



Hands-on food workshops: making chinese dumplings (top) and bread-baking in the adobe oven (bottom)

## CURRENT PROGRAMS

WORKSHOPS AND ECO-RACE AT HM FESTIVAL

UNIVERSITY COURSES - FACULTIES OF ENVIRONMENT AND ARCHITECTURE

PRAIRIE SCHOOL DIVISION PARTNERSHIP – DEVELOPMENT OF LEARNING RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS

YOUNG FARMER ENTERPRISE

RURAL-URBAN YOUTH EXCHANGES

YOUTH ACTIVIST RETREAT

UNIVERSITY OF MAN. KIDNETIC CAMP

A TIME FOR PRAIRIE WOMEN

(Visit [www.harvestmoonsociety.org](http://www.harvestmoonsociety.org) for more info)

## LEARNING ABOUT, IN, FOR AND BEYOND THE ENVIRONMENT

Our holistic approach to environmental education aims to provide a diversity of entry points to learn about sustainable agriculture, society, environment and the economy.



University course takes a tour of a grain farm

### ABOUT

Descriptive learning, typically in-class, that explores the art and science of the environment.

### IN

Farm visits, hikes in prairies and forests, and other hands-on learning "in" the environment.

### FOR

Combining individual actions "for" the environment with collective actions to affect meaningful change in our environment and our communities.

Characterized by workshops on community gardening, canning and preserving, riverbank restoration, seed saving, self care & opportunities for youth to network.

### BEYOND

By thinking "beyond" the environment, we recognize that it is only one of the many issues that confront humanity in the 21st Century. Others, including racism, poverty, and violence, are all linked to and aggravated by environmental decline. Characterized by workshops on local food initiatives, sweat lodges with Elders, urban-rural exchanges and activist retreats.



## EDUCATION FOR CHANGE

The Harvest Moon Society (HMS) is a not-for profit organization that envisions a world in which healthy land and communities are celebrated by all, leading to equitable food systems, a sense of place, and care for the environment now and in generations to come.

Our mission is to develop a learning center that works toward strengthening and building linkages between urban and rural areas, empowers communities through grassroots initiatives; while creating strategies and infrastructure to sustain community and environment.

# Education for Healthy Communities



Holiday workshops: home-made jewelry and natural body products



Visit to a market garden and discussion of regional food systems

## HMS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The HMS Education Committee is made up of urban and rural participants who are interested in developing a holistic program of education towards sustainability in Southwestern Manitoba. If you are interested in learning more or participating in our activities please contact Colin Anderson at [info@harvestmoonsociety.org](mailto:info@harvestmoonsociety.org).

The Harvest Moon Society (HMS) has established itself as a leader in community-based education and an important hub in a network of individuals and groups interested in sustaining healthy land and healthy communities. In 2007, HMS was awarded the Family Friendly Award from the Healthy Child Coalition – Central Region in recognition of our commitment to family-oriented programming and education. In 2007, HMS was also named “Environmental Group of the Year” by the Manitoba Eco-Network, and is widely recognized as being a leader in grassroots change toward sustainability in Manitoba. Therefore, the HMS itself serves as a strong role model for students and provides concrete examples of how to work toward sustainability, as well as a support network that has been shown to be essential to enduring collective action.

We have been developing education for sustainability that is accessible, fun and relevant to rural culture and traditions.



Cooking workshops with students and community members

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## OBJECTIVES - EDUCATION

- To develop a suite of educational programs for learners of all ages that is place-based and celebrates the knowledge and resources in our own backyard
- To provide education, training and mentorship programs with the express goal of strengthening knowledge base of communities and their ability to pass on this invaluable information
- To link urban and rural learners
- To celebrate rural culture and diversity



Classroom presentations on the Arctic and Biotechnology

## CONTACT US AT HMS FOR...

WORKSHOP FACILITATORS THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS FOR CLASS PRESENTATIONS FROM THE ARCTIC TO BIOTECHNOLOGY TO FOOD SYSTEMS

VISITS AND FIELD TRIPS TO THE HARVEST MOON LEARNING CENTRE FACILITIES

“LESSONS FROM THE LAND” INTERPRETIVE NATURE TRAIL

URBAN-RURAL NETWORK - WE CAN SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT YOUR RURAL INITIATIVE OR LEARNING EVENT.