

# Historic Rural Hill Farm

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## LIFE ON A 1760's CAROLINA FARM

### *A Living History Summer Day Camp*

#### *For Children*

**June 27 - August 5**

"LEARNING DISGUISED AS FUN"

Would you like your child to learn about our region's pioneer and farming heritage *and* have an awfully lot of fun this summer? Rural Hill Farm, a 265 acre historic landmark, has a program for you. Starting June 21, 2005, Rural Hill will introduce a series of weekly children's day camps themed **Life on a 1760's Carolina Farm**.

*"So What Is Living History? Sounds like a contradiction to me."*

"Living History" means just this: hands-on programs designed to get people up-close and personal with the past. This is accomplished using historic objects and environments and appropriate recreations to tell the stories of the people who used those objects. We at Historic Rural Hill Farm call it "Learning Disguised as Fun."

#### **CAMP OF THE LAIRDS** (Scottish for Landowners)

This full-day program is for children entering 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades. It is designed to capture children's imaginations by transporting them back in time to a **Scots-Irish** homestead on the Carolina frontier. Campers will assist experienced staff members with light farming chores typical of a pioneer farm and will learn how to sow and tend a pioneer garden. Campers will also enjoy craft activities such as making homemade candles, lanterns, ropes, woven baskets and gourd containers. Additionally, campers will learn historical games and have lots of "good ol' fashioned fun" in the great out-of-doors.

#### **WEE BAIRNS CAMP** (Scottish for small children)

This half-day program is for children entering 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> grades. It is designed to give young children an introduction to a "Living History" day camp experience. Campers will spend their mornings or afternoons enjoying nature and farm life as well as playing period games (circa, 1760's - 1850's).

All campers in both camps will be supervised by trained counselors.

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**2005 Summer Camps**

**CAMP OF THE LAIRDS**

*(entering 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades)*

**Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Cost: \$130 per week**

**WEE BAIRNS CAMP**

*(entering 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> grades)*

**Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**Or**

**1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Cost: \$80 per week**

**Summer Session Dates**

**June 27-July 1**

**July 11-15**

**July 18-22**

**July 25-29**

**August 1-5**

Parents may enroll their child/ren for multiple weeks as camp activities will vary from week to week.

**To register or for more information contact:**

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