



# Fernbrook Farms Environmental Education Center

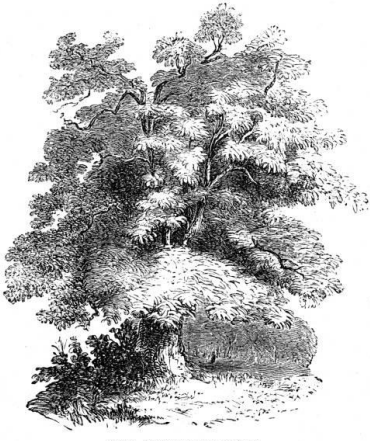


2024 Fall-Winter Bridge Upper Level Homeschool  
Program for Ages 12-14

**2-Hour Class Options:** Tuesdays 9:30am-11:30am, Tuesdays 1:00pm-3:00pm,  
Thursdays 9:30am-11:30am, or Thursdays 1:00pm-3:00pm

**Enrichment Class Options:** Wednesdays 9am-3:30pm or Fridays 9am-3:30pm

## “Nuts About New Jersey”



THE CHESTNUT-TREE.

*Fernbrook Farms Education Center Homeschool Programs provides students with an alternative way of learning. They get to spend a day once a week on our 230 acre working farm with amazing natural resources such as 60 acres of forest, a meadow, streams, agriculture, and a rich history. Our dedicated staff works with small groups of students to provide hands-on learning experiences. Our Bridge Program is a short period of classes between our 8-week semesters and is a great way to try out our classes to see if you're interested in pursuing participation in our future programs. If you have any questions, please call the Education Center at (609) 298-4028 or email*

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### The American Chestnut Tree

**Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>**

During this class we will introduce our NJ native nuts like the Chestnut! Unfortunately, the American Chestnut has fallen prey to an aggressive fungus and the species is in critical condition We will instead try a different type of chestnut farmed here in NJ and maybe have a taste test.

### Oak Trees: Are Acorns Edible?

**Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup>, or 13<sup>th</sup>**

Here at Fernbrook Farms, we have multiple types of oak trees and they all produce acorns. Are acorns edible? Let's talk about the acorn and find out. We will search the farm for oak trees and acorns. We will learn how to identify them.



Red Oak

### Walnuts and Hickory Nuts

**Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, or 20<sup>th</sup>**

Did you know that walnuts and hickory nuts are in the same family? Most walnuts that we eat today are the English walnut. At Fernbrook, we have the Black walnut. We will be doing a blind taste test on these two types of walnuts. We also have several species of Hickory trees that grow on these 230 acres. We will learn to identify them and maybe we can try some hickory nuts too.

**\*\* Class topics are subject to change without notice, but stay relevant to the overall topic, depending on weather and other conditions. \*\***