

# Barn Bulletin, Spring 2026



## Spring Has Arrived at The Barn

After a long, cold, and windy winter, we are thrilled to welcome the sunshine and warmer days of spring! The Barn is bursting with beauty—our fields have turned a vibrant green and are sprinkled with cheerful yellow buttercups. The animals are delighted to be back outside, frolicking and playing together. This spring we had to say goodbye to an old friend, but we are grateful to welcome two new friends to our animal family. Poppy and Tulip, two adorable Giant Flemish Rabbits joined us in March and April. They are so much fun and such sweet girls. We can't wait for everyone to meet them.

It has been a wonderfully busy season as we welcomed 34 children and teens to our after-school programs and hosted many joyful school groups for field trips. Although our spring programming started a bit late due to the March snow, it will wrap up on May 29<sup>th</sup>. We are now gearing up for Camp Geronimo, which begins the week of June 15<sup>th</sup>—and we are thrilled to share that all 96 camp spots are filled! It's going to be one exciting, bustling summer, and we CAN'T wait! We're also delighted to share that we are welcoming 27 new families between our after-school programs and Camp Geronimo. What an incredible way to kick off the year!

## It's Our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!!!!

As we celebrate 20 years of The Barn, we do so with deep gratitude for everyone who has shaped our story—those who built our foundation and those newly joining our Barn family who will help define our future. The story of The Barn is a bit like a fairy tale. Its evolution over the last 20 years can really be described as magical. One woman's dream was brought to reality through the selfless, giving acts of so many truly special people. People who wanted to make a difference in the lives of children with disabilities through the powerful connection of animals and nature. Together they created a space that is warm, deeply welcoming, beautifully inclusive, and unlike anywhere else.

We have met so many wonderful new families who are so thankful that a place like The Barn exists. They never imagined their child would be able to go to a week of summer camp, walk a horse, feed a pot belly pig or plant a garden. These families face so many challenges every day, but they do so with unbelievable grace. Their hearts are filled with so much love and they have infinite patience. They are such wonderful champions for their children day in and day out...they truly are heroes. We hope that Barn visits make their days a little brighter. These families are what make The Barn such a special place. We look forward to 20 more years honoring a dream through hooves, hearts and hands! Thank you for being a part of our story!



## 20th Anniversary Volunteer/Supporter Appreciation Open House

**Tentative Date: August 22**

**Time: 11 am to 2 pm (drop in anytime between these hours)**

Let's celebrate The Barn at Spring Brook Farm's 20th Anniversary together!! Your dedication and service have played a vital role in reaching this remarkable milestone, and we are deeply grateful. Please join us for an afternoon of appreciation, guided tours, and friendly conversation—complete with coffee, donuts and heartfelt thanks.

**Let us know if you can join us by signing up!**

If you are interested in joining us for this Open House, please take a moment to fill out this form to help us get an idea of how many people may attend: [Volunteer/Supporter Appreciation Open House](#)





## Camp Geronimo 2026

Our camp season kicks off in just three weeks, and we're getting excited! As we prepare for all the super-fun activities our campers love—summer snow, tie-dye, arts and crafts, water play, and our weekly themed adventures—we're gathering supplies to make the magic happen.

*A few items we could really use this year include: shaving cream, corn starch, tempera paint, tie-dye kits, glitter, bubbles, water-play toys, and special passports.*

If you feel inspired to make a donation, please visit our Amazon wish list. Your generosity helps us create unforgettable experiences and brings countless smiles to camp all summer long. We are truly grateful for your support. [Amazon Wish List](#)

## Are you looking to do something rewarding this summer? Become a camp counselor!

If you are still looking for a fun summer job opportunity, you have found it! We are looking for paid and volunteer counselors to join us at Camp Geronimo this summer. To learn more email:

[programs@springbrook-farm.org](mailto:programs@springbrook-farm.org)



## In Loving Memory of Our Slinky



It is with a heavy heart that we said goodbye to the one, the only, Slinky the cat last month. If you know The Barn, then you know Slinky. Since before the Barn's inception, Slinky has been at the forefront of everything. Greeting all who entered The Barn as they come for camp and programming, occasionally trying to stow away in someone's car looking for a free ride up the cart road or helping himself to any and all lunches or food that might be left unattended. For 22 years he showed everyone the true meaning of friendship, love and the undying bond between animals and people. He will be missed dearly, but will live on forever in the hallowed walls of The Barn.

## 2025 Annual Impact Report

All of you are part of our Barn family, and we're excited to share our 2025 Annual Impact Report. Last year, we served 364 children through our programs. We were supported by 345 incredible volunteers, who generously shared more than 4,500 hours of their time and talent. Thanks to our community, we were also able to provide over \$8,500 in financial aid to families who needed assistance so their children could experience everything The Barn has to offer.

As a small nonprofit, we are deeply grateful for the generosity of our donors—75% of our funding comes directly from you. Your belief in our mission makes every smile, every moment of growth, and every bit of Barn Magic possible.

We remain committed to our mission every single day. This year, we hope to bring even more smiles and laughter, spread more love and compassion, and honor all that you make possible for our community.

To learn more about our mission and impact, here is the link to our 2025 Annual Impact Report.

[2025 Annual Impact Report](#)

