## **2024 PeeWee Summer Camp Sessions**

These mini camps are a perfect introduction for 4 & 5 year-olds who are ready for some independent fun!

Costumed staff lead campers through adventures in topics relating to nature, historic Dakota seasonal life and early Minnesota farm life in the 1800s. Each camp session includes a make and take activity, story time, a snack, and spending time outside! Peewees play games, color, sing songs, and visit our farm animals.

(Grade Recommendation: Pre-K)



## June 2024: PeeWee Camp Sessions

Date	Topic	Description
June 21st	The Tastiest Tree: Maple Sugaring	Campers will learn about the seasonal lifestyle of Dakota in the 1800s focusing on the spring season. They will learn about tapping trees and taste maple sugar!
June 26th	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.
June 28th	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.



## July 2024: PeeWee Camp Sessions

Date	Topic	Description
July 3rd	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.
July 5th	All About Butterflies	PeeWees will learn about butterflies native to Minnesota while exploring the Gibbs Farm Prairie.
July 10th	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.
July 12th	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.
July 17th	All About Sheep	Campers will meet our resident sheep, Fern and Lydia, while learning all about how sheep were used on a pioneer farm.
July 19th	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.
July 24th	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!
July 26th	Victorian Tea Party Jr	PeeWees will learn about Victorian Era manner and will join costumed Gibbs Farm staff for a tea party.
July 31st	Dakota and Pioneer Gardens	Campers will take a walk through our Dakota and Pioneer Gardens and learn about the plants growing there. PeeWees will help our gardener by picking some of the ripe vegetables.



## August 2024: PeeWee Camp Sessions

Date	Topic	Description
Aug. 2nd	All About Goats	Campers will learn all about the importance of goats on a farm. PeeWees will play "goat" games and meet our herd.
Aug. 7th	Farmhouse Adventure	Campers will get to tour the Gibbs Farm Historic Farmhouse to learn about the Gibbs Family and their everyday life.
Aug. 9th	One, Two, TREE!	Campers will go on an adventure to learn about the trees that grow across the Gibbs Farm Site!
Aug. 14th	Minnesota Critters	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.
Aug. 16th	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.
Aug. 21st	Barn Dance	Campers will first learn a bit about 19th century barns, visit our farm animals, and then learn some fun barn dances.
Aug. 23rd	Early Minnesota Houses	Campers will visit a tipi and replica bark lodge to learn about how Minnesota's first people lived in the 1800s. After, they will explore the replica Sod House to learn about how newcomers like Jane and Heman lived in their first houses!
Aug. 28th	All About Corn	PeeWees will learn about the different kinds of corn grown by the Dakota and pioneers in the 1800s. They will help harvest the corn in the Gibbs gardens and make a corn husk doll to take home.
Aug. 30th	Wild Rice	Campers will learn about all about Wild Rice and participate in a rice harvesting skit.

