

Camp Spotlight: Visiting Vermont Farm & Forest School at Drift Farmstead

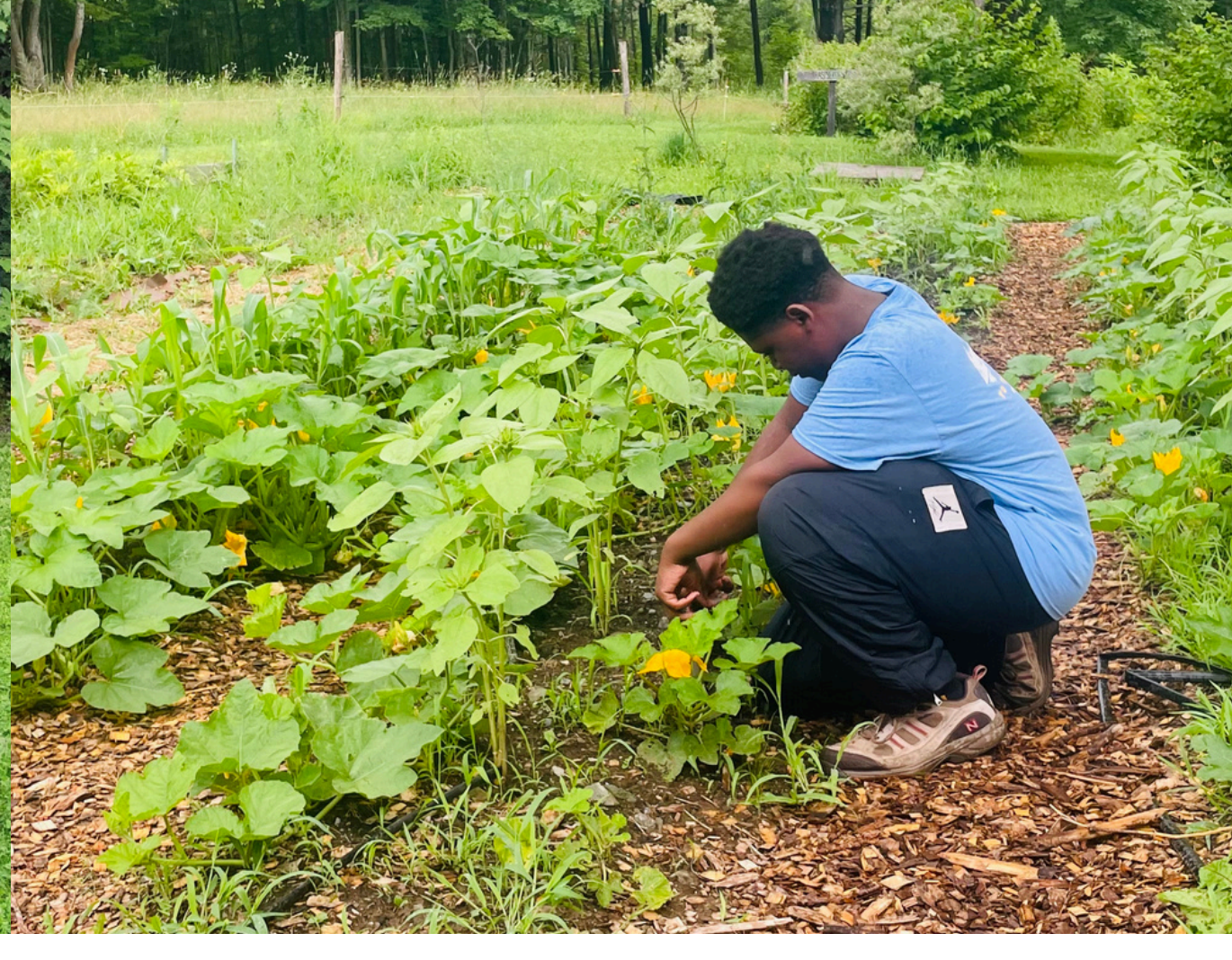


For over ten years, one of the many highlights of the EVkids Camp experience has been a visit to the [Vermont Farm & Forest School at Drift Farmstead](#), where students get a lesson in growing food and appreciation for the environment and nature.

During one of the farm visits this year, the day started with a hands-on lesson where campers learned about soil and its role in growing crops. Taryn, one of the farm educators, explained the differences between silt, clay, and sand in soil, emphasizing the importance of having a balanced soil composition. Campers also had the opportunity to use a tool to inspect soil samples and observe how different soil types separate into layers when poured into jars of water. This demonstration helped them understand how farmers determine soil quality.



Farm educator Taryn explains the different types of soil



Xavier (grade 6) takes a soil sample from a bed of growing vegetables



Franky (grade 7) shows off his soil sample to camp counselors



Counselor in Training Makkie pours her soil sample into a jar

Next, after a thorough washing of hands, it was time to put some of their newfound soil knowledge to work in a cooking activity. Campers worked together to make a layered "dirt pudding" snack that represented the layers of soil from the bedrock to the surface of the ground.

Everyone worked together to plan which ingredients should represent which layer and then followed a recipe to make all of the components, including an avocado-based chocolate pudding, a light and creamy chia seed pudding, crushed Oreo cookies, and gummy worms.



Zama (grade 6), Junior Counselor Vivian, and Counselor in Training Janet cut up avocados



Franky consults the recipe



Kiki (grade 6) and Aiden (grade 6) dish out snack cups



Makkie and Janet prepare the chia seed pudding

After snack time, campers trooped through a series of gates into a lush green pasture, where we met two friendly goats who were happy to accept plenty of affection.



A friendly goat enjoys pets from Makkie, Senior Counselor Lascelle, Franky, Kiki, and Zama

Next, campers visited the pig enclosure and made a few stops along the way to pick and eat some delicious raspberries. Finally, everyone gazed at a gigantic Scottish Highland cow and bull from a safe distance.



Aiden says hello to the pigs



Franky, Kiki, Makkie, and Junior Counselor Miguel on their way to visit the cows



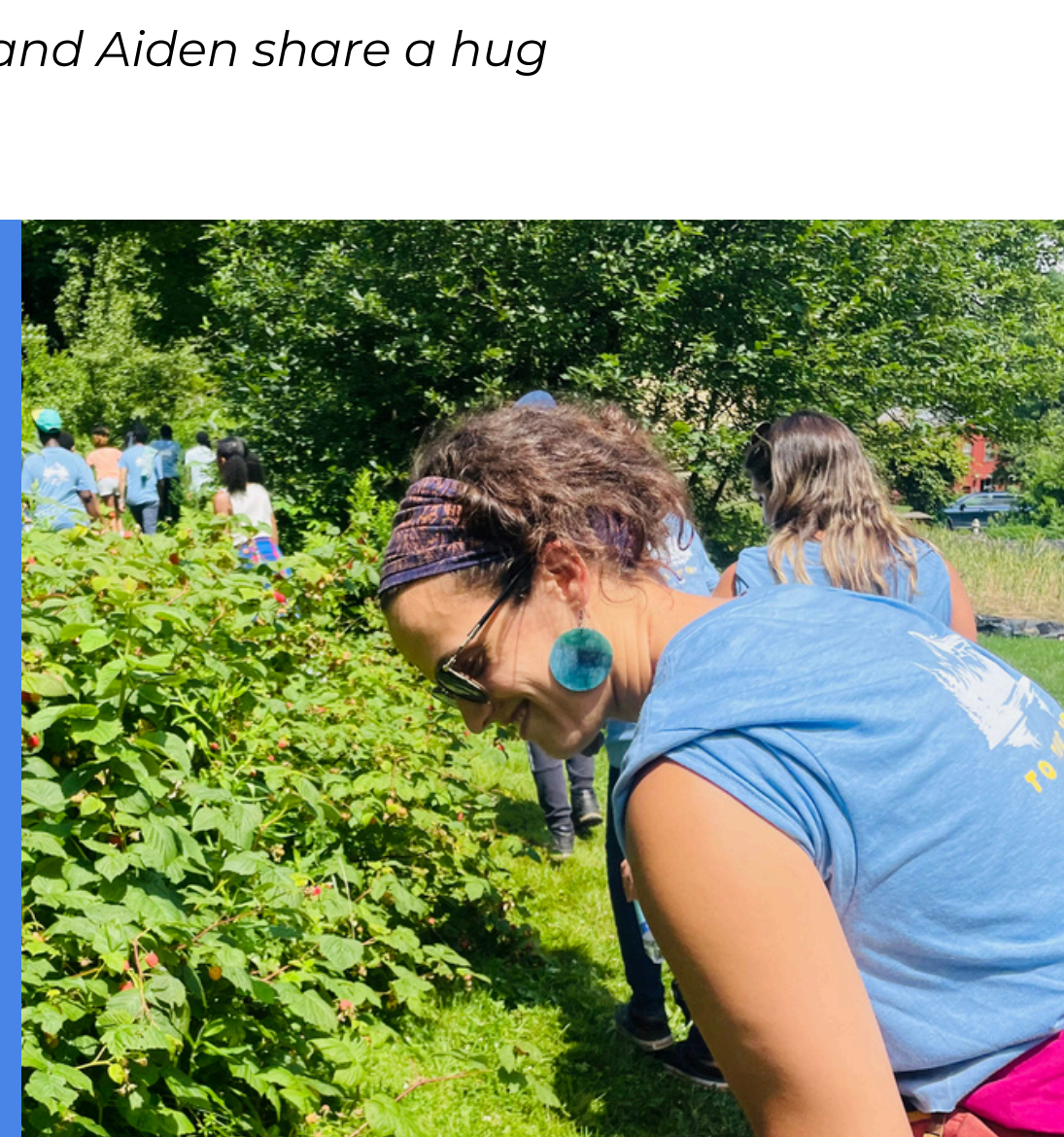
The cow and bull in their pasture



Xavier and Aiden share a hug

Because of your generous support, our campers are able to participate in hands-on educational experiences including this farm visit, activating their curiosity, creativity, and desire to learn.

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Camp Co-Director Liz samples some raspberries!