



For additional information or would like to book an experiential learning field trip please contact the us at:

Harvest Moon Society

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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.

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.



Learning "In" The Environment

The Town of Clearwater and The Harvest Moon Society would like to welcome you and your students into their community to learn about:

**FOOD, AGRICULTURE,
COMMUNITY, THE
ENVIRONMENT AND MORE!**

Food And Farming - Experiential Learning Recipes

Clay Oven Bread-Baking

Local resident and bread making expert, Carol Guilford will inform students of the process used to make traditional bread. From grinding the flour, to kneading the dough and watching the bread bake in Clearwater's outdoor adobe clay oven, each student will enjoy participating *and eating* throughout this interactive, hands-on activity.



Guided Nature Walk

Students will experience nature firsthand as they leisurely walk on a scenic, meandering trail alongside the Cypress Creek. Throughout the session, a local guide will identify the flora and fauna that create this riparian ecosystem. Additionally, students will be able to collect and analyze aquatic organisms from the nearby creek.



Deruyck Organic Farm Tour

As you begin to hear more about the term *organic* in your local supermarket, have you ever wondered what type of processes and methods are used to create an organic product? This tour will take students to surrounding farms of Clearwater that grow organic produce and cereals. Farm owners will discuss the innovative methods used to create their high quality, chemical free crops.



Holistic Cattle Ranch Tour

Cattle Farming is increasingly characterized by the use of cutting edge technologies to maximize efficiency. Using a complimentary farm management system, many ranchers are explicitly embracing a triple bottom line approach that tends to the economic, social and environmental aspects of their life and farm operations. This tour will include a visit to a holistic ranch where students will learn about pasture ecosystems, native plant species and discover why modern technologies are most useful to farm families when applied within a holistic management framework.



Canning and Preserving Workshop

Beginning in the garden of the Harvest Moon Learning Center, students are instructed on the proper techniques of how to care for and pick their own fresh, local produce. Inside the kitchen, students will re-discover the art of canning and preserving while sharing stories with local residents about the history and importance of preparing their own food.



Guided Historical Walk

Take a leisurely walk throughout the town of Clearwater. Local, long time resident Roy McLaren will show students and tell the stories of our rural heritage. Areas visited include the Clearwater grain elevator, the railroad bridge and one of Manitoba's last standing railroad water towers! This trip will also include a visit to the local Clearwater Museum where a variety of traditional agricultural equipment is on display.



Costs

Our educational programming operates on a break-even basis and each field trip opportunity comes with associated costs. Generally, we suggest a \$50 honorarium for workshop / field trip facilitators plus the costs of supplies. Workshops generally last 2-3 hours and can be combined for a full day of activities. Many of the workshops are only available seasonally. For exact costs, or if you have any questions please contact: education@harvestmoonsociety.org

Other Possible Learning Activities

- Photographing Biodiversity
- Land-Use Role Playing Game
- Gardening
- Native Plant Identification
- Music Workshops
- Art and the Environment
- Participatory Video
- Wilderness Training
- Youth Activism