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### Tours

#### Thursday 1pm

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<http://www.vmcny.com>
  
- ***Syracuse Grows, Brady Farm:*** The goal of the Brady Farm is to provide affordable, fresh, locally grown produce to their community. They strive to maintain affordable prices in order to serve all people through a combination of weekly box shares (CSA), market shares, market stands, and donation to reach as many people as possible. Their goal is to provide food that our community wants to eat, and is as healthy as possible. They use organic methods of production and limit the use of chemicals for pesticides or fertilizers when growing different varieties of beans, beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cucumbers, eggplant, greens, herbs, lettuce, melon, okra, peppers, squash, tomatoes, tomatillos and flowers. **Maximum of 50 participants.**  
Students will need to:
  - Wear closed-toed shoes
  - Dress appropriately for outdoor weather<https://www.bradyfarm.org>
  
- ***Apple Acres:*** For over 50 years, Apple Acres has been growing, packing, and shipping apples in New York. Located in the "Apple Valley" of central New York, they grow a range of varieties to satisfy their consumer's preferences. Because of their unique, long standing relationship with growers in other New York apple producing regions, they are able to offer their customers a consistent supply of popular varieties. At Apple Acres, they are committed to supplying apples year round in the desired variety, quality, and package, as well as consistently meeting the standards of food safety commitment. **Maximum of 50 participants.**  
Students will need to:
  - a. Be in *at least* grade nine to participate
  - b. Wear closed toed shoes

<https://www.appleacresllc.com>

- **Paul DeLima Coffee:** Built in 1990, the Cicero Roasting Plant is the principle roasting facility for DeLima coffee's operations. The plant is located on Pardee Road just north of Syracuse, New York where all our coffee is roasted and packed. Here, we operate our modern industrial coffee roasting and packing equipment with state-of-the-art analysis and quality control peripherals. This tour will also include a complimentary coffee and cocoa tasting. **Maximum of 50 participants.**

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- a. Closed toed shoes

<https://www.delimacoffee.com>

- **Sunshine Horses:** Sunshine Horses, Inc. is a non-profit, independent adoption agency and rescue facility for horses in need. Founded by Kate Starr in 2003, Sunshine has found loving homes for more than 200 horses, with 14-18 adoptions per year. They specialize in retraining and rehoming retired Standardbred racehorses. However, Sunshine rescues all horses in need, regardless of industry or breed, and prepares them for their forever homes. **Maximum of 40 participants.** <https://www.sunshinehorses.org>

## Friday 8am

- **Trinity Valley Dairy:** Trinity Valley is a fourth-generation family farm in the beautiful valley of East Homer. Its idyllic rolling hills and valleys suggest pastures of yesteryear. The Moo Crew; Ken and Sue Poole, Derek Poole and Branden and Rebekah (Poole) Brown run the farm. In 2013, they turned a sweet corn field into a milk production facility and general store that sells local honey, maple syrup, seasonal produce, grass-fed beef, baked goods and more. Their farm is small and independent, bottles its milk onsite for the Trinity Valley brand and the Manhattan Milk Co. They are excited to bring to New York fresh, natural milk from a humble jug, cheese curds and made from scratch baked goods. Of the more than 100 dairy farms in Cortland County, theirs is also the first and only "jugger," an endearing farm term for family operations that bottle milk straight from the cow. **Maximum of 50 participants.**

Students will need:

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<https://trinityvalleydairy.com>

- **Haun Welding Supply** is a 4th generation business that services Upstate New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Northern Pennsylvania. Haun distributes welding supplies, industrial supplies, and compressed and liquid gases through 19 stores located within this region. We also provide welding training, repair, and rental services. Industries serviced by Haun include construction, fabrication, manufacturing, commercial, medical, laboratories, education, and homeowners. **Maximum of 25 participants.**

Students will need:

- a. Closed toed-shoes

<https://www.haunweldingsupply.com>

- **Gianforte Farms:** Gianforte Farm tills 600 acres of Honeoye soils in the rolling hilltops north of Cazenovia, New York. Success in organic farming represents a delicate dance between crop selection, tillage practices, weather and timing to produce a good crop yield and reduce weeds and pests. Any given year they grow up to 10 different organic grains and row crops as well as underseed fields with legumes to bolster fertility. Soil health is carefully monitored and enhanced through crop selection and periodic use of soil amendments such

as gypsum and compost. Gianforte Farm produces up to 13 different organic food-grade grains and beans in its planned crop rotation. They sell wholesale to mills and organic dairies and sell direct to customers from South Carolina to Maine. They also have their own small mill and sell whole grains, beans and milled products to local stores, co-ops, restaurants and individual customers. **Maximum of 50 participants** <http://www.gianfortefarm.com>

- ***Salt City Harvest Farm:*** This urban-edge, 34-acre farm serves as bridge for New Americans as they adjust to their new surroundings, language, and culture. The Salt City Harvest farm provides weekly transportation and land on which New Americans grow and harvest food for their families. The cultivation of culturally-appropriate foods helps New Americans maintain their cultural identity and heritage in an unfamiliar environment. New Americans share farming knowledge while forming cross-cultural friendships, practicing language skills, and collaboratively working the land. **Maximum of 50 participants** <https://www.saltcityharvest.farm>

## Friday 1pm

- ***SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry (ESF):*** The College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF) is the premier college in the nation focused on the science, design, engineering and management of natural resources and the environment. ESF offers 24 undergraduate and 30 graduate degree programs, and is consistently ranked among the nation's top universities based on value, class size and student engagement. ESF faculty come from impressive backgrounds and conduct research at the forefront of solving many of the world's environmental problems. Students study at the Syracuse campus and on 25,000 acres of property throughout New York State. **Maximum of 50 participants.** <https://www.esf.edu>
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