



# Down on the Farm

Fall Edition 2024 Newsletter



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## Upcoming Events and Activities

Highlighted here are major upcoming events at Kinder Farm Park over the next few months. Visit the Friends’ 12 Month Calendar on our website to see all the happenings at Kinder Farm Park.

### Visit the Kinder Farmhouse Museum

The Kinder Family Farmhouse will be open on the following dates:

- Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024, *Decorated for the Holidays* 10:30 AM-3:00 PM
- Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024, *Decorated for the Holidays* 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- The Kinder Farmhouse Museum is closed during January.

Historical Society docents help guide you through the house to learn about the Kinder family and the farmland that sustained them. There is no charge to tour the house.

## Pop-up Hayrides

Come join us for the last Pop-up Hayride of the year through the wooded trails at Kinder Farm Park on Saturday, November 16, 2024.

The cost is \$5 per person (cash only) and children 3 and under are free. The first hayride departs from in front of the Visitors Center around 10:00 AM and continues about every half-hour until 12:30 PM (see flyer on page 11).

## Jingle Bell Hayride

Start the Holidays off right and come join us on Saturday, December 7, 2024, from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM for our annual Jingle Bell Hayride. Enjoy a festive hayride, snacks, hot chocolate, hot apple cider, roasted marshmallows, a visit from the Jolly Old Elf himself and more! All participants must preregister and pay online, for details see the flyer on page 13 of this newsletter.

## From the President's Desk

Another busy, productive year at Kinder Farm Park is drawing to a close.

We just had a successful Fall Festival; weather was perfect and everyone both volunteers and guests, had a great time. We tried a new electronic ticketing and check-in system that was very easy and successful.

Our next event is the Jingle Bell Hayride. If interested, please buy your tickets early because the event sells out fast! We are visited by Mr. and Mrs. Claus who arrive on the sleigh, and there is a fire pit with marshmallows to roast. Of course there is hot cider, hot chocolate and goodies bags! Our animals join in the fun wearing their holiday finery.

I hope as the park activities slow down for the winter months, enjoy a quite walk through our trails.

*Barbara Buchleitner*

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## Jingle Bell Hayride Volunteers Needed!

The success of our annual Jingle Bell Hayride depends on our volunteers, and we need quite a few to help:

- On Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, with decorating the wagons and pavilions (8 volunteers),
- On Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> the day of the event, with:
  - Loading and unloading hayride wagons (6 volunteers),
  - Handing out goodie bags and keeping beverages stocked for patrons (3 volunteers),
  - Handing out sticks and marshmallows (2 volunteers),
  - Fire Safety watch (1 volunteer).

Volunteer hours are re from 9:30 AM until 1:30 PM. Volunteers must be at least in the seventh

grade and up to an adult. For more information and to volunteer visit our website at:

[www.kinderfarmpark.org/volunteer.html](http://www.kinderfarmpark.org/volunteer.html)

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## The 72nd Annual Anne Arundel County Fair

By Elsie Hoy, Aviva Krauson, and James Monahan, Kinder Farm Park 4H Livestock Club members

Since 1952, the Anne Arundel County Fair has been held every September. The fair is a celebration of the history of agriculture and animal husbandry in the county. It is a chance to teach the community about raising livestock. It's an opportunity for people to show off their traditional skills in baking, sewing, preserving, drawing, painting, and lots more. People from around the county come to see the displays, activities, and animals. The fair is an opportunity for all of Anne Arundel County to be a community and have fun together.

The fair is run by volunteers and groups like 4-H help out to make the fair run smoothly. The Kinder Farm Park 4-H Livestock Club has been helping out at the fair for 20 years. 4-Hers help set up the fairgrounds and take care of the animals and barns during fair week. During fair week we participate in livestock shows for the chance to win awards and an auction where the 4-Hers auction their animals to lucky buyers.

The poultry show was on Wednesday, September 11th, at the Anne Arundel County Fair. Mr. Paul was the judge. He looked over each chicken in the open category. Many people won ribbons for a variety of birds including the best-in-show grand champion, a beautiful Cochin hen.

Later, there was the 4-H fitting and showing where we brought our chickens to the showing table, and we answered the questions he asked about our animals. This was more about your performance and knowledge about the chicken.

Also, on Wednesday, after the chicken show was the turkey open show for this the judge also went around to judge the animals and then we took our turkeys to the showing table to let him judge them

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## ...County Fair (Cont.)

but this time we were not asked questions for the turkey fitting and showing. Everyone got ribbons for their animals and the chicken and turkey champions were awarded trophies. The poultry show was a lot of fun and everyone did amazing!

Another exciting part of the fair is the livestock shows. We show animals from small to big - rabbits, goats, sheep, pigs and even cows! Every 4-H person has to show their animals, but there are open shows too, and anyone can bring their animal (provided it is checked by a veterinarian and cleared to come)!

There's a lot of work to get your animal ready before you can go into the ring. They have to be washed numerous times. Their hair or wool needs to be trimmed and brushed. Their hooves need to be clipped. When it's time, it's so fun to show each animal. We work with our animals almost every day for many months so that they will be used to walking around a ring and getting stopped and moved around.



*4-Hers showing their sheep at the fair*

Showing sheep is done without even a halter on them - you build up so much trust with your animal throughout the year that they walk with you through the ring without a lead attached. Showing a pig is fun too because you use a little pig whip that gently moves them to one side or the other.

Thursday evening of the fair was the goat show followed by the steer show, Friday evening was the pig show, Saturday morning was the sheep show, and Sunday had both the dairy goat and dairy cow shows.



*Showing pigs at the fair*

On Saturday evening, September 14<sup>th</sup>, was the livestock auction where one by one we brought our animals in the ring and showed them to bidders both in person and online hoping someone would bid for your animal. But before this we hosted the auction dinner where you went around introducing ourselves to potential buyers, talking about your animals that you were auctioning and asking the bidders what they were interested in.

After the dinner we started the auction, first up were goats, and steer, the auction baskets by other clubs, then pigs, lambs, and lastly turkeys. While the auction was taking place the people auctioning their animals were supporting those inside the ring by cheering for them. The 2024 livestock auction was very successful, and everyone did an amazing job!

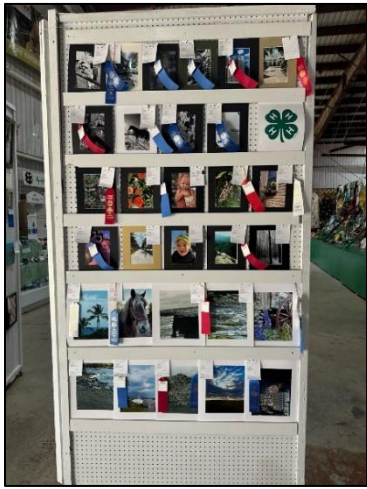
One of the neatest things at the fair is the indoor exhibits. There are so many different displays. You can submit almost anything from produce to baked goods to textiles to floral displays to art to crafts and so much more.

You don't have to be in 4-H either to submit something. Anyone can submit an indoor exhibit. There are three classes: youth, teen, and adult. It's really fun to earn ribbons and money for your submissions. It's a real joy to walk through the exhibit hall and see all the blue and red ribbons on everyone's hard work and creativity. You can save up all of your artwork over the year and pick the best to put in the fair. There are hundreds of categories... Entering is free, and easy! Start

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## ...County Fair (Cont.)

thinking about your entries for next year now!



*4H photo display at the fair*

In addition to the livestock shows and indoor exhibits, 4-Hers participated in a number of skills contests and events. There was a shooting contest with bows and arrows. There were poultry and dairy judging contests where 4-Hers had to answer questions based on their knowledge of animal science. There was a cake walk auction where 4-Hers baked and decorated cakes for judging and prizes.

And that's not all. The County Fair also had live music, a petting zoo, carnival rides and games, local vendors, and delicious food for everyone in the community to get together and have a great time.

The 72nd annual Anne Arundel County Fair was another successful event for Kinder Farm Park 4-H. All the 4-Hers learned a lot this year and had a ton of fun. Many of our 4-Hers won champion awards and prize money for their hard work. The 4-Hers spend all year raising their animals and completing their projects for fair week and have a lot of work to do for it. Everyone who participated in the fair this year did a great job on their animal projects and indoor exhibits. Soon, Kinder Farm Park will get their new baby animals to start raising for next year. And we can't wait for another productive and successful year.



*4-Hers at the county fair*

## Scarecrow Making Class

by Karen Haghighi, FoKFP Vice President



The Friends of Kinder Farm Park kicked off the Fall season on Saturday, September 28, 2024, with a Scarecrow Making Class. This was the first scarecrow making event of this type to be offered at Kinder Farm Park. So we were extremely happy when we nearly sold out all three classes.

The scenery was perfect, with picnic tables set under a large tent in the Tobacco Barn field. Leaves were just beginning to fall from surrounding trees and there was minimal wind. All the supplies participants needed to make a man-size scarecrow were available: pants, shirts, face parts, bandannas, and plenty of straw. Participants were able to customize their scarecrow by choosing from a large selection of accessories including glittery hats, scarves, clip-on corsages, ties and fabric to make suspenders and pocket squares.

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## Scarecrow Making Class

Event leader Karen Haghghi demonstrated how to make a scarecrow while Chris Mowry, Jim Rausch, and Barbara Buchleitner assisted guests, giving hands-on instruction. Everyone completed their scarecrow within the one-hour class period and had time at the end for pictures. And from the pictures you can see adults had as much fun as children making their scarecrow. This just may become an annual event at Kinder Farm Park.



## Note of Appreciation

By Diane Rausch, Historical Society Chair

Special thanks to John and Linda Emmerich for volunteering to assist in gardening needs around the farmhouse.

John spent an entire morning on "his knees" digging and repairing the foundation under the Farmhouse information board.



We ask visitors to avoid walking on the border underneath the signage.

We greatly appreciate these mammoth efforts by volunteers around Kinder Farm Park.

## Letter From the Anne Arundel County 4H Foundation



*The following letter of appreciation was recently received by the Friends in recognition of members of the Kinder Farm Park Tractor Club.*

August 21, 2024

Mr. Kirk Platt  
 Friends of Kinder Farm Park  
 1001 Kinder Farm Park Road  
 Millersville, MD 21108

Dear Mr. Platt,

The Anne Arundel County 4-H Foundation, Inc. would like to thank you and the Friends of Kinder Farm Park for your support during our annual county-wide 4-H Cookout held on August 16th (rain date) at the River Birch Pavilion.

We are so grateful to you for organizing the tractor/hayrides for both our originally scheduled date on August 9th and for being flexible when we had to reschedule to our rain date on August 16th. The hayrides are always a big hit with our 4-H members and families!

We also want to thank both Mr. John E. Walker for volunteering to drive the tractor and his wife, Heather, for helping us set up. We especially want to thank Mr. Walker for being so accommodating to one of our youth family members with a disability. They were so excited to be able to go on their very first hayride!

As a small token of our appreciation, the 4-H Foundation is donating \$100.00 to the Friends of Kinder Farm Park to help defray a portion of your tractor fuel costs.

The cookout was a big success, and it wouldn't have been possible without you and the Walkers.'

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## Letter From ... 4H Foundation (Cont.)

Thanks again for your ongoing support of the 4-H Foundation and our county 4-H program and we look forward to working with you at future events at Kinder Farm Park.

Sincerely,

Mary J. Thomas

Secretary

Anne Arundel County 4-H Foundation, Inc.

## Volunteer Spotlight

by Karen Haghighi, FoKFP Vice President

In this issue of *Down on the Farm* we are spotlighting volunteers Linda (left) and Lindsay (right) Palarino.



If you've been to Kinder Farm Park (KFP) in recent months you may have noticed how several of the gardens in the park have been restored. Three gardens in particular have been brought back to life with a thorough weeding and new plants. The credit for all this beautification goes to the hard-working mother and daughter team, Linda and Lindsay Palarino.

The Palarino's first contacted the Friends of Kinder Farm Park (FoKFP) in April 2024. They reached out to us using the Friend's email address [contact@kinderfarmpark.org](mailto:contact@kinderfarmpark.org).

"My daughter and I are looking to volunteer at Kinder. We both have enjoyed being able to use the park's amenities and would enjoy making it an even lovelier place to enjoy. We are both adults and are strong, diligent workers so we are willing to do anything from harder projects to just simple weeding. Please let us know if you need this kind of help."

Linda and Lindsay have more than demonstrated their ability to be strong, diligent workers. They have collectively clocked in over 100 volunteer hours.

For their first project, they took on a section of a larger garden that had fallen into disrepair.

Following the advice of Master Gardener Deb Fritz, who volunteers with the KFP Apprentice Garden Program, Lindsay and Linda carefully removed the tangled mess of weeds from the garden. The plan was to restore the garden, making it maintenance free by planting native, drought tolerant plants.

After devoting over 55 volunteer hours to this project, working through the heat of the summer, the garden was restored. In recognition for all their hard work, the FoKFP asked the Palarino's if they would like to name the garden. They chose "Pals Patch". Lindsay explained the reason for the name.

"We suggest Pals Patch as the name! It ties into the name of your organization (Friends) and it's almost our last name (Palarino)!"

Lindsay and Linda went on to beautify the median garden at the front entrance to the park. They hauled away weeds, planted iris bulbs and asters, and carried in wood chips to bring this garden back to life.

They took on a third project in early September. Just in time for Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance, the Palarino's cleared and restored the 9/11 Memorial Garden. The Memorial Garden was first established by a Girl Scout Troop but had been neglected over the years. Lindsay shared her enthusiasm about the work they did.

"Mom and I decided to tackle the Girl Scouts 9/11 Memorial area!! It looks incredible! We are packing up and doing one final compost run to close out the day."

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## Volunteer Spotlight (Cont.)



*9/11 Garden area before*

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*9/11 Garden area after*

Thank you, Lindsay and Linda, for your commitment to Pals Patch and the other gardens at Kinder. Your giving has been recognized by park staff, the Friends of Kinder Farm Park and the community. We are grateful that you chose Kinder Farm Park to give of your time. And we are thrilled that you will be back.

“I can reassure you that we will be back continuously returning to maintain Pals Patch, the front entrance, as well as the memorial! We love doing this, so it is no trouble to keep helping out with existing project or new ones!!” Lindsay and Linda Palarino

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## Sawmill Happenings

Greetings once again from the volunteers at the Kinder Farm Park Sawmill! The sawmill has been buzzing through this past spring and summer, cutting some historic wood and making some new improvements.

The group of volunteers has been growing in recent weeks. Since we last wrote, we’ve had new volunteers: Cody, Tim, Bob, Tom Two and Tom Three joined us. Cody is 18 years old and has

earned the nickname Forklift Cody. Can anyone figure out how he got that name? Tom Two joined us and is a long-time member of the Anne Arundel County Antique Tractor Club. His mechanical skills are second to none and he’s now the official saw sharpener!

About the mill: The mill at KFP is typical of the kind of mill that would be transported to a farm and set up so the farmer could utilize the trees that were cut down when clearing the land for farming. Typically, the wood from the trees would be used by the farmer to build barns, sheds, fencing, and even homes.

The mill at Kinder Farm Park has not been moved for many years, nor will it be moved, and as a result it can be modified to function better, safer and more accurately. Often there are challenges with maintenance and repairs that none of us have experienced previously. Fortunately, unlike when the saw was first manufactured, there is the internet, and there are other sawyers around that can often give advice on a particular issue.

About the wood: The mill typically gets wood from around the county as some of the arborists or volunteers in the area will bring logs they have felled to the park. The wood is then used for fencing and siding around the park and elsewhere. We had a piece of the Linden Oak, that was in Rock Creek Park and is estimated to be over 300 years old. A cypress tree was donated, that had been on an old plantation in the southern part of the county for over 90 years. If you have an interesting tree that has potential for a memorable repurposing, let us know, and have your arborist bring it to the park.

About the blades: The mill has two saw blades; one is 46" and one 52". These saws have removable teeth, that are sharpened regularly and replaced as needed. There is a real science to sharpening these teeth, as we found out when it was done incorrectly, and the saw cut horribly wrong.

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## Sawmill Happenings (Cont.)

We also learned how the blade gets "tuned" so it runs true. The blade is actually cupped slightly, and then once it is spinning, it straightens out! It is amazing the engineering that is evident in the equipment, and how the designers many years ago figured out how to do these things.

We've switched out the carbide bits (the cutting teeth on the saw blade) to high-speed steel. This is a strong metal that can be sharpened by hand. Every week or two, depending upon how much dirt and mud we saw, Tom Two manually sharpens the bits with a file. The saw literally sings through logs now! I am not sure I've ever seen this saw cut so straight and so fast before. As an added benefit, the saw blade runs cooler, and the engine requires less horsepower. The gas consumption likely decreased too.



*Forklift Cody sawing with the new laser system*

About making boards: Every Wednesday, usually about 9:00 AM, the volunteers saw logs into lumber. We're always looking for logs such as Black Walnut, Cherry, locust or white oak. White oak is the Maryland State Tree. While we won't cut down your trees, we can sometimes pick up and transport logs to the park. Earlier this year we drove down to Prince Frederick Maryland and snagged a cypress tree that Annapolis Tree Service donated. I'm not sure that we've ever made cypress boards before! Stop by to watch us at work, and if you are interested, become a volunteer.

About innovations: As some of you may recall, last year we spent considerable time and effort working

to make our vintage sawmill run correctly. We're not done, but recently we've made some fantastic improvements to the sawmill. The first really awesome improvement is a "log turner". If you ever watch us saw logs, we have to turn the logs manually to make the next cut. A 17-foot-long red oak log that is 30-inch diameter weighs almost 5,000 pounds! Traditionally they were rolled manually with tools called "cant hooks". Turning a 5,000-pound log requires a lot of effort, so we installed a log rolling winch. One end has a hook on it, and the other attaches to a wooden beam. The experts now are Matt and Alan who make turning logs look easy. It's certainly a lot less work and much safer than having a bunch of geezers with bad backs trying to turn the logs. Now with the push of a button, and the repositioning of the hook that grabs the log, two people can roll a log safely and with much less effort. The volunteers love that improvement!



*Matt and Cody rolling a big log with the new log rolling winch and a cant hook*

And now onto a more modern improvement... A recent addition included a laser that is mounted above the rail and carriage. The laser is aligned with the saw blade and shows exactly where on the log the next cut will be. Traditionally one of the sawmill team would help the sawyer align the log with the blade, and this is still done, but the laser helps to confirm the alignment and has been a really neat addition.

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## Sawmill Happenings (Cont.)

About safety: Several years ago, we installed safety stop switches on the sawmill so that anyone could turn off the engine if a piece of wood jammed or the sawdust conveyor stopped. Usually the sawyer will do this, but some of our sawyers don't have eyes in the back of their heads so they don't always see everything. Now, the folks doing the log turning, the off-loading of lumber and the sawyer can all stop the sawmill if they notice a snag.

So, I hope you are all wondering, how is the sawmill running? Absolutely GREAT! Please stop on by any Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM and say hello!



Wayne sawing a cypress log donated by Annapolis Tree Service

## Support Kinder Farm Park – Join the Friends Now!

By Jim Rausch, Membership Chair

One of the best ways to support our unique Park is by joining the Friends in 2025. Your dues go directly to Kinder Farm Park in a variety of ways, including supporting the many programs, projects, and fun family events that make Kinder a wonderful place to spend time. To join the Friends of Kinder Farm Park, simply:

1. Visit our website at [www.kinderfarmpark.org](http://www.kinderfarmpark.org)
2. Select **Support**
3. Then select **Join** and follow the instructions to join online or by mail

In December the Friends will send out its annual membership renewal letter urging all of our current members – Friends of Kinder Farm Park – to renew their memberships for 2025. Membership costs will remain the same again next year –just \$20 for individuals and \$35 for families.

If you become a new member or renew your membership before December 31, 2024, you will be eligible to win a free 2025 park pass for all of the County Parks including Ft Smallwood, Downs, Quiet Waters and Kinder Farm Park. We urge you to renew membership early to save us the time and expense of sending subsequent renewal reminders during 2025.

Membership entitles you to free hayride passes, local merchant discounts, the quarterly newsletter, and above all, the knowledge that you are supporting Kinder Farm Park. Renewing your membership is most important because it demonstrates to county leaders just how much public support there is for our wonderful park and its Friends group which supports the Park through numerous fundraising activities, fun family events, and many educational programs and projects.



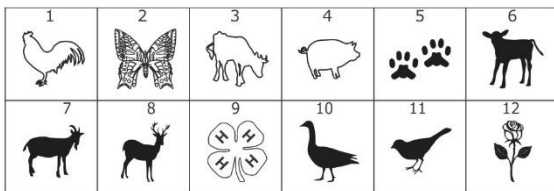
So, when you receive your renewal notice later this year, please renew and do it early! In the meantime, enjoy the Park and all it has to offer!

## Be a Part of Kinder Farm Park, Buy a Brick!

By Debby Hartten, FoKFP Brick Program Lead

These bricks create a lasting mark on the park and help support the Friends of Kinder Farm Park's efforts.

Bricks are placed outside of the Visitors Center and come in two different 4"x8" brick colors. In addition to a commemorative message, clipart can be added. We just added two new clipart options, including the 4-H logo and paw prints (commemorate a brick to a furry friend who has enjoyed walking at Kinder Farm Park!)



*Brick clipart selections.*

For over two decades, families have been enjoying Kinder Farm Park events. Why not celebrate or commemorate these times with our "buy a brick" opportunity?

We are currently preparing to place an order so that brick purchases can be shared as a holiday gift message, so purchase one by Nov. 7 and your order will be included in our shipment that should arrive in January and placed as soon as we are able thereafter.

Visit our Lasting Gifts Program on the Friends of Kinder Park website to purchase your brick any time of year, or by Nov. 7 if you want to share this holiday season gift with someone you know.

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## Some Final Thoughts for 2024

By Mike Lowman, Editor and FoKFP Board Member

When mother nature has cooperated this year has been good for our events and activities at the park:

- Our Easter Egg Hunt last spring, though windy and a bit drizzly, was certainly enjoyed by all.

- The Kinder Farmhouse was open every second Saturday of the month, rain or shine and the Friends' Historical Society enjoyed guiding visitors every month.
- The Pop-up Hayrides offered once a month, April through November, by the Kinder Park Tractor Club are well attended.
- The farm animals at the park were well cared for by the Farm Livestock and Learning Program group and the Kinder Farm 4-H Livestock group.
- We had a perfect day recently for our Fall Festival. It was well attended, and everyone had a great time!

All of these events and activities could not happen if it were not for the dedicated volunteers who are Friends members that spend hours planning and overseeing them; the volunteers from the community that step up to help during the events and activities; and the Kinder Farm Park staff that support all these efforts.

On behalf of the Friends of Kinder Farm Park Officers and Board Members, it gives me great pleasure to wish everyone:



# JOIN US FOR A HAYRIDE

**On Sat., Nov. 16, 2024**

**\$5/person (cash only)**

**Children age 3 and  
under are free**



- Ticket sales for the hayrides will be in front of the Visitors Center
- Hayrides will start every half-hour from 10:00 AM until 12:30 PM
- Friends of Kinder Farm Park members may use their free hayride tickets

**Gate Fees Still Apply**

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# Jingle Bell Hayride

## Saturday, December 7, 2024

**Come join in the Holiday Fun from  
10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, at Kinder Farm Park!**

**Enjoy a festive hayride, snacks, warm drinks,  
roasted marshmallows, visit the holiday decorated  
Kinder Farmhouse and much more!**

**Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive around  
10:00 AM and depart around 1:00 PM.**

- General Admission is \$15.00 per person plus a small processing fee.
- **Members can use their 'FoKFP Free Hayride tickets' to receive a \$5 discount code when they preregister.**
- Children 2 and under are free but may be asked to ride on accompanying adult's lap.
- **All Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.**

**All participants must pre-register online at [www.kinderfarmpark.org](http://www.kinderfarmpark.org) by Dec. 5, 2024, or until all hayrides are sold out, whichever happens first. Hayrides are scheduled every half-hour from 10:00 AM until 12:30 PM**

**Gate Fees Apply**



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# A little mouse told me to visit the Kinder Farmhouse During the Holidays

**Saturday, December 7, 2024**

**10:30 AM – 3:00 PM**

**Saturday, December 14, 2024**

**11:00 AM – 3:00 PM**



The Friends of Kinder Farm Park Historical Society invite you to step back in time and visit the Kinder Farmhouse Museum during the holidays. The Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland will adorn the farmhouse with decorations for the Holidays and our docents will tell you about Henry and Hilda Kinder and their eight children who called the farmhouse their home.

Admission to the farmhouse is free; however, park gate fees still apply.

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# The Friends of Kinder Farm Park

# 2024 Life in the Park

# Photo Competition



**Categories:**

**Fauna, Flora, Landscapes and People**

**Prizes:**

**Grand Prize** to best overall entry \$100

**1<sup>st</sup> place in each category** a choice of \$50 or an engraved Celebration Wheatfield Brick (a \$100 value)

**2<sup>nd</sup> place in each category** a choice of \$25 or an engraved Celebration Admiral Red Brick (a \$75 value)

**Deadline:**

**February 28, 2025**

- Photos must be taken on/or after March 1, 2024, within the boundaries of Kinder Farm Park and reflect aspects of the beauty and/or life in the park
- A panel of judges will select winning photos from each category, and winners will be notified by email or phone
- For competition rules and entry instructions see the back of this flyer



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## RULES AND ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

1. The categories for this photo competition are **Flora** (flowers, trees, plants, etc.); **Fauna** (all animals including fishes, birds, insects, etc.); **Landscape**; and **People** in Kinder Farm Park.
2. Photos must be taken within the boundaries of Kinder Farm Park between March 1, 2024, and February 28, 2025.
3. Participants may submit up to a total of four photos in the competition, in any of the categories, either in color or black and white.
  - All photographs must be in digital format (preferably in JPG), although they need not be taken with a digital cameras. Scans are acceptable so long as they meet the requirements of these rules.
  - Cell phone photos are acceptable.
4. This competition is intended to encourage amateur photography, contest entries will not be accepted from professional photographers.
5. All entries must be original work and must not have been previously published. Participants must be the sole owner of copyright in all photos entered and must have obtained permission of any people featured in the entries.
6. **Each entry must be accompanied by the following information:**
  - **The photographer's** (parent/guardian's contact info is acceptable if photographer's name and age are identified):
    - **Name and address**
    - **Telephone number**
    - **Email address**
  - **Photograph title**
  - **A description of where and the date the photo was taken**
  - **The category in which each photograph is being entered (only one category per photo)**
  - **Notes:**
    - Entries will be returned if they lack any of the above requested information.
    - Personal details will only be used for the purpose of administering the competition
    - and will not be published or provided to any third party without your permission.
7. Entries must be emailed to **photocontest@kinderfarmpark.org** with the subject line of **"2024 Life in the Park Photo Contest."**
8. **All entries must be received by February 28, 2025.**
9. The Grand Prize-winning photo will be ineligible for additional prizes in the category in which it was entered.
10. No entries can be returned, and proof of posting is not proof of receipt. The organizers accept no responsibility for entries lost, damaged, or delayed in the post.
11. All entries will be judged by a panel of judges who will select the best photographs in each category. The judges' decision will be final, and no correspondence can be entered into.
12. By entering, participants will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these rules.
13. By entering the competition, entrants grant the right for The Friends of Kinder Farm Park to display the photographs at Kinder Farm Park; publish and exhibit the submitted photographs in print and on the Friends of Kinder Farm Park website.
14. Prize winners will be invited to attend a Friends Meeting to receive their prizes, if unable to attend, the winners will be asked to pick up their prize at the Visitors Center.

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Our Silver and Bronze Sponsors provide continuing support with their donations. The businesses listed on the next page have either donated their services to the Friends or offer a discount on your purchases with your Friends of Kinder Farm Park membership card.

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## Business Community Support (Cont.)

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## Winter 2025 Newsletter Articles

This newsletter is made up of articles about the happenings at Kinder Farm Park, the following information is provided to people wishing to submit articles for the Winter 2025 edition of *Down on the Farm*:

**1<sup>st</sup> Call for Articles: December 16, 2024**

**Article Deadline: January 20, 2025**

**Scheduled to be Published: February 3, 2025**

**Email Articles to: [mike\\_lowman@verizon.net](mailto:mike_lowman@verizon.net)**

Articles should be submitted in digital format (preferably Word or plain text) and photos in JPEG (jpg) format.

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