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Springton Manor Farm is located at 860 Springton Road, Glenmoore, five miles west of Downingtown off Route 322. Farm grounds are open from 8:00 a.m. to dusk. The great barn is open 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m..

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## Contact the Friends Group:

If you're interested in membership or learning more, please contact the Friends group at:

Mail:  
Friends of SMF  
c/o Springton Manor Farm  
860 Springton Road  
Glenmoore, PA 19343

Or E-mail: [FriendsofSMF@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsofSMF@gmail.com)

Like us on Facebook:  
<http://www.facebook.com/#!/FriendsofSMF>

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Annual dues: \$15 individual, \$25 family

Other Chester County park friends groups:

Hibernia County Park in Wagontown, and Warwick County Park in Pottstown, and the Chester Valley Trail also have active Friends Groups. For more information on the Chester County Parks Department, call:

(610) 344-6415, or visit:

<http://www.chesco.org/index.aspx?NID=178>

## Friends of Springton Manor Farm

Preserving Our Past and Preparing For Our Future



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## Friends Group History:

First organized in 1985, the Friends of Springton Manor Farm was an energetic community group that loved and supported the Farm. In addition to their twice yearly meetings, the Friends organized and helped staff many wonderful community activities at the farm, including Family Day, Dark in the Park, Junior at Halloween, Scottish Heritage Day, classical Christmas gathering at the manor house, Breakfast with Santa, and a Maple Sugar Festival, among many other events. These special occasions promoted a sense of community, educated visitors about the history of the farm, ecology, agriculture, and brought many Chester County residents to the park to enjoy its beauty and natural treasures. The Friends conducted monthly tours of the manor house and helped to staff the barn for Sunday visitors. The Friends also worked with other community organizations such as the Glen Moore Fire Company, local garden clubs, local park and recreation boards, the local farm community and local environmental groups to support Springton Manor Farm.

Through many fun and interesting fund raisers like the art auction, food concessions at local events and membership dues, the Friends were able to support many programs at the park, to help fund needed improvements there, and fund special events and projects. The Friends group worked closely with the farm staff and the Chester County Parks Department to determine and meet the needs of the park and its resident animals. ...

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After more than a decade since the last Friend's organized event, a group of highly motivated individuals answered the call to reorganize the Friends of Springton Manor Farm in 2012. The vision of these energetic volunteers is to play a vital role in promoting the use of the only public working farm in the county. As a non-profit organization, the Friends can be the means for people to be involved in special projects at the farm and the Friends group can also coordinate with various local organizations to promote and staff special events at the farm.

The group's executive board was formed in December 2012, when 501(c)(3) status was applied for. The IRS confirmed this status in March 2014, retroactive to the date of our application.

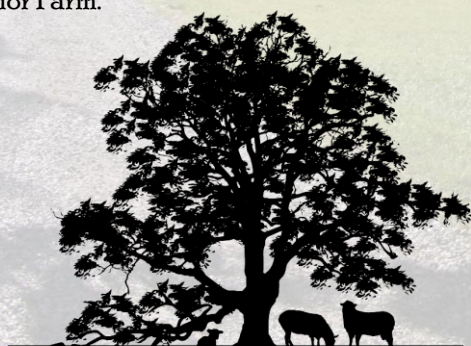
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