

Chicken Care 101

Mondays 1:00 - 3:00

Classes run from September 8th - October 27th

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Students will take part in establishing “backyard chickens” at Circle “C” Stable. Through hands on learning, they will learn about the planning for and care of chickens. Students will help plan and build a chicken coop, learn about different breeds of chickens, their nutritional needs, and how to properly care for them. Through all activities and interacting with chicks and actively caring for them, students will gain the knowledge on how to raise a happy hen!

Syllabus/Outline: Weekly Breakdown of Project-Based Learning Activity

Each week’s class requires active participation. Students will be primarily outside during each class. Weather will determine our class agenda for the week, so please note that some sequence of classes may change. We always try and follow our students’ interests and questions (within reason) and will change class topics accordingly to address their curiosity. Please note, that rain will not deter us from being outside. We do have an indoor classroom that we can use should the need arise.

Each class will include time to maintain and care our chicken coop, and chicks when they arrive. Students will feed and care for chicks each time they come to class.

Week 1: Chicken Coop Planning:

What are the basic needs of chickens and how can we provide them? We will calculate the square footage needed per chicken and begin installing our chicken coop and fencing. Students will learn the parts of a chicken coop. Everyone will have a job:)

Week 2: Chicken Coop Building Continued

We will conduct any repairs needed on our

Chicken Coop fence/netting and begin to discuss feeders and waterers and the need for dust baths to prevent mites! We will discuss how feeding/water changes in the seasons. We will also set up our nursery for baby chicks.

Week 3: Chicken Nutrition. Our very own feeding & Nutrition Consultant will be a special guest in our class and discuss the different nutritional needs of chickens and what different feeds have to offer. We will learn about supplements and how their feed may need to change when they are molting or when they are sick. We will stress that the health of an egg is directly tied to the nutrition of a chicken. We will make a master list of feed/supplies needed for our baby chicks.

Week 4: Baby Chick Care: Students will be introduced to our baby chicks and learn all about how to care for a baby chick.

Week 5: Introduce Baby Chicks to our outdoor chicken coop! We will begin introducing baby chicks to their outdoor coop. We will monitor their feeding/water needs and make any needed adjustments to our coop. Dust Baths, Molting and foot care! We will learn some basic chicken first aide and different methods to treat them.

Week 6: We will begin our class with chicken/coop care. Dust Baths, Molting and foot care! We will learn some basic chicken first aide and different methods to treat them.

Week 7: We will begin our class with chicken/coop care. We will learn how to clean our chicken coop and maintain it as to keep our chickens safe and healthy. To end our time together, from 5:00-5:30, our class will give their families a tour of our coop and introduce them to our chickens.