

Summer 2023 PeeWee Dates and Session Descriptions:

6/21- 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!

6/23 - 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 Director Sammy Nelson.

6/28 - 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.

6/30 - 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.

7/7 All About Pigs: Campers will get to know our two friendly pigs and learn why animals like them were important to the pioneers.

7/12 - 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.

7/14 - 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.

7/19 - All About Sheep: Campers will meet our resident sheep, Fern and Lydia, while learning all about how sheep were used on a pioneer farm.

7/21- 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.

7/26 - 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!

7/28 - All About Butterflies: PeeWees will learn about butterflies native to Minnesota while exploring the Gibbs Farm Prairie.

8/2 - 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.

8/4 - 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.

8/9- All About Goats: Campers will learn all about the importance of goats on a farm. PeeWees will play "goat" games and meet our herd.

8/11- Farmhouse Adventure: Campers will get to tour the Gibbs Farm Historic Farmhouse to learn about the Gibbs Family and their everyday life.

8/16 - All About Plants: Campers will learn about the native plants that grow across the Gibbs Farm Site!

8/18 - Ice Cream Social Jr.: Campers will learn how families in the 1800s made their ice cream, help churn ice cream, and will get to try Gibbs Homemade Vanilla Ice Cream.

8/23-Woodland Animals: PeeWees will learn about different creatures that live in the woods. Campers will examine tracks and get to feel real pelts from foxes and rabbits.

8/25 – Barn Dance: Campers will first learn a bit about 19th century barns, visit our farm animals, and then learn some fun barn dances.

8/30 - Victorian Tea Party Jr.: PeeWees will learn about Victorian Era manner and will join costumed Gibbs Farm staff for a tea party.

9/1 - All About Corn: PeeWees will learn about the different kinds of corn grown by the Dakota and pioneers in the 1800s. They will observe the corn in the Gibbs gardens, possibly pick some, and then make a corn husk doll to take home.