

Pioneer PeeWee Dates and Session Descriptions:

6/17- All about Pigs: Campers will get to know our two friendly pigs and learn why animals like them were important to the pioneers.

6/19-Dakota Seasons: Campers will learn all about the seasonal lifestyle of Dakota in the 1800s. PeeWees will participate in a wild rice harvesting demonstration and they'll get to taste maple sugar candy!

6/24- Birds in our Backyard: PeeWees will learn all about how to identify native birds of the Twin Cities by searching for them in the prairie and surrounding trees at Gibbs Farm with resident bird enthusiast, Site Manager Sammy Nelson.

6/26- Victorian Tea Party Jr.: Campers will learn a little about the etiquette of a fancy Victorian afternoon tea by hosting their own tea party that they will help to set up and then enjoy on the Gibbs Farmhouse front porch.

7/1- Ducks, Geese, and Chickens...Oh My!: Campers will learn all about the different farm birds at Gibbs Farm by helping with their morning care and feeding.

7/3- One-room Schoolhouse: Campers will experience what lessons were like in a one-room schoolhouse. PeeWees will sing their ABCs, write on slate boards, and read a story.

7/8- What's Alive on the Prairie?: Campers will go on a scavenger hunt to see what critters (bugs, animals, or flowers) they can find in the prairie.

7/10- Pioneer Chores: Campers will get to go back in time in our historic farmhouse to participate in everyday pioneer chores like doin' the wash and making butter.

7/15- All About Sheep: Campers will meet our resident sheep, Fern and Lydia, while learning all about how sheep were used on a pioneer farm.

7/17- Tipi Life and Buffalo Nation: Campers will experience what winter life in the tipi was like for the Dakota. These PeeWees will also hear a traditional Dakota story about the importance of the buffalo.

7/22- All About Bees: Campers will learn all about these important pollinators and how pioneers collected honey to eat and wax to make candles. PeeWees will dip a real beeswax candle to take home!

7/24- Ice Cream Social Jr.: PeeWees will learn how the Pioneer made their favorite treat, ice cream! Campers will also get to enjoy a scoop of famous Gibbs Farm homemade ice cream.

7/29- All About Butterflies: PeeWees will learn about butterflies native to Minnesota while exploring the Gibbs Farm Prairie.

7/31- Dakota and Pioneer Gardens: Campers will take a walk through our Dakota and Pioneer Gardens and learn about the plants growing there. PeeWees will even get to help our gardener by picking some of the ripe vegetables.

8/5- All About Bugs: Bugs that crawl, bugs that fly, bugs that spin a web, oh my! Campers will search and find bugs in their natural habitat.

8/7: ABCs on the Farm: A is for Apple Trees, B is for Barn, and C is for Chickens! We will search for the alphabet all across the Gibbs Farm site.

8/12- All About Goats: Campers will learn all about the importance of goats on a farm. PeeWees will play "goat" games and meet our herd.

8/14- PeeWee Theater: PeeWees take the stage in a mini-skit that we will practice and present to families!

8/19- All About Plants: Campers will learn about the native plants that grow across the Gibbs Farm Site!

8/21- Farmhouse Adventure: Camper will get to tour the Gibbs Farm Historic Farmhouse to learn about the Gibbs Family and their everyday life.