

NATURALIST PROGRAMS

SPECIAL EVENTS

TARTAN DAY SCOTTISH FAIR*

10am-5pm, Saturday, April 10

East Bay Scottish Association & Interpretive Staff



Celebrate Tartan Day and join in the pageantry as Scottish folk from all over the area gather their clans and celebrate their heritage. Enjoy bagpipe bands, highland dancing, traditional Scottish food, and historic re-enactments. There will also be Clan Society exhibits and a special Children's Glenn where they can partake in Highland games, arts & crafts, story telling and maybe even find fairies. **Fee: \$8/adults. \$6/seniors (62+), \$5/children (4-17 yrs.), 3 yrs. & under free.**

SHEEP SHEARING DAY*

11am-3pm, Sunday, April 18

Karen Lesico & Christina Garcia

Spring has sprung and it is time for our sheep's annual "haircut". Watch as the farm's sheep get sheared; then, try your hand at wool carding and see the transformation from fiber to yarn at the spinning wheel. Kids will enjoy stories about sheep and making their own wooly lamb to take home.



TODDLER TIME*

11-11:30am, Tuesdays

Put on your rain boots and bring the tiny tots out for an exciting, and maybe wet, morning at the farm. Each day we'll meet and learn all about a new animal friend through stories, chores and fun. Meet at the Granary. (1-4 years)

April 13 – Goats

April 20 – Sheep

April 27 – Chickens

May 4 – Pigs



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PROGRAM SCHEDULE ONGOING PROGRAMS

BLACKSMITHING DEMONSTRATIONS*

10am-4pm
Every Thursday, Friday and Sunday &
Saturday, April 3, 10, 17 and 24
Scott Thomas

With a forge and anvil, a trained "smith" could make or repair the tools and equipment necessary on a bustling farm. Stop by and see our blacksmith heat iron over his fire and shape it on the anvil.

RIDE THE RAILS-TRAIN RIDES*

Various Times
Every Thursday, Friday and Sunday
S.P.C.R.R. (Ardenwood's Railroad)
Railroads once connected many of the farms with towns in the East Bay. Today they still run around the farm. Journey past rows of crops and through eucalyptus groves as you travel back in time. Check the daily schedule and meet the train at Ardenwood Station or Deer Park.

PATTERSON HOUSE TOURS*

Various Times
Every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday
Patterson House Docents
Tour the beautifully restored Patterson House Museum. Discover the history of this 19 room Queen Anne Victorian farm house, listed on the National Register of Historic Places and operated as a museum of local history, and Victorian life. Tours are lead by docents, dressed in 19th century clothing, and take about 45 minutes. Check for tickets at the Train Station upon your arrival. Special 15 minute tours for children 6 and under tour offered Thursday and Fridays at 2:30pm, Saturday and Sunday at 11:00am.

COUNTRY KITCHEN COOKING*

10:30am-2pm
Every Sunday
Interpretive Staff
Enjoy the flavor of the past with treats cooked on our wood burning stove. Sample food grown on the farm and discover the history of your favorite old-time snacks.

AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm
Every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday
Interpretive Staff
Check for eggs and bring hay to the livestock. Learn all the animals' favorite foods as we help tuck them in for the evening. Meet at the Chicken Coop.

WEEKENDS IN APRIL

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

FARM CHORES FOR KIDS*

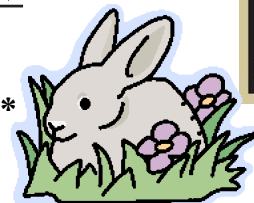
10:30-11am
Interpretive Staff
There's always work to do on a farm. Stop by and help us with the morning chores. Discover how much fun it can be to crack corn for feed, check the coop for eggs, feed the animals their morning snack or weed the vegetable garden. Working on the farm can be fun for the whole family! Meet at the Barn.

GREENHOUSE BASICS*

11am-12:30pm
Matt Holmes
Come learn the basics about this gardener's best friend. Learn sensible arrangements for your greenhouse and cheap alternatives that can give you the desired results. Meet at the Granary.



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ROPE MAKING*

1-1:30pm
Interpretive Staff
Rope making was (and still is!) an essential tool for farms and farm workers. Come learn the basics with our quick tutorial. Meet at the Barn.

HAY HOIST

1:30-2pm
Interpretive Staff
Come lend a hand with the Hay Hoist! Partake in this classic farmyard chore and learn about leverage, timing, and working smarter to beat the weather. Meet at the Barn.



MEET OUR GLORIOUS GOATS*

2-3pm
Matt Holmes
Goats are friends, co-workers and important on the farm. Come learn some fun facts about our herd of goats and their long time partnership with people. Meet at the Barn.

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Interpretive Staff
See description on page 2.
Meet at the Chicken Coop.

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

COUNTRY KITCHEN COOKIN'*

10:30am-2pm
Interpretive Staff
Please see description on page 2.

EASTER BONNET*

10:30am-Noon
Christina Garcia
Celebrate the return of spring by crafting yourself a glorious Easter bonnet to wear in our parade later today. Meet in the Farmyard.



MEET THE BUNNIES*

11:30am-Noon
Interpretive Staff
They're furry and fuzzy and full of fun! Hop on over to the hay circle to meet the farm's rabbits. Discover their bunny ways and learn about their wild cousins.

EASTER PARADE*

12:30-1pm
Christina Garcia
Show off your Easter bonnet in a parade around the farmyard. A farm animal or two will surely join in for a wild time! Meet at the Granary.

WHICH CAME FIRST?*

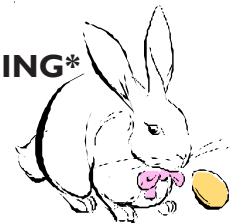
1-1:30pm
Interpretive Staff
Blue, green, brown, - our hens lay gorgeous, colored eggs. Compare their hues, get up-close to these fowl friends and ponder the age-old question - which came first? Meet at the Chicken Coop.

SEARCH FOR THE GOLDEN EGG

2-3pm
Christina Garcia
Listen for clues to help you find the lucky golden egg when you hear the bell clanging. The finder gets to keep it but everyone will share in the prize. Meet in the Farmyard.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 11

COUNTRY KITCHEN COOKIN'*

10:30am-2pm

Interpretive Staff

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LITTLE LAMBS*

11am-Noon

Christina Garcia

Little lambs are frolicking on the farm! Come see our babies play, feed their moms a snack, and learn about wonderful wool.



PITCHIN' IN ON THE FARM*

Noon-1pm

Interpretive Staff

Let your little farmer lend a hand feeding the animals and collecting eggs from the hen house. They may be surprised how fun "pitchin' in" can be. Meet at the Barn.

BIG BUTTER BATTLE*

1:30-2:30pm

Christina Garcia

Ready, set, churn! Learn how butter is made. Join a team to see who can make this dairy delight the fastest; then taste it on warm bread.

AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 2.

Meet at the Chicken Coop.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

CHECKING OUT THE CHICKENS*

10:30-11am

Interpretive Staff

They cluck, they cackle and "cook-a-doodle-doo". Join us at the Chicken Coop and get to know the farm's fowl, check for eggs and treat them to a morning snack.

EARTH DAY IN THE HEIRLOOM GARDEN*

11am-12:30pm

interpretive Staff

We'll be turning compost, preparing the garden beds and planting some of the same vegetables grown 100 years ago. Lend a hand and have some fun! Meet in the Heirloom Garden.

EARTH DAY SEED PLANTING*

1-2pm

Gina Bacigalupi

Start off Earth Day right by planting organic seeds in a biodegradable pot made out of cow manure! When you get home, plant the seeds and pot in your garden.

AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING*

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Meet at the Chicken Coop.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18 SPECIAL EVENT

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SATURDAY, APRIL 24

SPRING BIRD WALK & COUNT

8:30-10am

Ira Bletz

Calling all bird watchers- beginners to advanced! Help us find, survey and tally the farm's wild birds. This wildlife island is filled with many different species from hawks to sparrows.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 25

WAKE UP THE FARM*

10:30-11am

Interpretive Staff

Chickens and goats, sheep and pigs, the farm animals all start their day early. Join us as we visit them, say "hello" and give them their morning snack. Meet at the Granary.

VICTORIAN TABLE TOP GAMES*

11am-Noon

Interpretive Staff

Ready for some old-fashioned fun? Challenge your family and friends to a game of pick-up-sticks, tops, or jacks as you delve into our box of games from days gone by. Meet at the Granary.

PLANTING IN THE VEGETABLE GARDEN*

12:30-1:30pm

Ira Bletz

Let's get some seeds in the ground! Join us to plant and tend some heirloom vegetables. Our efforts will result in a bountiful summer harvest. Take some seeds home too. Meet in the Heirloom Garden.

OLD-FASHIONED GAMES

1:30-2:30pm

Interpretive Staff

Leave your modern amusements behind and try some old-fashioned fun!! Hop like a bunny in a sack race, fly like a peacock during a potato spoon race, and test your balance on stilts. Meet in the Farmyard.

AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm

Interpretive Staff

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Meet at the Chicken Coop.



COUNTRY KITCHEN COOKIN'*

10:30am-2pm

Interpretive Staff

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CORN PLANTING

11am-Noon

Christina Garcia

Use antique equipment as you help plant the corn crop. Prepare the seed with the sheller and fanning mill, then try your skill with a corn planter in the field.

BARNYARD BUDDIES*

Noon-1pm

Interpretive Staff

Enjoy a visit with all your favorite barnyard pals. Feed the goats a snack, pet a bunny, greet the heifers and tickle a chicken (if you dare). Meet by the Barn.

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ARDENWOOD FARM DOCENTS

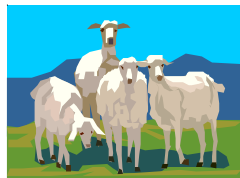
Christina Garcia

Want to share your enthusiasm for history with others? We're looking for people who want to learn to cook on a wood stove, teach about farm animals, work with antique farm machinery and demonstrate historic crafts such as spinning and rope-making. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to dress in period costume and help create a friendly, welcoming atmosphere for visiting school children and families. Training will be on Tuesday mornings in April and May. Call (510) 544-3282 or e-mail CGarcia@ebparks.org for details.

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April Weekend Programs at a Glance



Saturday

April 3

Farm Chores For Kids – 10:30-11am
Greenhouse Basics – 11am-12:30pm
Rope Making – 1-1:30pm
Hay Hoist – 1:30-2pm
Meet Our Glorious Goats – 2-3pm
Afternoon Animal Feeding – 3-3:30pm



Sunday

April 4

Country Kitchen Cookin' – 10:30am-2pm
Easter Bonnet – 10:30am-Noon
Meet the Bunnies – 11:30am-Noon
Easter Parade – 12:30-1pm
Which Came First? – 1-1:30pm
Search for the Golden Egg – 2-3pm
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April 17

Checking Out the Chickens – 10:30-11am
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Earth Day Seed Planting – 1-2pm
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April 18

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April 24

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Accommodations will be made for visitors with disabilities upon request. For assistance call (510) 544-2797 or e-mail awvisit@ebparks.org.

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Ardenwood is open Tuesday - Sunday from 10am-4pm. House tours are available by reservation only (call 510-791-4196). Food service, blacksmithing demonstrations and train rides will return in April. Admission fees apply. For program and fee info: (510) 544-2797, awvisit@ebparks.org or www.ebparks.org.



* = wheelchair accessible