

# OMG! Company's Coming and We Need Help Getting Ready!



*Good morning!*

I have no idea what kind of owl this is - whether it's a young'in or an adult.

But doesn't that face perfectly express how most of us feel when you know company is coming and you're not ready?

When's the perfect time to do your spring cleaning?  
Right before you're having company!



Spring cleaning on the farm not only involves the usual picking up, raking up, and washing up.

It also means getting the property ready for the hundreds of racers, walkers, sponsors, and volunteers who all make the farm's Chicken Run on Sunday, April 8th a wonderful success!

Even if you can only spare an hour or so, your help is greatly appreciated!!

## Getting the Farm Ready for the Chicken Run!

Saturday, April 7th, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Potluck Lunch Starts When the Work is Done!**

**Bring Your Favorite Foods!**

Because there are so many things that need doing before opening the farm to visitors, there are all kinds of jobs:

- Stand-up jobs,
- Sit-down jobs,
- Some heavy lifting jobs,
- Jobs that build up your callouses,
- One type that softens your hands, and of course,
- Cleaning up for the last time after the pigeons.

Indoor Cleaning (Dairy Barn, Milk Room, Stall Areas, Hay Barn, Store)	Sweep floors, walls, ceiling, clean up pigeon poop, clean harnesses, wash windows, clean appliances dust displays
Outdoor Cleaning	Raking, clean up chicken yard, walk fence line and around house, pick-up garbage, cut brush, clean-up flower beds
Outdoor Other	Moving portable fences, setting up areas for livestock, nail plaques on posts and rails, removing plastic from windows, setup training area, mark areas for sponsor setup, and parking areas, fill holes in field, setup outdoor wash station.
Indoor Other	Shuck gladiolas for planting, organize and ready race materials including thank you bags for sponsors, hand write thank you cards (postcards).
Store Setup	Inventory products, setup displays, setup cash register and Square for sales.

Note: These are only examples of things that take place and is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all activities that may take place.

## Did you know?

That any time you volunteer at the farm the time you spend there helps the farm get different types of grants?

It's true!

Many grants are awarded only if an organization can pony-up "matching funds". Included in matching funds are the hours that you volunteers spend keeping the farm going.

Not only do you get to see the immediate results of the work you do when you volunteer, but you also help the farm look good on the grant applications!



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