Snow Farm’s Art Retreat For Educators

Get ready for some time in the studio to reset, refocus and create! Please review the following information as you prepare for your visit. We look forward to hosting you for this special retreat. Also, please note:

- A Student Information Form and Liability Waiver is required for workshop participation. Please follow the link and submit your form online.
- Don’t forget to view your Workshop Overview & Student Supply List, which will be posted on the Registered Students page of our website at least one month prior to your workshop.
- Snow Farm is an approved MA Department of Education Professional Development Provider. Details are under the Art Retreat for Educators section of our website under Workshops: Special → Art Retreat for Educators.

Workshop Schedule

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*Open Studio Guidelines vary by studio. Specific guidelines are detailed in your Workshop Overview & Student Supply List.

** If you have an innovative curriculum or project that you would like to share, please submitting your idea through our RFP. Snow Farm will select two presenters. Details are on the Art Retreat for Educators section of our website, under Workshops: Special → Art Retreat for Educators. The deadline for submitting is March 1, 2020.

Arrival and Check-In

For Friday Arrivals: Check-in is in the Common Room between 2-6pm. Later arrivals should also head to the Common Room.
For Saturday Arrivals: Students can head straight to their studio for a 9am start, or check in with the On-site Coordinator in the Dining Hall between 8:15-8:45am for more information.

Meal Schedule and Meal Plans

- 8-8:45am Breakfast: Saturday - Tuesday
- 12:15-1pm Lunch: Saturday - Monday
- 6:15-7pm Dinner: Friday - Monday

Residential students: All meals are included for residential students.

Non-Residential Students: Day students wishing to eat meals on campus should purchase a meal package during registration.

Dining: The Snow Farm kitchen uses high quality all-natural ingredients to offer an array of nutritionally sound choices at every meal. Vegan and gluten free options are available at every meal. A robust salad bar is available with fresh protein and vegetable options and homemade dressings. Treats include warm cookies for lunch and a dessert with dinner. Meals are served cafeteria style and the salad bar is self-service. Snow Farm is unable to accommodate specific preferences or restrictions and will list all ingredients for entrees served. If you have specific dietary needs or food allergies you may bring additional food to supplement your meal plan. There is a participant refrigerator in the Kitchen Office (under the kitchen), and a microwave in the dining hall available for student use.

Non-residential students opting out of our meal plan are also welcome to use the refrigerator, microwave and dining facilities.

Evening Programming and Extra Curricular Activities

The following activities are designed to enrich your perspective on art making and teaching. All students are encouraged to take part!

Friday Afternoon Drop-in Activities in Glassblowing & Flameworking
Back by popular demand, students have the opportunity to drop-in and try their hand at sculpting molten glass in our glassblowing studio. New this year, we'll also have a torch or two fired up in our flameworking studio for students to learn to melt glass on a very different scale. Projects will include a paperweight, glass straw, or a marble.

Friday Evening Welcoming Reception, Orientation and Instructor Slides
Before dinner there will be a welcoming reception in the common room – a chance to get to know your instructors and fellow studio-mates prior to kicking off our formal programming. After dinner there will be a brief orientation followed by Instructor Slides. Each instructor will present for 7-8 minutes, showing images of their work and discussing their inspiration, techniques, and lives as artists.

Saturday Evening Guest Artist Presentations
Snow Farm is planning two guest artist/educator presentations Saturday night – fellow educators who have innovative approaches and projects to share with you.

Sunday Evening Studio Stroll
Take some time to wander the studios and see what folks are working on, connect with fellow workshop participants, or simply stay in your studio and focus on your work.

Monday Evening Closing Reception and Campfire
After work in the studio is wrapped up, we will celebrate! The closing reception is a delightful opportunity to revel in new friendships, inspiration, and a summer full of promise ahead. After dinner, take some time to relax under the stars, check out the fireflies, and feast on S'mores. You deserve it!

Campus and Surroundings
Snow Farm's spacious, professionally equipped studios and accommodations are housed in both contemporary and historic farm buildings. Campus is peaceful and inspirational with a variety of bird and animal life, plants, trees, pastures and woodland. All of Snow Farm's buildings are within walking distance.
across grass fields and gentle hills. Nearby, there are plenty of lakes, rivers, hiking and cross-country trails, antique shops, colleges and museums. The Williamsburg Market, Pharmacy/Hardware, and general stores are all right down the road.

**Accommodations**

If you are staying on campus in a standard Single or Double room or a Single Plus, you will be housed in one of our dorm buildings. Accommodations are rustic and simple. Standard rooms each have two twin beds, a shelf unit, wall pegs, an overhead light, and a night table with a small reading lamp. Single Plus rooms have one twin bed, a comfy armchair, a desk and some extra amenities, including air conditioning. Each of our dorms consists of a series of bedrooms opening onto a "corridor" which is essentially a roofed deck open at either end. Each dorm has a centrally located bathroom with two each: toilet stalls, sinks, and hot showers.

If you are staying in one of our Deluxe Singles, your room will feature one twin bed, a comfy armchair, a desk and some extra comforts, including air conditioning. You will have access to an en-suite bathroom, shared with the other deluxe single.

If you are staying in the cottage, you will have one bedroom with two twin beds, a private bath, a sitting room and a kitchenette, air conditioning and an outdoor seating area.

*Note: each student receives 2 lightweight blankets, a pillow & case, and 2 bath towels.*

**Packing**

Some Suggested Items for all Students.
- Water bottle and/or travel mug – we have excellent spring water and a hot beverage counter
- A flashlight or headlamp for getting around campus at night – exterior lighting is minimal
- Comfortable closed-toed shoes for the studio and a smock or apron
- In inclement weather: Rain or mud boots, raincoat or umbrella
- Layered clothing & warm layers for cool evenings or chilly weather
- Sunscreen & bug repellent
- Earbuds and tablet/laptop for watching videos or listening to media in the Common Room

A few extra items for Residential Students.
- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, face cloth), shower shoes
- In cooler weather: an heavy blanket, warm pajamas, robe, slippers
- In warm weather: An extra fan for your room; A bathing suit for visiting local swimming holes
- If sharing a room: a small personal clip-on light for reading in your dorm room at night

Also, refer to the **Workshop Overview & Student Supply List** for your class for specific items needed for your workshop.

**General Info & Snow Farm Policies**

- **Cell Phones:** Verizon, ATT and most other cell phones receive service.
- **Internet:** We have Wi-Fi service in the Main Building/Dining Hall and the Farmhouse. You need to bring your own device to access the Internet.
- **Incidental Expenses:** Some studios have specialty materials available for purchase. Snow Farm also has a small gallery, T-shirts, hats and aprons for sale. Cash, check and all major credit cards are accepted.
- **Smoking and Vaping:** Snow Farm is a mostly smoke- and vape-free campus. There is one area for smoking. For the health and comfort of other guests, please respect this policy.
- **Pets:** Pets are not allowed at Snow Farm; please do not bring them with you.
- **Parking:** Commuter parking is on the left side of the road past the pond. Residential parking is in the upper lot behind the dorms. Handicap and accessible parking is located near each studio, each dorm building, and the kitchen entrance of the Dining Hall. All of our buildings are within walking distance.
- **Participant/Instructor Refrigerator and Microwave:** Medication or food/beverage items that need refrigeration can be stored in the refrigerator in the kitchen office (below the kitchen). A microwave is also available for student use in the dining hall.
- **Cancellation:** In the unhappy event that you need to cancel your enrollment, arrive late or depart early, tuition and housing fees are non-refundable within 30 days of your workshop.
- **Low Enrollment:** Occasionally, a class does not meet minimum enrollment, and Snow Farm will need to cancel. In that case, students can choose a different workshop or receive a full refund. If your travel
plans include airfare or other non-refundable expenses, please check with us about the status your workshop before you finalize your purchases. You will be notified within three weeks of the start of your workshop if there is any jeopardy of cancellation.

In Town Resources

**Williamsburg:**
- Pharmacy & Hardware: 413.268.3387
- Pat’s package/convenience: 413.268.7454

**Northampton and Florence:**
- Guild Art Supply: 413.586.6343
- Web’s (knitting supply): 800.367.9327
- Valley Fabrics: 413.570.4911
- River Valley Market: 413.584.2665
- Masonic Street Laundromat: 413.586.6995

**Williamsburg Market:** 413.268.3006

**Easthampton:**
- Valley Art Supply: 413.527.0763

**Hadley:**
- Michael’s Art & Craft: 413.582.0784
- Joanne’s Fabric: 413.586.1075

**Transportation:**
- Go Green Cab: 413.584.6244
- Cosmic Cab: 413.230.6119
- Valley Transporter (airport shuttle): 413.253.1350
- Peter Pan Bus: 800.343.9999

**Glorious Fabrics:** 413.586.0092

**Valley Fabrics:** 413.570.4911

**Bread Euphoria Cafe:** 413.268.7757

**River Valley Market:** 413.268.7757

**Masonic Street Laundromat:** 413.586.6995

Arriving at Snow Farm

Your destination is 5 Clary Road, Williamsburg, MA 01096

**Travel by Public Transportation**

**BUS and TRAIN** - Your destination is Northampton, MA*. From Northampton, it is a 20-minute taxi ride.
- Peter Pan Bus Lines ([http://www.peterpanbus.com](http://www.peterpanbus.com), 800-872-7245)
- Amtrak ([www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com), 800-872-7245)*
- Green Cab Company (413-586-0707)

*You can also take the Amtrak train to Springfield, MA, which has broader scheduling options. You will need to connect to Northampton via bus, and then take a taxi the rest of the way.

**PLANE** - Your destination is Bradley Airport in Hartford, CT, a little more than an hour from Snow Farm. Arrange Ground Transportation through: Valley Transporter (800-872-8752 or 413-253-1350)

**Travel by Car**

**FROM THE SOUTH**
- Take Rt. 91 NORTH to Massachusetts Exit 19
- Head straight onto Damon Road, following signs for Rt. 9 WEST
- Continue straight onto Bridge Road and follow until it ends at a traffic circle / intersection Rt. 9
- Take the first exit off the traffic circle onto Rt. 9 WEST
- Travel ~5 miles to Williamsburg town center. In town, bear left to stay on Rt. 9W
- About 1 mile out of town, turn left onto Hyde Hill Rd., immediately after Pat’s store on left
- After ½ mile, turn Right on Clary Road. Drive on down past the Farmhouse, and you have arrived!

**FROM THE NORTH**
- Take Rt. 91 SOUTH to Massachusetts Exit 20
- After the ramp, go straight a few hundred feet to the first set of lights
- Turn right on to Bridge Rd. and follow until it ends at a traffic circle / intersection with Rt. 9.
- Take the first exit off the traffic circle onto Rt. 9 WEST.
- Travel ~5 miles to Williamsburg town center. In town, bear left to stay on Rt. 9W.
- About 1 mile out of town, turn left onto Hyde Hill Rd., immediately after Pat’s store on left.
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**FROM THE EAST OR WEST**
- Take Rt. 90-Massachusetts Turnpike to Exit 4 - West Springfield, Rt. 91.
- Take Rt. 91 NORTH to Exit 19. Follow directions “from the South” (above).
When you enter Clary Rd, drive past the Farmhouse and head LEFT. Our ONE WAY road loops clockwise around the property.

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