



## WFCF Farm Friends Newsletter February 2025

### Education and Community Engagement: Learn with Us



#### Family Farm Walk & Crafting Session

**Mon. Feb 17 11am-1pm** On this guided, family friendly winter farm walk, we'll explore and learn while we collect twigs and stones. Then we'll head to the greenhouse for hot chocolate to make kindness rocks and twig stars!

[Learn more and register](#)

### Perennial Educational Programs for Youth Learners

Does your child or youth like to explore agriculture, gardening, nature, culinary arts, sustainable homesteading, foraging, and science-based programs? WFCF's Interdisciplinary programs take place almost every season of the year in our Learning Garden, Education Shed, and MicroField. Our amazing team of WFCF Educators and guest instructors deliver engaging and fun age-appropriate, professionally designed lessons. **We're now accepting registrations for the following programs; click the images and links to read the full program descriptions and to register.**





**NOW REGISTERING for 2025!**  
WINTER, SPRING, FALL & EXTENDED FALL SEASONS



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SEE SUMMER ON THE FARM FOR SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAMS, JUNE - AUGUST

**Little Sprouts** is for children ages 12 months-5 years with caregiver. **New** Friday morning option

**After School** is for 1st-8th graders. **New** 5:30pm pick up option available for the spring session



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OPPORTUNITIES TO APPLY FOR TEEN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES & COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS FOR SCHOOL JUNE - AUGUST



June - August 2025

**Teen Leadership Corps** is especially for teens ages 13-17

**Summer on the Farm** offers week-long drop-off programs for rising 1st-8th graders. **New** times 9am-2pm

## Sign Up Today for Our 2025 CSA



You can find the descriptions and prices of all our wonderful 2025 CSA shares [here](#). Several shares are now close to filling.

As part of our food access work, WFCF offers **subsidized CSA shares** to low-income households. These shares are supported by donations from our generous community members, through our **“Food for All”** program. If you wish to, you can add a donation to this meaningful program as you sign up for your own share(s).

And remember, if a full share is too much for you, you are welcome to split your share with a



friend.

## Sign Up for WFCF 2025 CSAs Here



- 20-Week Summer Share
- Subsidized 20-Week Summer Share
- SNAP 20-Week Summer Share
- 20-Week Lil Share
- 10-Week Summer Share
- 20-Week Mushroom Share

- 10-Week Early or Late Season Mushroom Share
- 10-Week Flower Share
- 8-Week Fruit Share
- Extended Season Share
- Subsidized Extended Season Share

[Read share descriptions online](#)

♥ ♥ WFCF shares make excellent Valentine's Day gifts. ♥ ♥

## Important Details for 2025 CSA Shareholders



- Pick ups will begin June 4.
- CSA pick up & Farm Stand hours will be Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays 2:30-6:30pm and Saturdays 9:30am-2:30pm once our season is underway.
- **All 2025 CSA shareholders must be current members of WFCF**--this includes all share partners for those splitting shares. Please add a membership to your cart for each household participating in the CSA. **Check your membership status or renew your membership here** (click the Login in button, top right)
- Your share(s) may be picked up by a friend/ family member if you are not available.
- Please review our **FAQs** to learn more about pick-up dates and policies.
- 10-week share holders, please see the **25 ODD / EVEN Schedule** and note that change requests cannot be accommodated once the season has started.
- Unclaimed shares will be donated to our hunger relief programs. The pick-your-own portion of your weekly share however may

still be picked any time during daylight hours.

- We have modestly raised our 2025 CSA prices to help cover our expenses. One of our fastest growing areas of expense is the fees we incur for processing credit cards. By covering the cost of your transaction, you are helping us to meet our operating costs, and to remain focused on our mission.
- Questions? email [ana@communityfarms.org](mailto:ana@communityfarms.org)

## Save April 25 for Sprout



**Sprout 2025** will take place on Friday, April 25, from 6-8:30pm at the Lyman Estate in Waltham. Join us as we celebrate the beginning of our new growing season with live music, delicious local food and drinks, and a lively silent auction. Sprout is an important event for us because it raises funds for our food access and education programs. In 2024, we distributed 30,000 pounds of fresh produce to people in need and provided hands-on learning experiences to almost 3,000 children and adults.

Sprout 2025 tickets will go on sale in March.

**We are currently accepting donations to our 2025 Sprout Silent Auction, which will take place online and at the event.** Gift certificates, physical items, professional services, and baked goods all make fantastic additions to our auction catalog. To donate, please email [ana@communityfarms.org](mailto:ana@communityfarms.org) or [donate directly on our auction site](#). You can also make a direct financial contribution toward our fundraising goal [here](#).

To sponsor the event, please email Amanda Smith, Director of Development, at [amanda@communityfarms.org](mailto:amanda@communityfarms.org)

## We're Hiring



Please spread the word about these positions on our [job opportunities webpage](#). Thank you!

- [CSA & Farm Stand Assistant](#)



- [NEW! Paid CSA & Farm Stand Staff](#)
- [Farm Equipment Manager](#)
- [Field Crew Farmers](#)
- [Office Administrator](#)
- [Seasonal Lead Educator](#)
- [Supervisory Educator 2025](#)

## Community Events



**More Than Words Open Mic Night** | Feb 7 6-7:30pm.  
Under 21 allowed. All genres. Advanced signup available:  
[asandoli@MTWyouth.org](mailto:asandoli@MTWyouth.org)



**Camellia Days** | Tues- Sat,  
Feb 18 - Mar 18, 9:30am - 4:00pm  
Lyman Estate Greenhouses



**Waltham Repair Cafe**  
Sun, Feb 23 11am-3pm  
Charles River Museum

**Waltham Fields Community Farm**  
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**Winter CSA Assistant Growers** Robbie Harwood and Nina Waskiewicz

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