

What's On: School Holiday Family Activities

Wooling and carding wool

Thursday August 13th 10.30am-11.30 Hours – **£4.00**
Please note children will need to be accompanied by an adult.

Aimed at children aged 5-11, the wool collected during the shearing in our courtyard in April is being returned to be washed and cleaned. Learn how people prepare wool before it can be spun into yarn. Come along and join in this messy and fun activity. You will then be able to use the wool you clean in our later workshops. There will also be some fun felt making as well.

Learn to spin yarn with a drop spindle

Tuesday 18th August - 10.30am-11.30 Hours – **£3.00** (or **£5.00** including the drop spindle). Please note children will need to be accompanied by an adult.

Aimed at children aged 5-12 to explore and have fun turning sheep fibre into yarn. We will be using a hand held drop spindle, traditionally used for spinning wool and still used in countries like Peru, where even travelling on a bus people are still spinning yarn. Dropspindles and yarn provided.

Learn the art of simple wool dyeing

Wednesday 17th August 10.30am-11.30Hours – **£4.00**
Please note children will need to be accompanied by an adult.

Aimed at children aged 5-12 to explore natural dye using a color dye technique, showing how nature can turn wool and fabric to colour. Often there are unexpected colour schemes as the plants can show 1 colour when making wool and fabric, and another once it has dried. We are using coffee jars or plastic bags in the process. Please bring any jars, plastic bags and flowers, shrubs to use.

Getting Creative with Wool

August 14th 10.30am-11.30 Hours – **£3.00** Please note children will need to be accompanied by an adult.

Aimed at children aged 5-12 we will be using wool to make puppets, decorations etc. We will be supplying all the material but you need to bring your creativity.

Learn the art of felt making

11th August, 10.30am-11.30Hours – **£3.00** Please note children will need to be accompanied by an adult.

Aimed at children aged 5-11 we will be using prepared wool to be washed with soapy water to create felt. This might be a bit messy, but a lot of fun.

General information

As we want children to have fun, we are restricting attendance at each activity to a maximum number of 12 people. This will include all the adults and all the children.

The workshops involving wool are designed so that a child can attend all the workshops, bringing material prepared in early workshops to the later ones, for example, the wool they wash can be used in the spinning workshop, and the wool spun in the spinning workshop can be used to dye.

Where possible, our summer family activities might be taking place outside so please make sure all children have sun tan lotion on and bring a hat with them. Also please note that some of the activities might be a bit messy so children should wear clothing which you are happy for them to get wet and dirty.

Talk

"The good life 7 - A journey into Smallholding" by Carol Milfordburg, Thursday 25th August - 7pm, Tickets in Advance from Heritage Centre **£3.00**.

Some of you might have seen Carol in our Courtyard earlier this year hand shearing her sheep to launch our sheep exhibition. In this talk she explains her journey into how she set up a small holding in East Devon.