

## Basic Beliefs and Agreements

We live in community, and our reverence for life has always been central to our community ways. Within the Farm community, people can live together and pursue a spiritual path that includes but is not limited to the following beliefs and agreements:

We believe that there are non-material planes of being or levels of consciousness that everyone can experience, the highest of these being the spiritual plane. We believe that we are all one, that the material and spiritual are one, and the spirit is identical and one in all of creation.

We believe that marriage, childbirth and death are sacraments of our church. We agree that child rearing and care of the elderly is a holy responsibility.

We believe that being truthful and compassionate is instrumental to living together in peace and as a community.

We believe in nonviolence and pacifism and are conscientiously opposed to war.

We agree to resolve any conflicts or disagreements in a nonviolent manner.

We agree to keep no weapons in the community.

We believe that vegetarianism is the most ecologically sound and humane lifestyle for the planet, but that what a person eats does not dictate their spirituality.

We agree that livestock, fish, or fowl will not be raised in the community for slaughter.

We believe that the abuse of any substance is counterproductive to achieving a high consciousness. We agree to strive for a high level of consciousness in our daily lives.

We believe that the earth is sacred.

We agree to be respectful of the forests, fields, streams and wildlife that are under our care. We agree that the community is a wildlife sanctuary with no hunting for sport or food.

We believe that humanity must change to survive.

We agree to participate in that change by accepting feedback about ourselves.

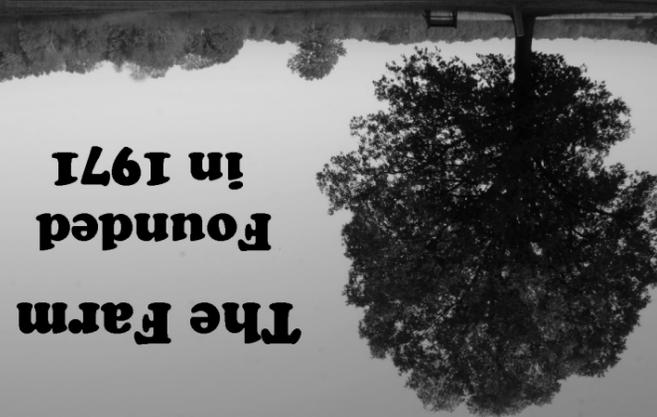
We believe that we, individually and collectively, create our own life experience.

We agree to accept personal responsibility for our actions.

We believe that inner peace is the foundation for world peace.

This statement was written by individuals serving on the Farm's membership committee and based on statements found in "This Season's People" and other Farm historical documents.

THE FARM is an intentional community of families and friends living on three square miles in southern middle Tennessee. We started The Farm in 1971 with the goal of establishing a strongly cohesive, outwardly-directed community. We want, by action and example, to have a positive effect on the world. ... We choose to live in community where we share our lives and fortunes, good times and hard times. ... We feel that we can be stronger and more useful together than we could be separately.



## The Farm Summertown, TN



A Spiritual Community  
based on the principles  
of nonviolence and  
respect for the earth.



The Farm is entering a new phase as the second generation increasingly calls it "home" and a new crop of youngsters continue the cycle.



Claire Marx 1912 - 2008

We recognize and honor the value of each stage of life. Grandparents and great grandparents serve a vital role in our community.



The Farm Welcome Center  
100 Farm Road  
Summertown, TN 38483

### How to Visit

Our Welcome Center is open:

- \* Monday-Friday 12 pm - 5 pm CST
- \* For overnight visits, please contact us.

To receive our complete visitor packet contact:

The Farm Welcome Center  
100 Farm Road, Summertown, TN 38483  
931-964-3574  
vickie@thefarmcommunity.com  
or visit our web site: [www.thefarmcommunity.com](http://www.thefarmcommunity.com)

### Events, Workshops & Training

The Farm is home to many different special events throughout the year. We invite you to visit with us exploring our sanctuary of peace, the forests and streams that surround us and the philosophies that have inspired our community since its inception.

Here's a look at just a few of our many events.

#### Farm Experience Weekends

Learn first hand about the joy of life in community. Workshops / Tours / Hikes / Meals included  
931-964-2590 [Douglas@thefarmcommunity.com](mailto:Douglas@thefarmcommunity.com)

#### Midwifery Workshops

7 day intensive training sessions with the world famous Farm midwives.  
[www.midwiferyworkshops.org](http://www.midwiferyworkshops.org)  
[pamela@midwiferyworkshops.org](mailto:pamela@midwiferyworkshops.org)

#### The Ecovillage Training Center

Permaculture Design Courses  
Hands-On Natural Building Projects  
Alternative Technology Workshops  
[ecovillage@thefarm.org](mailto:ecovillage@thefarm.org)  
Telephone 931-964-4324

#### GreenLife Retreats

Green Home Tours, Sustainability Workshops,  
Family Retreats...more [www.greenliferetreats.com](http://www.greenliferetreats.com)

#### The Farm School Holiday Bazaar

The 2nd Saturday after Thanksgiving  
A Potpourri of crafts and great gift ideas.

To see our full calendar,  
visit [thefarmcommunity.com](http://thefarmcommunity.com)

Group and Guided Tours by appointment  
Speakers and Lecturers available