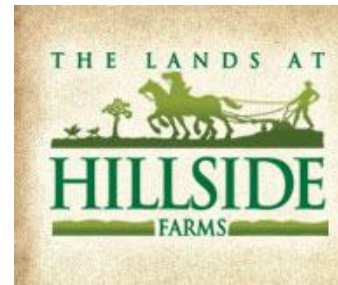


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### **NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION OFFERS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS TO MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

*Students learn through hands-on experiences*

SHAVERTOWN, Pa. – The Lands at Hillside Farms is dedicated to educating the local community, especially the younger generations. Middle school and high school students can participate in education programs that meet the academic standards set forth by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The programs are available at The Lands at Hillside Farms and run from September through June. Students can gain an understanding of agriculture and how it impacts the community.

*History of Dairy Breeds* allows students to discover how agricultural progress is linked to societal changes. They can track the development of cows from oxen to scientifically designed Holsteins. Each milestone demonstrates the importance of development meant to the family farm, surrounding community, and the environment.

Youth can examine the sustainable methods The Lands at Hillside Farms uses to grow crops and raise livestock in *Sustainable Farming*. The methods will be compared to a conventional farming system.

These programs provide an educational connection to the environment and help young minds make valuable lifestyle choices that they can carry with them into the future. The fee for each program is \$100 plus \$7 per student and the program length is approximately two hours

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The Lands at Hillside Farms is a nonprofit, regional educational center, and historic farm estate. Their dedicated mission is to present aspects and benefits of the region's land, history, and promotion of lifestyle choices. Each mission component is demonstrated through family-friendly educational programs, sustainable agricultural activities, and living. For more information, log onto [www.thelandsathillsidefarms.org](http://www.thelandsathillsidefarms.org).

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