

## Franny's Farm Frequently Asked Questions

# Hosting with Franny's Farm

*Thank you* for your interest in having an event at Franny's Farm. We'd love to speak with you regarding your upcoming wedding, private event, retreat or festival plans.

*A little about Franny's Farm...* Our farm is home to sheep, goats, chickens, turkeys & bees! These animals live happily on our 33-acre spread. The lay of the land also includes a pond, huge fire pit, vegetable and flower gardens, edible landscaping, blueberry hill and an eco-community site with two cabins and multiple campsite options. The event barn has ground level entry into an open space with bar for receptions, parties and meeting space. The second story is the custom designed 3 bedrooms/2 bath farm house with modern kitchen, hand-crafted wood slab dining table & more. Farm house lodging is a great amenity to add to any event~ offering a comfortable, private space for couples and/or the wedding party to get ready before the ceremony and rest after an eventful day.

*We host a wide variety of events* from large music festivals, retreats, private & public parties to intimate & elegant weddings. Our site is versatile and can accommodate for both ceremony & reception with plenty of parking.

*Rest assured*, you and your guests will feel far away from the hustle & bustle at Franny's Farm, but remain conveniently close to amenities. We are located in the rolling hills of South Turkey Creek in Leicester, just 10 miles from downtown Asheville. Within 20 minutes, you can be in the downtown foodie mecca with dozens of breweries, casual to fine dining, music, art studios, shopping, salons and more.

*We welcome* the opportunity to host your upcoming event. Please call to schedule a site visit and enter your information on our website at <http://frannysfarm.com/host-an-event/> to receive contracts, FAQs and more pricing information.

*We look forward to meeting you soon!*

*Frances Harris Tacy aka Farmer Franny*

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Thank you for your interest in hosting your upcoming event with Franny's Farm! We've put together the following FAQ's for your information. We are happy to provide a more customized consultation upon request! Appointments can be made by calling 828-708-5587.

### **SO, what exactly is Franny's Farm?**

We are an Organic Farm & Event Venue located on 33-acres in Leicester, NC dedicated to offering a welcoming, friendly, wholesome and FUN environment fit to host farm weddings & private events. Lodging options include Farm House, Eco-Cabins and unlimited Camping. We have U-Pick Blueberries, gardens, livestock, hiking and more! Franny's Farm has come to be known as "The Bowl of Heaven."

### **Event hours of operation?**

Our events can begin as early as 9am and conclude by 11pm. Custom times may be arranged with advance notice. Event cleanup must conclude by 12am or a contracted designated end time.

### **Can I visit Franny's Farm without an appointment?**

We prefer you set up an appointment to ensure that a Franny's Farm Staff member is able to meet you. We are open to the public Tuesday-Friday 10am- 5pm for farm tours and by appointment on the weekends.

### **Can we host our ceremony & reception at Franny's Farm?**

Absolutely. Our venue contains 33 acres of beautiful scenery with gardens, fields, pond, barn and other naturally occurring country-chic scenes. We encourage you to choose the locale(s) for your ceremony & reception that best reflect your ultimate vision.

### **Ceremony sites?**

The preferred site is the "Barefoot Garden" with rock wall and rustic log arbor that can seat up to 200 guests. We are flexible and allow you to pick a more intimate spot that best suits your vision. The settings are all beautiful and range from a small garden spot, a location by the pond, a pasture setting or the woods wedding site that can seat up to 100.

### **How many guests can Franny's Farm accommodate?**

Garden Site- Up to 200 people

Pond Site/Harmony Garden- Up to 50 people seated, 100 standing

Barn- Up to 125 people

Woods Wedding Site – Up to 100 people

Festivals have had >500 attendees with every variety of vehicle parked in the lower pasture

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## **What is included in my venue fee?**

- Access to the Barn, Garden, Pond, Fields and Parking Area
- Use of the property for your contracted time line, with option of overnight camping
- Set-up and break-down of all Franny's Farm equipment
- Immaculately landscaped, scenic grounds
- Parking lot attendant and handicap transport as needed
- Host on site at all times for building maintenance and/or access to additional items
- Cleaning of barn floors & restrooms
- Fresh Flowers/Plants in the Barn as determined by Franny's Farm

## **Parking?**

General guest parking will be directed by Franny's Farm staff. Parking is in the lower pasture just through the gate. Handicap parking is limited & available at the barn.

## **Handicapped accessible?**

Yes. We accommodate special needs. Handicap parking is limited and available at the barn. Shuttles are available for those in physical need of transport. Eco-Cabin 1 has concrete sidewalks.

## **What Happens if it Rains?**

In the event of rain, we are happy to move your ceremony into the barn or an event tent. We are also happy to arrange for the tent rental. We have all the details mapped out for what size tent is needed for the number of guests and the multiple available sites they can be placed on the farm.

With any outdoor event, we encourage the use of a tent.

## **Event rentals?**

Relax. Your coordinator will handle all rentals. In the event of missing or damaged equipment or furnishings, the client is responsible for the cost, repair or replacement plus any additional cost that may be associated with its replacement and or repair.

## **Self-catering allowed?**

This is your event and we are here to help. You are allowed to do your own catering. A \$250 self-catering fee is applied for additional staffing required.

## **If self-catering, may we bring in a smoker/grill ?**

Yes, as long as it is of commercial quality and is approved in writing in advance, we reserve the right to refuse the use of any equipment that we feel may endanger our staff, property or your guests.

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### **Alcohol service?**

You are allowed to bring in your own alcohol (Beer, Wine and Champagne).

### **More details on Alcohol service?**

Clients are allowed to provide their own alcohol once the NC ABC Special Occasion Permit has been approved and received by Franny's Farm Events. Our staff can help facilitate the permit process.

### **Is a Bartender required?**

Yes. Absolutely. It is required by law. The cost for a bartender through Franny's Farm is \$35/hour, plus a bar set-up fee which includes cups, ice and cocktail napkins.

### **Do you check ID's?**

Yes. Franny's Farm staff is trained & certified to follow all state laws for serving alcoholic beverages.

Yes. Bartenders or clients can limit the amount of alcohol served to guests

### **Tipping / Gratuities?**

Our staff works hard to ensure your event is fun, clean & safe for everyone. Although tipping at Franny's Farm is not required, it is greatly appreciated.

**Is security required?** For festivals and public events (excludes weddings and private events), if alcohol is being served, there must be at least one security guard per 200 people.

### **Event Insurance?**

We suggest a special event insurance policy which can be obtained through an agency noted in our "Preferred Vendor List" and typically cost \$200-\$500, depending on the scope and size of your event. Franny's Farm and the event planner can assist with this.

### **What if Franny's Farm equipment is damaged/ disappears?**

We are here to assist in any way possible and it is common for caterers, florist, and other professional vendors to have the need to borrow some of our equipment (after all that is what it is here for). We do not commonly charge a fee as long as the equipment is returned in the condition that it was given in. When this does not happen our client is responsible for the cost or repair or replacement plus any additional cost that may be associated with its replacement and or repair.

### **May we store items overnight?**

If you have rented the farm for multiple days or the weekend, you have until designated check-out times in contract. Under certain situations we will allow overnight storage. A fee will be charged and all items must be moved by 10am checkout time. Franny's Farm accepts NO responsibility for said items.

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## **Pets?**

For all events, we do not allow any outside animals (with the exception of service animals) on the property for reasons of safety and our farm certifications. If you want your pet to participate in the ceremony, please address this with your planner and Franny's Farm Staff.

## **Must we use the Recommended Vendor List?**

You are permitted to use any vendor once approved. Caterers must provide a Certificate of Liability and sign a Franny's Farm Catering Agreement. For your convenience, we can provide names and contact information for our preferred vendors. Your coordinator will assist and book your caterer or food truck.

## **When are vendors allowed on site?**

2 hours prior your event

## **Hotels & lodging?**

Franny's Farm currently has the 3 bed/2 bath Farm House and the Eco-Community Center with 2 cabins and unlimited camping sites available to guests. The cabins and camping share a well-equipped kitchen, bathrooms and shower house with a community fire-pit and picnic tables. Just 3 miles down the country road is a gorgeous Bed & Breakfast with 14 rooms. Downtown Asheville is just 10 miles away with a multitude of lodging facilities. The closest is the Crowne Plaza which is 8 miles away.

## **Staffing for day of event?**

Your Coordinator will be on-site for your event &/or a designated Franny's Farm Event Staff.

## **Duties of the bridal attendant?**

This person is your assistant on your wedding day. She will handle all planned and unplanned details that may arise. She is available to coordinate your ceremony, organize outside vendors, and assist you with all your needs. She will meet with you at least once prior to your wedding day and be with you through the cutting of the cake. She follows the time line and keeps your reception running smoothly.

## **NC tax? 7%**

## **Processing Fees? 3% for credit card or Paypal**

## **Service charge?**

A 10% service charge will be added to your event subtotal. This is a "planning fee" and is paid in part to your Franny's Farm Event Coordinator. Services covered in this fee are on-site meetings, planning and coordinating of all event details, including rentals, entertainment, catering, etc.

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### **Options for ceremony music?**

Options include a string quartet, DJ, band or bagpiper. We've seen it all and the sky is the limit!

### **Items not allowed in décor?**

Confetti, birdseed, rice and helium balloons are not allowed. The balloons may only be used inside the barn or event tent. Candles cannot be used in the barn. Preferred lighting is solar, battery or decor lights.

### **Items for "Grand Departure?"**

Bubbles, Bells, Sparklers & Glow Sticks

### **Transportation options?**

Busses, limos, shuttles, Uber, LaZoom Comedy Bus, Asheville Historic Trolley, etc. Your Event Coordinator will be happy to arrange transportation for you.