

**NEW ENGLAND ALUMNAE OF SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE
2008 FAMILY PICNIC AND OUTING DAY AT
GREEN MEADOWS FARM**

Once again, Joanne Holbrook Patton, Class of '52, invites all Sweet Briar Alumnae and family members of all ages, along with current Sweet Briar students from the New England area with their families, to join her for an afternoon in the Massachusetts countryside--inland from the "North Shore."

**SATURDAY, July 12 - between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
(Raindate: Sunday, July 13 - same time)
650 Asbury Street
South Hamilton, MA 01982**

**This year's special guests will be Missy Gentry Witherow '80,
Associate Director of the Alumnae Association.**

Green Meadows Farm is just 25 miles north of Boston and easy to reach from major highways. As in the fifteen years the event has been held, it offers a comfortable, casual setting for happy reunions with old friends, for meeting Sweet Briar alumnae from other classes who may be your neighbors, and for touching base with Sweet Briar staff and volunteers who can bring us up to date on the current Sweet Briar campus scene. The day is informal, informative, and above all enjoyable and relaxing. It's really worth planning for--right now!

Here's what you should bring: your own picnic and beverages (grills and ice are available), and sports equipment for tennis, softball, frisbee tossing or pond fishing. Canoes with pickup service are available for paddling the Ipswich River, adjacent to the Farm, and so are changing rooms for pool swimmers. The grounds and facilities are all wheelchair accessible.

Here's what Green Meadows Farm will provide: green fields for games and gazing, lanes for strolling, a tennis court and swimming pool. There also are lambs, pigs, chickens, turkeys, and two family Labrador retrievers. The Farmstand will be open that day, selling organic produce and products. Green Meadows Farm is a fully USDA-certified organic operation, with a large Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. Hayrides to the farm fields will be offered during your visit.

Here's what we can guarantee: a warm welcome for everyone--so bring your whole family along!

If weather is doubtful on Saturday... you are encouraged to call (978) 468-3769 anytime after 8:00 a.m. that day, for word on whether the picnic is a "go" or will be postponed to the next day, Sunday. (Never yet has a GMF picnic and outing day been rained out on both days!)

Directions to the Farm are below. Please call Joanne's office at (978) 468-3769 with questions. **See you at the picnic!**

Cut & mail this registration form to:
SBC Picnic c/o Patton, 650 Asbury Street, South Hamilton, MA 01982

Name: _____

[Check] alumna _____ student _____ parent _____ class of _____

Contact phone and best time to call: _____ [work__ home __]

Adults _____ # Children ages 13-17 _____ 5-12 _____ under 5 _____

I request a handicap parking space _____ [Will be confirmed.]

[Local alumnae] I could help with [one-hour shifts]:

registration table _____ children's games _____ pool lifeguard _____ grill cook _____

[You will be contacted ahead to confirm times, if you sign up.]

DIRECTIONS TO GREEN MEADOWS FARM

From South/West of Farm (from Route 95N):

1. Turn off 95 North at Exit 50 - Topsfield (approximately 25 miles north of Boston) onto Route 1 North.
2. Continue on Route 1 North past the Topsfield Fairgrounds (right side) and through the next traffic light intersection (Route 97), continuing on. Watch for large blue sign on right, indicating right turn at the next traffic light intersection, for Green Meadows Farm.
3. Turn right at the next traffic light intersection (with a Turnpike Services Gas station on the left, a Dunkin' Donuts on the right), turning onto the Ipswich Road (signs will indicate toward the Bradley Palmer State Park).
4. Continue approximately 1-1/2 miles on Ipswich Road, passing two Willowdale Road signs on the right side.
5. Take next right at Asbury Street (ground sign on right indicates Green Meadows Farm, other points to State Park). Continue past park entrance.
6. Drive on Asbury for approximately 1 mile, passing Green Meadows Farmstand on right, passing next driveway with multiple mailboxes, continuing on.
7. Turn right at the next right-hand driveway, with stone pillars and flowerpots, before black mailbox reading "650," entering driveway. Parking is available all along inside driveways or on Asbury Street (on one side only). Unload by the jockey if you wish, before parking farther away.

From North:

1. Take Route 95 South - turn off at Route 133 Rowley exit.
2. Turn left on 133 to Route 1. Turn right on Route 1, going south.
3. Continue on Route 1 South, watching for large blue sign on left, indicating left turn coming up for Green Meadows Farm. Make left turn at the next traffic light intersection onto Ipswich Road, following signs to State Park. Then follow directions 4 through 7 above.

From Route 1A North off Route 128 East:

1. Turn off Route 128 at Exit 20A in direction of Hamilton & Ipswich.
2. Follow Route 1A from North Beverly to Wenham (passing Wenham Lake on left, just before entering the town).
3. Turn left in the center of Wenham, just beyond the white Congregational Church, onto Arbor Street.
4. Continue to blinking light intersection (US Gas service station on right).
5. Pass US Gas service station and then angle left (there will be a "keep right" island and a sign indicating Green Meadows Farm and the State Park in this direction).
6. Continue about 1.5 miles to black mailbox on left, reading "650."
7. Turn left just beyond mailbox, in between short stone pillars with flower pots. Park along interior driveway or on one side (not both) of Asbury Street. Unload supplies or passengers at jockey hitching post if parking at a distance.

**Check in at the registration table and
look for us at the back of the house!
Lost? Call (978) 468-4533**