Basic Lottery Overview/Timeline

- **Monday, January 11, 2027** (10am EST) – Farm Camp 2027 Lottery opens and families rank and request their interested weeks
- **Friday, January 15, 2027** (3pm EST) - Lottery closes, no more applications accepted
- **Monday, January 25 to Friday, January 29th, 2027** – Families are notified of the weeks that are available to them; changes and cancellations accepted
- **Wednesday, February 3, 2027** – First round of non-refundable deposits pulled
- **Friday, February 5, 2027** – Enrollment opens for remaining spaces

Entrance in the lottery DOES NOT ensure a spot in Farm Camp.

FAQS

How do I sign up for the lottery?

Each family has the week window to enter their camper(s) in the lottery using the CampInTouch system. More details about the application process will be available closer to the open window. This system is also what families will use for payment, forms/documents, and all communication moving forward if their child is enrolled in camp.

Is camp still first come, first served?

The lottery is NOT first come, first served. All lottery entries have an equal chance of being chosen, so it does not matter when one applies within the window.

Farm Camp staff will randomly assign a lottery number to each family who enters the lottery and process the applications received within this window. **Families will be able to be awarded up to 3 weeks of camp per camper though 3 weeks is not guaranteed.**

Any remaining spots that were not filled during the lottery window will be available on a first come, first serve basis until all sessions are filled. Enrollment for these spots will open on Friday, February 5th.

Why did registration change?

We heard the feedback from our Farm Camp families and community members that the first come, first served model of registration was stressful and also presented challenges for those with multiple campers.The lottery was created to give families more time to apply, and so more families have the opportunity to experience Farm Camp.

Please be mindful that while these changes aim to enroll more families in Farm Camp, they also create significantly more work for our Farm Camp administration team. We appreciate your patience as we work through the first year of these changes.

What if I miss the lottery registration window?

We will NOT accept any lottery applications after the lottery closes on Friday, January 15th, 2027 at 3pm EST.

If you miss this window the remaining spots will open for enrollment on Friday, February 5th. These spots will be available to enroll on January 5th on a first come, first served basis.

What is the cost to enter the lottery?

There is no cost to enter the lottery. You will only be charged the 25% deposit for camp if you are awarded a spot.

How many weeks can my camper be enrolled in?
Campers may be enrolled in ***up to* 3 weeks** of Farm Camp, however, there is no guarantee you will receive that many. We will do our best to accommodate as many families as possible.

Can you guarantee siblings will be enrolled together?

Siblings will be given the same lottery number and placed in the same session *if space allows.*

Will you take friends into account during the registration process?

No, friend requests will not be considered during the registration process. The buddy request form for friends who receive the same week will be available in your CampInTouch account starting in February.

Can my camper be bumped into a different age group?

No. We organize our programs so campers within their respective age groups, based on their age at the time of programming. While your camper will be with their age group for parts of the day, they will also have time to participate in activities with other age groups throughout the day.

What happens if I get offered a spot that I no longer want?

Please request the weeks you actually foresee your camper being able to participate in.

Once you receive your lottery spot(s), you will have until **Monday, February 1st at 8am** to let us know you no longer want it. After that date, we will pull initial non-refundable deposits for your enrolled weeks.

What happens if I do not get the week(s) I requested in the lottery?

If you do not receive your desired week(s), you will be placed on the waitlist for that week and we will let you know as soon as anything opens up.