



# ENCHANTED

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## Group Programs

Fat Blossom Farm is a small, certified-organic family farm in southwest Michigan. We take great care to tend to our land in ways that will foster enchantment and enrich the lives of those we share it with, both now and in the future. This passion led us to create Enchanted.

Our innovative, nature-based programs are designed to teach children fun and creative ways to interact with nature. When you sign up for a program with Fat Blossom Farm, your group has the opportunity to participate in our family-oriented community event.

Our programs are designed to engage children and their families in creative activities that will instill a fascination with nature. Our hands-on activities encourage learning through play which is an educational concept that has been embraced by many Michigan schools and organizations.

To register or get more information about our programs, call or email:

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We understand that all groups and classrooms have different needs and budgets. We have designed these programs to be flexible and are more than happy to setup a workshop in a way that will suit your organization's needs.

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## Brief Program Descriptions

### **Enchanted Building Workshop**

***Ages 4-8***

***@ Your Location***

In this workshop, participants will read about, gather, and discuss many natural materials collected by the children, their families, and our instructor. The students are then divided into small groups in order to build a single large structure that can be kept at your location or shown off in one of our Enchanted events.

### **Enchanted Building Workshop-Advanced**

***Ages 9 and up***

***@ Your Location***

In this workshop, participants will work individually or together in small groups to build a structure using a wooden base and bark along with their gathered materials.

### **Enchanted Field Trip**

***All Ages***

***@ Fat Blossom Farm***

In the Enchanted Field Trip, groups are invited to visit the farm in anticipation of one of our Enchanted events in late June or early October. Students will visit our demonstration garden, walk the trails, and build their own structure right into the forest floor. Students will also receive a free pass to return for the event and show off their creation.

### **Enchanted Playground**

***All Ages***

***@ Your Location***

Modeled after our Enchanted Events, this option is for groups with a wooded area or section of playground that can be adapted for a building area. After reading and getting inspired, each student builds their structure without glue, utilizing trees, stumps, and large rocks to build next to.

## Enchanted Building Workshop

**Ages 4-8**

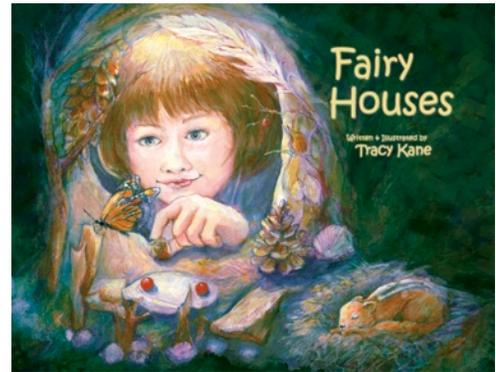
**@ Your Location**

**Available from Sept 2014 through June 2015**

**Approximately 2 hours**

**\$110 - up to 16 participants  
(includes 1 house)**

**\$120 - up to 30 participants  
(includes 2 houses or 1 extra large house)**



### How it works:

#### **Prior to the workshop:**

- We will provide a handout that encourages the kids to gather natural materials and bring them to their group meeting for building a house.



#### **On the day of the workshop:**

- We read the book *Fairy Houses* by Tracy Kane and have a short book discussion.
- Children are shown some previously built houses to give them inspiration.
- In small groups, participants will help decorate the pre-made wooden house we provide.

#### **After the workshop:**

- Your house can be displayed indoors or outdoors at the place of your choosing.
- Children can check on and add to their house if displayed in an outdoor area they regularly visit. Your group will have the opportunity to observe animals and insects interacting with their structure. They will also witness the decomposition of the natural materials.
- Your group can renovate their house when the seasons change. If you build in the fall, children can redecorate in the spring with your assistance.

### Learning objectives:

- Investigate nature
- Develop observational skills
- Increase fine motor skills
- Increase problem-solving skills
- Learn identification of natural materials vs. artificial materials with the use of senses
- Learn the role these materials play in providing food and shelter for living creatures

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## Enchanted Building Workshop Continued...

### Workshop Details:

The entire workshop takes about 2 hours, but can fluctuate depending on the number of participants. It takes about 20 minutes to read the book and have a brief Q&A. The rest of the time we build.

It works best for groups of 3-4 at a time to help build the house in 10-15 min rotations. The students use white glue in small bowls with paintbrushes to decorate the house and take turns picking out heavier items for our instructor to hot glue with/for them.



For the building portion, we have a couple different options that can be easily adapted to your schedule and space:



*a. Build during other planned table activities: The children rotate from table to table around the room doing different activities you have planned along with the building station. In this scenario, you can still have your scheduled group activities during our building workshop.*

*-or-*

*b. Build inside or outside (weather permitting) during free play: Our instructor will setup a table with the building materials and call the children over when it is their turn to build. Building outside is always a great option since working with natural materials can be quite messy.*





## Enchanted Building Workshop-Advanced

**Age 9 and up**

**@ Your Location**

**Available from Sept 2014 through May 2015**

**Approximately 2 hours**

**\$110 - up to 16 participants (includes 4 houses)**

**\$150 - up to 30 participants (includes 8 houses)**

**Program Requirements:** A spacious room with tables or outdoor space where we can setup tables for working in small groups of 3-4.



### How it works:



#### **Prior to the workshop:**

- We will provide a handout for your group that encourages them to gather natural materials and bring them to their meeting for building a house. Participants will be instructed on how to gather/harvest sustainably.

#### **On the day of the workshop:**

- Students are shown some previously built houses and photos to give them inspiration.
- In small groups, students will work together to design and build their structures.

#### **After the workshop:**

- Your houses can be displayed indoors or outdoors at the place of your choosing.

### Learning Objectives:

- Investigate nature
- Develop observational skills
- Increase fine motor skills
- Increase problem-solving skills
- Learn identification of natural materials with the use of senses



## Enchanted Field Trip

**All Ages**

**@ Fat Blossom Farm**

**Available in October 2014 or June 2015**

**Approximately 2 hours**

**Groups of 30 or more= \$3 per person**

**Groups less than 30= \$5 per person**

**(2 group leaders and 1 adult chaperone per child under age 8 are free. Additional adults and siblings may attend for \$3 or \$5 depending on group size)**



### How it works:

- Groups walk the trails while stopping to see all the houses and identify plants and trees with the help of our signs.
- Upon exiting the trails, participants will be given the opportunity to build their own structure right into the forest floor in our building area. Your group will be encouraged to build with anything they find on the ground and with the interesting natural materials we provide.
- Your group can explore our children's garden and the available activities. Activities include painting a rock, sketching a sunflower and more.
- After the field trip, participants and group leaders will be given a flyer and free ticket to come back to Fat Blossom Farm during our next event, either the Enchanted Forest Festival (Oct 4-5 & 11-12) or the Enchanted Summer Celebration (June 20-21 & 27-28). These 4 day events are open to the public and fun for the entire family.

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## Enchanted Playground

All Ages

@ Your Location

Available October 2014 through May 2015  
(weather permitting)

Approximately 2 hours

\$110 - up to 16 participants

\$120 - up to 30 participants



**Program requirements:** A wooded area or section of your playground that you are willing to adapt for a building area. Outdoor structures are built without glue and require a tree, stump, or large rock to build next to.

### How it works:

#### **Prior to the workshop:**

- We will provide a handout for your group that encourages them to gather natural materials and bring them to their meeting for building a house. Older participants will be instructed on how to gather/harvest sustainably.

#### **On the day of the workshop:**

- We read the book *Fairy Houses* by Tracy Kane and have a short book discussion. (Ages 4-8)
- Participants will be instructed on how to build in the designated building area with the materials they gathered along with interesting materials we provide.

#### **After the workshop:**

- Your group will continue to interact with structures by gathering and bringing in more materials.
- Students will have the opportunity to observe animals and insects interacting with their structures. They will also witness the decomposition of the natural materials.



### Learning objectives:

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<b>Price Guide</b>						
<b><i>Programs @ Your Location</i></b>		<b>Enchanted Building Workshop</b>	<b>Enchanted Building Workshop Community Connection</b>	<b>Enchanted Building Workshop Advanced</b>	<b>Enchanted Schoolyard</b>	
Base Fee (includes up to 30 mile round trip from Fat Blossom Farm)	up to 16 participants	\$110	\$95	\$110	\$110	
	up to 30 participants	\$120	\$105	\$150	\$120	
<b>\$1.00 per additional mile for more than 30 miles round trip</b>						
<p><b>Example:</b>            I want to schedule the Enchanted Building Workshop for my group of 10.            My location is 20 miles from Fat Blossom Farm.  <math>20 \times 2 = 40</math> miles round trip  <math>40 \text{ miles} - 30 \text{ miles (included in base price)} = 10</math> additional miles  <math>10 \text{ miles} \times \\$1 = \\$10</math> extra for travel            Enchanted Building Workshop base fee <math>\\$110 + \\$10 = \\$120</math> total</p>						
<b><i>Programs @ Fat Blossom Farm</i></b>			<b>Enchanted Field Trip</b>			
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Groups less than 30			\$5 per student			
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