# ARDENWOOD HISTORIC FARM NATURALIST PROGRAMS

## JANUARY 2024

All programs meet at the Farmyard unless otherwise noted.

## 2024 SPECIAL EVENTS

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<td>Haunted Rail</td>
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<td>Christmas Splendor at the Patterson House</td>
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**Park Hours:**
Tuesday-Sunday, 10am-4pm

Closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day

Open Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day

**Entry Fees:**
- $4/adults (18+ years)
- $3/seniors (62+ years)
- $2/children (4-17 years)
- Under 4 years-free

**Accessibility:**
The majority of facilities in Ardenwood are wheelchair accessible, including restroom facilities.

**Contact Us**
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont, CA 94555
Phone: (510) 544-2797
E-mail: awvisit@ebparks.org

**Program Key**
- Wheelchair accessible
- Online registration ebparksonline.com
- HPHP Healthy Parks Healthy People programs offer low impact exercise.
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ON GOING PROGRAM

ANIMAL FEEDING 
3pm, Thursday through Sunday
Check for eggs and feed the livestock. Learn all the animals’ favorite foods as we help tuck them in for the evening. Meet at the Granary.

INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

FARM CHORES FOR KIDS 
10:30-11am
Running a farm is hard work. But it’s fun too! Lend a hand cracking corn and feeding the animals. You’ll check the chickens and help with other morning chores.

WONDERFUL WOOL 
11:30am-12:30pm
Come check out our fluffy fleece and learn how we can transform sheep’s special fur into wooly wonders.

VICTORIAN TABLETOP GAMES 
1:30-2:30pm
Ready for some old-fashioned fun? Challenge your family and friends to a game of ball and cup, tops, or Jacob’s Ladder as you delve into our box of games from days-gone-by.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

MEET THE CHICKENS 
10:30-11am
Check out our coop full of chickens! Discover why they like to roam around the farmyard and scratch and peck at the ground while you feed them a little snack.

WILD THINGS
11:30am-12:30pm
Many wild animals live here at the farm but aren’t often seen. Explore the farm to learn a bit about these elusive creatures and look for the clues that they leave behind.

EAGLE WATCH
1:30-2:30pm
Visit a couple of Bald Eagle nesting sites at the farm to check for signs of occupancy this season. Learn some fascinating facts about these majestic raptors as we look for recent activity.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

WAKE UP THE FARM 
10:30-11am
Rise and shine little farmers! Say “Good morning!” to the sheep and goats and lend a hand as we prepare a morning snack for the farm animals.
CONT., SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

CLOTHESPIN DOLLS
11:30am-12:30pm
Create and dress up your own darling doll. We’ll make them out of clothespins just the way they did more than 100 years ago.

LEARN THE ROPES
1:30-2pm
Learn how a few twists and turns on our antique machine makes rope making a cinch.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

BIRDS OF THE FARM
8-9:30am
The farm provides valuable habitat for fall migratory birds. Let’s explore the gardens, forests, and fields looking for these delightful visitors. No admission fee.

FARM CHORES FOR KIDS
10:30-11am
See description on page 2.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

SIMPLE MACHINES
Noon-1pm
Machines make our work easier and more productive, both on the farm and in our everyday lives. Come learn about the six types of simple machines and try them out for yourself!

MYSTERIOUS MONARCHS
1:30-2:30pm
Ardenwood’s eucalyptus grove is one of the historic overwintering sites used by monarch butterflies along the California coast. Meet at the Greenhouse to explore this special place and see if any of these mysterious insects are in residence this season.

MAKE A SEED BALL
11:30am-12:30pm
Learn how you can help pollinators by making a seed ball out of soil and clay to plant wildflowers at home.
CONT., SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

RABBIT RENDEZVOUS
2-2:30pm
Hop on over for a warm welcome from some of the farm’s furriest residents. Learn why rabbits are great hoppers and how they use their long ears to sense danger.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

MEET THE CHICKENS
10:30-11am
See description on page 2.

CANDLE DIPPING
11:30am-12:30pm
Victorians used candles to light up their dark homes and celebrate festive occasions. Learn the traditional Victorian art of beeswax candle making and make your own candle to take home.

EAGLE WATCH
1:30-2:30pm
See description on page 2.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

STORY TIME
10:30-11am
Gather ‘round to read stories about fun farm friends. Vote for which story you want to hear next. Audience participation encouraged.

CLOTHESPIN DOLLS
11:30am-12:30pm
See description on page 3.

VICTORIAN TABLETOP GAMES
1:30-2:30pm
See description on page 2.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

FARM CHORES FOR KIDS
10:30-11am
See description on page 2.

WILD THINGS
11:30am-12:30pm
See description on page 2.
CONT., SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

A FUNGUS AMONG US
1:30-2:30pm
From truffles and yeast to ringworm and toadstools, fungus is all around us. Explore the farm looking for examples of these life forms and learn more about their importance in our world.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

FARM CHORES FOR KIDS
10:30-11am
See description on page 2.

MAKE A SEED BALL
11:30am-12:30pm
See description on page 3.

LEARN THE ROPES
1:30-2pm
See description on page 3.

TODDLER TIME
10:30-11:45am, Wednesday
Bring the tots out for an exciting morning at the farm. Hear a story, do some chores, and meet some farm friends. Little ones will enjoy a variety of activities at their own pace. We’ll meet rain or shine!

March 6
March 20
April 3
April 17