



## **News Release**

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### **FARM CAMPS, BOOK CLUB for KIDS, INTERNATIONAL EXPERT HOSTED AT FARM in OCTOBER** ***Volunteers and Donors Needed***

**Austin, TX, October 1, 2013** – New Farm Institute, Green Gate Farms' educational nonprofit organization, is pleased to announce a full month of fun and learning for all ages on the farm during October.

Infrastructure improvements begin this month and all are welcome to contribute their talents as we create more comfortable and shaded spaces for visitors and speakers. Volunteers, donors and designers can help with new construction, fundraising opportunities, and community building events.

**Kick-off Farm Redesign: Children's Garden and Open-Air Pavilion, Oct. 5, 9:30-1:00** - As a community-based farm, our goal is to host events, camps and fundraisers. Our neighbor and friend Patrice Mallard Design has created the perfect plan, one that depends upon an all-volunteer work team, to add such new features to our Children's Garden area as: tables, benches, walkways and shaded pavilion. Join us as we begin step one: construct tables and benches for the Children's Garden. **Donations of tools, materials, labor, cash are appreciated.**

#### **Transition Town Founder Rob Hopkins Here, Wed., Oct. 9, 6:30-8:30**

Learn about the East End EcoVillage Project/Transition Decker Lake and hear from internationally known visionary Rob Hopkins. See his blog, [www.transitionculture.org](http://www.transitionculture.org). To learn more, contact Karen Gifford, [817.721.0249](tel:817.721.0249)

**Plant Sale and Fall Gardening Workshop, October 5 (Saturday), 10pm-1pm (Plant Sale), 11am-12pm (Workshop).** Free Workshop with \$20 purchase of plants. Unsold plants are donated to local schools; contact us if you are interested in being one of those schools!



## October Events Include:

**Monthly Farmer Forum: “Funding for Small Organic Family Farms”**, Gather round the firepit on the Full Moon to discuss local farming issues, October 18 (Friday), 6pm-8pm. \$5 per person, suggested donation.

**Family Farm Day(s)**, Help farmers feed the animals and do daily chores October 5 & 19 (Saturday) 10am-12pm, \$10 per person, sliding scale available.

**Farmer For A Day Camp**, Why spend your day off from school anywhere but the Farm. Campers enjoy time feeding animals, working in field, and participating in fun on farm activities. October 14 (Monday), 9am-3pm, \$85 per child, sliding scale available.

**Omnivores Dilemma Book Club for Middle/High Schoolers**, Students will read and discuss the Young Readers edition of Omnivores Dilemma for an hour and then apply their gained knowledge around the farm. Runs October 15-December 10 (Every Tuesday), 10am-12pm, \$100 per child, discounts for multiple children.

**Beekeeping for Kids, Austin Honey**, Come learn more about bees and beekeeping with the very knowledgeable Raul and Mark of Austin Honey, Co. See a display hive up close, learn basics of bee behavior, and more! October 18 (Friday), 10am-12pm, \$\$\$ per child, registration through Austin Honey, Co.

**Food Day Fun with Independence Brewing and Greenling**, Join us for good food and good company! October 24 (Tuesday), Starts at 6pm, tickets available through...

**Pickling Workshop**, Dinner Lab’s Chef Brandon Byrd will teach you the basics of preserving your fall harvest through pickling. October 26 (Saturday), 12pm-2pm, \$\$\$ per person.



Mark your calendar:

- Keifer Making Workshop, Nov. 2
- Slow feast to Benefit Austin Discovery School, Nov. 2
- Carpentry Workshop, Nov. 9
- Moontower Community Agricultural Co-op Fundraiser and Farmer Olympics, Nov. 9
- Farm Camp for Adults, Nov. 10
- Creating The Farm of Your Dreams Workshop, Nov. 17

*New Farm Institute's (NFI) mission is to educate, assist and inspire a new generation of sustainable farmers in Central Texas. NFI's initiatives build upon the education and outreach efforts begun eight years ago by the founders of Green Gate Farms, a community-based, certified organic farm with locations in Austin and Bastrop, Texas.*

*New Farm Institute, a 501(c)3, provides farm-based education including: camps, workshops, and the first Incubator Farm in Texas. Comprised of farmers, citizens and community activists, NFI is dedicated to engaging people of all ages and abilities in healthy foods and sustainable farming. See: [www.newfarminstitute.org](http://www.newfarminstitute.org)*

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