can discuss what you're envisioning and how we can partner to make it happen!





Monthly Musts Continued...

Monarch Emergence Party | Saturday, July 25th, 2PM-5PM

Release monarchs into the world! Learn the science behind butterflies, pollination, and migration. Make butterfly-themed crafts, enjoy observing these beautiful and important insects, and explore other pollinators in the area.

Age Range: All Ages, with activities geared toward kids

Cost: Suggested Donation

Salsa Party | Friday, August 28th, 3PM-6PM

Join us for a salsa competition and party! Celebrate the diversity of summer's favorite fruit by entering your favorite salsa recipe, casting your vote for the best salsa, learning to dance salsa, enjoying salsa music by the fire, and picking up a recipe or two. Contest entry is encouraged but not required.

Age Range: All Ages

Cost: Free with contest entry, otherwise suggested donation

Fall Community Volunteer Day | Saturday, October 10th, 10AM-2PM

As the season winds down, help us prep the farm for winter! Join us to dig in, connect with the community, and get the farm ready for its winter rest. Projects will vary by weather, group size, and ability. Come ready to get dirty, work up a sweat, and leave with a sense of accomplishment!

Age Range: All Ages

Cost: Free

Fall Equinox Frolic | Saturday, September 19th, 2PM-6PM

Celebrate the changing season at our Fall Equinox Frolic! Reflect on the year, enjoy the last rays of summer, and look forward to the harvest ahead. Frolic in the fields, craft together, enjoy snacks and a bonfire, or explore the wetlands and woods to learn about native flora and fauna.

Age Range: All ages; limited activities for kids under 12

Cost: Suggested Donation

GUIDED HIKES AND EXPLORATION



Our guided hiking series has something for everyone! These hikes will venture out beyond our learning garden and farm to explore the wetlands, woods, and hidden worlds that surround us. These hikes explore new topics throughout the season, so even if you've joined before, you'll learn something new as the land changes.

Guided Naturalist Hikes

Join us for guided hikes across the George Jones Farm, home to diverse biomes, plants, fungi, and wildlife. Each hike covers new topics, so sign up for the full series to keep learning. Expect a brisk pace, possible off-trail routes, and discussions on environmental issues affecting our farm, watershed, and community. Come prepared with proper footwear and layers for up to 3 miles. Hikes run rain or shine and are canceled only for severe weather.

Age Range: These hikes are geared towards those 12+

Cost: Suggested Donation

Time: Unless otherwise noted, all hikes will run 5:30PM-6:00PM

Dates:

- Friday, April 24th
- Sunday, May 10th
- Thursday, July 2nd
- Thursday, July 30th
- Thursday, August 13th
- Thursday, September 10th
- Thursday, September 24th
- Tuesday, October 6th

FARM TOURS



Our farm tours offer a chance to explore the land, learn our history, and see our work firsthand. Whether you're curious about what we do, interested in volunteering, or just wondering about the farm you pass on your daily commute, this is a great way to get to know us.

George Jones Farm Tours

Join us to learn the history of George Jones Farm, our organization, and our growing projects. We'll cover topics like permaculture, regenerative and organic agriculture, and the farming community in Ohio. Whether you're considering volunteering or just curious, these tours offer a great introduction to the farm and our work. **Expect to walk up to 1 mile. Tours run rain or shine and are canceled only for severe weather. Wear weather-appropriate clothing; closed-toe shoes recommended.**

Age Range: All Ages

Cost: Suggested Donation

Time: 12PM-1PM, unless otherwise noted

Dates:

- Friday, June 5th
- Friday, June 26th

*Interested in scheduling a tour of the farm?
Reach out to emma@cityfresh.org to learn more.*

FARM LABS



Bring your family to the farm to explore the science behind the natural world and how food is grown. These farm labs dive into farming, gardening, and ecosystems through hands-on learning and a brief guided tour. Geared toward children and families, they're a fun way to better understand what's happening in your garden, home, and beyond.

Owl Pellet Dissection | Wednesday, June 24th, 10AM-12PM

Owls, hawks, and other birds of prey play an important role in Ohio's ecosystem and on our farm. Join farmer and naturalist Emma to explore Ohio's owls, learn about their unique digestion, and dissect your own owl pellet. We'll identify owl habitats, share tips for spotting owls at home, and discover what they've been eating.

Age Range: Family Friendly, 8+

Cost: \$15/person

Pre-Registration: Required. Registration closes 24 hours before event starts.

Fresh Water Fishing | Wednesday, July 15th, 3PM-6PM

This event introduces kids to fishing, pond and wetland ecosystems, and how fishing helps us understand the landscape. Come ready to get wet, wade into the ponds, learn to tie knots, and identify the fish, insects, and other critters around us.

Participants will leave with new skills and a fish field guide to keep exploring (limit 1 per household). This is a catch-and-release event. Some poles will be available, but feel free to bring your own. Fly and bobber fishing welcome. No watercraft allowed.

Fishing at GJF is limited to participants 16 and under. Those 16+ are welcome to attend and share their knowledge.

Age Range: Family Friendly

Cost: \$15/person

Pre-Registration: Encouraged but not required.



FARM LABS



Farm Labs Continued...

Farm Lab: Forests and Forts | Wednesday, August 5th, 10AM-12PM

Explore the woods with us to learn how animals live and survive while building your own forts and shelters. Along the way, we'll identify helpful plants and discuss survival skills. Proceeds from this Farm Lab support our conservation work and STEM education.

Age Range: Family Friendly

Cost: \$10/person

Pre-Registration: Required. Registration closes 24 hours before event starts.

Flowers, Herbs, and Pollinators | Wednesday, September 22nd, 4PM-5:30PM

As the season comes to a close, it's time to look back and appreciate what's been grown in our garden, and observe as our hardest workers on the farm, pollinating insects, prepare for the winter. In this farm lab, we'll explore plants and pollinators under the microscope, and discover preservation techniques to keep what we grow around. From flower pressings, to slide preparations, bees to butterflies, there's so much to be explored and saved at the farm.

Age Range: Family Friendly

Cost: \$15/person

Pre-Registration: Required. Registration closes 24 hours before event starts.

WORKSHOPS



Come learn new skills or refine old ones at George Jones Farm! These workshops will include a learning portion, and a hands on activity, and all will come with a take home component.

DIY Lanternfly Traps | Friday, June 12th, 5PM-7PM

Have you started to see the Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) around? These invasive critters are in Ohio, and can cause major damage to our native plants and agriculture. This workshop will teach you how to make your very own SLF trap with materials you probably already have lying around. We'll also discuss the ecology of invasive species, take a short hike to learn to ID invasive flora and fauna, and strategize how to remove invasive species at home.

Age Range: 12+

Cost: \$25/person

Pre-Registration: Required. Registration closes 24 hours before event starts.

Foundations of Fermentation | June 20th, 2PM-4PM

If you've been interested in learning the basics of fermentation, how it works, and taking a swing at making your own funky and fizzy beverages, this workshop is for you! We'll discuss how exactly fermentation works, and you'll get to try your hand at making mead, ginger beer, or kombucha! Take home all the knowledge, skills, and tools you need to start your own fermentation station, and a bottle or two of your very own creation.

Only guests 21+ will have the option of making mead.

Age Range: 12+

Cost: \$35/person

Pre-Registration: Required. Registration closes 24 hours before event starts.

WORKSHOPS



Workshops continued...

Foraged Fiber and Dye | Saturday, July 11th, 10AM-2PM

Learn about local fiber and dye plants, including how to find, identify, and responsibly harvest native species. Spend the day taking a guided hike exploring the natural history of plants and animals used in textile production throughout our region's history, and try your hand at processing some of your own fiber! You'll leave with new skills, handmade crafts, and plenty of inspiration. We'll cover the basics of cordage making, natural dyes, Eco-printing, and other ways to create practical and artful items from materials around us.

Age Range: 12+

Cost: \$25/person

Pre-Registration: Required. Registration closes 24 hours before event starts.

Seed Saving from the Garden | Saturday, September 26th, 2PM-4PM

*Join us on the farm to learn how to harvest, save, and store your seeds for next season! We'll learn both wet and dry seed saving from garden veggies, and how to properly label, store, and germination test them. We'll also walk through the GJF wetlands, and learn how to responsibly find and harvest native seeds. All participants will take home a variety of seeds. **Dress prepared for walking throughout farm and fields.***

Age Range: 12+

Cost: \$25/person

Pre-Registration: Required. Registration closes 24 hours before event starts.

Hot Sauce and Ristra Making | Friday, October 1th, 5PM-7PM

We've been growing peppers from all around the globe this season, and its time to transform them. In this workshop we'll explore options for saving and utilizing the fruits of your harvest beyond the growing season. Try your hand at making your own hot sauce with fresh peppers and utilizing local vinegars, crush fresh pepper flakes, and string useful and beautiful ristras to dry your peppers on. We'll also discuss safely harvesting and handling hot peppers, plus learn the history of this crop and how to grow it next season.

Age Range: 12+

Cost: \$25/person

Pre-Registration: Required. Registration closes 24 hours before event starts.



OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED



Volunteer With Us!

There are three main ways to join the GJF farm crew for volunteer opportunities:

Farm Fridays

This farm doesn't run itself! Every Friday, volunteers come to GJF to work on a variety of projects in our learning garden, production hoop houses, and grounds. From planting and weeding, to maintenance and carpentry, there's always something to be done. Every Friday from noon to 5:00pm, May-October.

Corporate or Group Volunteering

Does your workplace offer paid volunteer hours? Is your organizations looking for ways to give back to the community? Or do you have a club, team, religious group, or just a bunch of friends looking to do a specific activity all together? Reach out to emma@cityfresh.org for groups of 6 people or more, and we'll help organize a meaningful day of service with you!

For volunteer registration and details on how to get involved please visit cityfresh.org/volunteer-gjf/

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The New Farmer Incubator

The New Farmer Incubator Program seeks to bridge the gaps created by historical barriers to land access by offering aspiring farmers the resources, mentorship, and support they need to succeed.

The program partners addresses challenges of isolation, the need to build hyperlocal ecological knowledge, and systemic obstacles to launching sustainable farming businesses in an environment that has deeply challenged even the most experienced small farmers.

City Fresh is partnering with academic and community leaders to ensure farmer success by sharing agricultural land and resources, an established distribution network, and above-market purchasing for farm produce.

Some of the resources NFI Participants have access to are:

- Irrigation systems to ensure efficient water management.
- A walk-in cooler for post-harvest handling.
- Tools for farming operations.
- Technical assistance for resource access and planning.
- Opportunities for farm volunteers.
- Established wholesale relationships, market access, and a robust customer base through City Fresh's distribution network.
- And more!

GEORGE JONES FARM PARKING MAP

Enter from OH-511 and follow
the driveway in

You'll pass the New Farmer
Incubator plots along the way,
feel free to take in all the hard
work that's gone into them this
season!

Feel free to park in any of the
yellow boxed in areas!

All events, programs, and
volunteer activities meet at
the Strawbale House,
marked with a star.



