

WELCOME TO

SHARPE RESERVATION

Located in the Hudson Valley in Fishkill, NY, The Fresh Air Fund's Sharpe Reservation has over 2,000 acres of beautiful land with lakes, ponds, streams and hiking trails through the woods. During the school year, close to 18,000 people from community and school groups in the tristate area participate in our year-round environmental educational programs.

OUR PROGRAMS...

- Are customized to meet the unique needs of your group.
- Teach team building, problem solving, critical thinking and effective communication.
- Offer students hands-on, interactive experiences to learn about the environment and explore nature.
- Are conveniently located in Fishkill, NY, 65 miles from New York City, close to major highways and the Metro North railroad.

Call 845-897-4320 or visit www.FreshAir.org/Sharpe
TO SCHEDULE YOUR TRIP!

Since 1877, The Fresh Air Fund has unlocked the limitless potential of more than 1.8 million New York City children from low-income communities. Each year, thousands of children experience outdoor summer adventures through visits with volunteer host families along the East Coast and Southern Canada and at The Fund's five overnight camps in Fishkill, NY. Fresh Air children also participate in year-round leadership and educational programs.



“My students loved visiting Sharpe and learned so much about the environment that surrounds us! Working with the staff at Sharpe was incredible; they are hands-on, passionate and coordinated the trip details to ensure a great experience for our students.”

SARAH

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Sharpe Reservation's residential and outdoor education programs provide enriching experiences for children, and community groups, encouraging exploration, creativity and self-discovery. Every program can be customized to meet your own academic and social objectives.

OUTDOOR SKILLS

Sharpe Reservation is a unique setting for students to learn basic wilderness skills and participate in group workshops. Orienteering, hiking, fishing and our sensory trail are just some of the classes offered!

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

With nature as a classroom, students learn through exploration and a hands-on interactive curriculum. We also offer environmental science classes such as forest ecology, environmental solutions, climate change and biodiversity, and more.



MODEL FARM & NUTRITION CENTER

A visit to our Model Farm offers students a greater understanding of sustainable farming practices. Students learn about composting, harvest vegetables in our garden, and more!

LEADERSHIP/ TEAM BUILDING PROGRAMS

Our high ropes course and teams course help students develop confidence, encourage cooperation, and foster problem solving and communication skills.



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Sharpe Reservation offers customizable programs for school and community groups. With specially designed winter activities, a planetarium, team-building workshops, and more.

GUSTAFSON PLANETARIUM

A fully-equipped 48 seat theater reveals the wonders of the night sky. All programs teach students to identify constellations and about current celestial events. Shows can be scheduled separately or as part of a school trip.

WINTER DAYS

Winter day programs at our nature center offer a mix of both indoor and outdoor classes. Groups explore the forest on snowshoes, watch and study our visiting birds, observe signs of wildlife, and more. Hot chocolate rounds out the day!

MAPLE SUGAR SHACK

This seasonal favorite features the awakening of the sugar maple trees! Join us to learn the process of maple sugaring, from tapping the trees to tasting the delicious final product. This makes a great addition to a Winter Day program.

GIRL SCOUT BADGE WEEKENDS AND WEEKEND CAMPING RATES

Inquire about our all-inclusive Girl Scout Badge Weekends where scouts of all ages can enjoy a full weekend of programming led by our professional educators.



THE FACILITIES

Sharpe Reservation offers a variety of facilities that easily accommodates the needs of groups of all sizes, up to 200 people. Our rustic lodges offer more intimate settings for smaller groups.

THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY ARE...

- Available by reservation only
- Not open to the public
- Open seven days a week to schools, youth organizations, and retreat groups
- Not rented when The Fresh Air Fund's camps are in session

FULL-SERVICE FACILITIES

Camps Mariah and Hidden Valley offer year-round full-service facilities that can easily accommodate up to 200 people each. Features include: a large dining hall, food service, program buildings and 12 heated cabins with bunks. All cabins have indoor showers and toilets.

CAMP RENTALS

Spend the weekend in our rustic cabins located at Camp Hayden Marks, Camp Tommy, or Camp Anita Bliss Coler (ABC). Outdoor fire pits and washhouses make this a perfect site to fully experience the outdoors. Hiking nature trails, mountain overlooks and beautiful lakes offer great recreational opportunities.

HEATED LODGES

Heated lodges are available for rent in spring, autumn and winter. The lodges are ideal locations for groups of up to 25 people. Each lodge has bathrooms and a small kitchen.

READY TO SCHEDULE YOUR TRIP?



Visit www.FreshAir.org/Sharpe or call **845-897-4320** for more information on classes, curriculum, activities, registration, rates, schedules, and customizing programs.

“ We went hiking and saw a waterfall! I saw a smaller one and then we walked up the mountain a little more and we saw a bigger one. That was the first time I ever saw a waterfall!

JOSHUA
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT

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