



Lutheran High School Northwest Interim Program Description April 2 – 5, 2024

LUTHERAN **NORTHWEST**

Michigan Farm Experience

Description: Wolcott Mill Farm Center, a 250-acre working, educational farm located in Ray, Michigan is part of the Huron-Clinton Metroparks System. It is the home of a small herd of dairy cows, sheep, goats, horses, and numerous domestic birds.

For three consecutive days, students will get hands-on experience handling, feeding, and caring for these animals. They will also learn the ins and outs of how to present agricultural programs to the public for their interest and enjoyment. Students will be paired up and supervised by Wolcott Mill Farm Center staff. They may even get a chance to milk a cow!

This class is for students who have a genuine interest in learning about agriculture in general, and farm animal care specifically.

The first 3 mornings will be spent at Wolcott Mill Farm.

The fourth morning will be spent at the Wolcott Mill Historic Center, just down the road from the farm, or at the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm. (This is yet to be determined and other options may be explored.)

Timeframe: 9 AM to noon

Cost: proper attire (boots, raingear, gloves, and warm layers of clothing), a possible entry fee to attend museum, transportation costs, and lunch money

Leader: Mr. King

Days 1 through 3: rotational (2 students and 1 staff worker per area).

Areas include:

Small ruminants: (sheep, goats) & birds

Dairy herd: cows and calves: milking and feeding

Equine care: feeding, grooming, harnessing for wagon rides

Day 4: Yet to be determined