

Pioneer Fun Days

The Dr. Pound Historical Farmstead will, once again, offer old time summer enjoyment. Children ages 5 to 12 are invited to come to the Dr. Pound Farmstead *Tuesday mornings in July* to participate in pioneer activities and games in the shade of the giant oak trees.

All programs will be held 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. rain or shine: July 6–Yarn Spinning, July 13–Sunflower Extravaganza, July 20–Jam Making, July 27–Candle Dipping. Kids will also learn how to play old time games such as marbles, checkers, dominoes, and sing a folk song or two.

There is a \$5 charge per child. Reservations are required as class sizes are limited. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. **For reservations call 512-858-2251.**

The Dr. Pound Historical Farmstead is accessed through Founder’s Park, beyond the pool, on RR 12, one third mile north of Highway 290.

Program Descriptions (check back for any changes)

Yarn Spinning – Miss Ginia will be joining us to share her knowledge about the various types of wool and dyes that were used in Central TX in the mid 1800's. Kids will practice the technique of carding and learn how to use a drop spindle. There will be a spinning wheel demonstration as well.

Sunflower Extravaganza – There are so many fun uses for sunflower seeds. This week kids can choose from a variety of craft projects, as well as take part in a group activity. We will be planting the seeds to grow a *sunflower house!* Hopefully, this house will have grown tall enough to permit “tours” at Fall Fest, September 18th. You can bet there will be some seed eating going on as well!

Jam Making – Central Texas produces a variety of fruits suitable for jams. Kids will learn to peel and chop, identify and measure ingredients. Then comes the best part, *tasting!* The practicality of learning to help in the kitchen at an early age will be discussed. Each child will take home a small jar of their jam.

Candle Dipping – Kids will get to start with a wick, and dip and count and dip and count, and after 30-60 repetitions they will have a candle to take home and burn at the dinner table, or save for their next birthday cake. Grass, sand, or petals can be pressed into the soft wax for a unique look.