

For 140 years, the Strong Family Farm has served as the home and workplace for more than seven generations of Strongs.



Traditionally, the farm had always been handed down to the eldest son.

When it became clear that son Morgan wished to leave the frigid winters of Connecticut behind to farm in Virginia, daughter Nancy conceived of a way to keep the farm safe from development.

Under the auspices of the Strong Family Farm Nonprofit organization, Executive Director Nancy Strong is seeing her vision of providing hands-on agrarian and horticultural learning opportunities to Vernon and area communities become a reality.

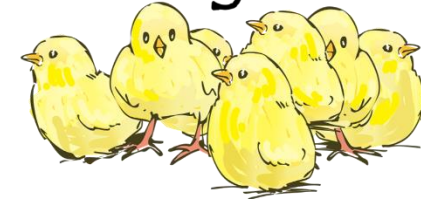
Originally called Adopt-a-Chicken, the Backyard Chicken program was the farm's first educational activity. It was also the inspiration for the farm's spring fundraiser, the Chicken Run!

At the end of March, the newly hatched chickens arrive and make their debut in April at this annual, multi-race event that features a 5K run, a 2-mile walk, and a ¼ mile kids' race.

Just look for The Big Yellow Barn  
274 West Street  
Vernon, CT 06066



# The 2018 Backyard Chicken Program



*For Kids and Their Families*

At  
The Historic Strong Family Farm in Vernon, CT

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*"Your diet is a bank account. Good food choices are good investments."*

Bethenny Frankel

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The Backyard Chicken Program is a fun and educational opportunity that helps your kids understand the importance of knowing how their food is raised and what it's being fed.

**Suitable for kids from 6 to 96!**





Taught by Alexis Carmicheal, an experienced chicken farmer, the Backyard Chicken Program was conceived when she realized that most children's knowledge of their food was solely through grocery stores.

During this hands-on program, you and your kids will:

- Learn basic chicken anatomy and responsibility for caring for the chickens,
- Why chickens are an important part of our lives,
- Guess when the first egg will be laid,
- Identify how chickens are the same and different from each other, and
- Explore the farm collecting treats for the chickens, and for yourselves too!

Each class will be a variety of instruction, craft or project, exploring and learning about the farm, and hands-on interactions with the chickens.

The Backyard Chicken Program takes place on alternating Wednesdays from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Classes take place on June 13, June 27, July 11, July 25, August 8, August 22, September 5, and September 19

All classes are in The Big Yellow Barn at the Historic Strong Family Farm, 274 West Street, Vernon, CT

Participants may sign-up for one chicken per family or one chicken per person.

The cost for the program is \$40/each chicken. This small fee covers the animal's food and care during their stay at the farm.



*Going back all the way to my childhood on the farm, the fields and forests were places of adventure and self-discovery.*  
David Mixner

The Backyard Chicken Program is brought to you by:



The Strong Family Farm is a 501(c)3 nonprofit whose mission is to save this property by offering opportunities for people and families to experience educational and fun activities on the last historical family farm in Vernon. All donations are tax deductible.

# Backyard Chicken Program Enrollment Form



All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Participants should dress appropriately for a farm environment.

Note: Number of available chickens is limited. Early enrollment is advised.

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Name of Responsible Adult

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Street Address

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Town, State, and Zipcode

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Phone

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Participant Name(s)

Number of Chickens \_\_\_\_\_ (\$40/each)

Please make out check to Strong Family Farm and send to same at 274 West Street, Vernon, CT 06066

For more information about the Backyard Chicken Program go to:

<http://www.strongfamilyfarm.org/backyard-chicken-program/> or email [Info@StrongFarm.org](mailto:Info@StrongFarm.org)

