Holidays and summer vacations have always conjured fond memories of childhood, when our family set out on an adventure away from home. Whether it was a trip to our grandparents’ house in the country or a camping trip in the Smoky Mountains, we always came to a new realization of how important our family was and just how precious this time was together. Family time at Blackberry Farm offers a unique opportunity to experience adventures that will create memories to last a lifetime. Take time for mother-and-daughter pampering at the Spa, pass on your father’s or grandfather’s tradition of casting that perfect fly across the pristine waters of Hesse Creek. Embark on a hike along the Trunk Branch Trail with your family clan, horseback ride across mountain trails and pastoral meadows, or simply picnic in a field far away from schedules and daily routines.

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**DAILY PROGRAM AGE GROUPS**

**Explorers**
Program designed to allow exploration and understanding for children 4 years or older

**Adventurers**
Program designed to fit the growing minds and interests of children 8 years or older

**SESSIONS**
Easter, Family Time (Memorial Day through Labor Day), Thanksgiving Holiday, Christmas Holiday
**DAILY CAMP BLACKBERRY THEMES:**

- **Monday** – Garden Day
- **Tuesday** – Outdoor Adventure Day
- **Wednesday** – Wellness Day
- **Thursday** – Culinary Day
- **Friday** – Farm Animal Day
- **Saturday** – Artisan Day
- **Sunday** – National Park Day

Morning Sessions: 9 a.m. to 12 noon (Lunch is available with advanced notice)

Afternoon Sessions: 1 to 5 p.m.

Evening Camp Blackberry “Dinner and a Movie” session: 6 to 10 p.m.

*Daily schedule and themes are subject to change.

**SITTING SERVICES**

Sitting services are available with an hourly charge of $25 per sitter. Parents must remain on Blackberry Farm property while their child is in this care.

**CHILDREN**

Children of any age are welcome throughout the year. Children under 4 years of age may stay in their parents’ room free of charge. Charges for children 4 years of age and older staying in their parents’ room will be $250 per child, per night, plus tax and service charge. This standard room charge covers meals, pantry snacks, sodas and Camp Blackberry. For more information regarding the months of Camp Blackberry, please contact our Reservations team.

**DINING**

All meals are special events at Blackberry Farm, and our Culinary Team takes great pride in using only the finest ingredients to create memorable cuisine. Breakfast, brunch and lunch are enjoyed in the dining room. Lunch at Blackberry Farm is a casual affair and is available from 12 to 2 p.m. daily. Dinner is enjoyed by reservation in The Barn. However, to preserve a consistent atmosphere for all diners, children under the age of 10 are allowed in The Barn only at 6 p.m. reservation times.

**CAMP BLACKBERRY**

- **Explorers Camp** – Children ages 4 and up
- **Adventures Camp** – Children ages 8 and up (During special times throughout the year)

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From trails to gardens and streams to mountains, join us in a unique opportunity to connect to a place and time as we discover and explore together. The Adventure Series takes guests of all ages into the great outdoors for challenging and enriching activities on property and in the nearby Smoky Mountain region. Programs are based on Mountain Discovery, Adventure Quests, and Farmstead Life, and targeted toward families with children up to the age of 18.

Our Adventure Series has it all and can help you create the most exciting memories possible. Join us in a unique opportunity and some of our most popular choices to grow as both a family and as explorers. Additional activities and options are available to further personalize your adventure.
MOUNTAIN DISCOVERY

STREAM EXPLORATION
Get connected to the life of an aquatic ecosystem of a mountain freestone stream. Kids of all ages will love splashing in Hesse Creek, discovering crawdads, salamanders and other treasures buried beneath the waters.
Allow 90 minutes.

WILDLIFE OF THE SMOKIES
From salamanders and turtles to deer and black bear, the land surrounding Blackberry Farm is full of wildlife and all its secrets. Join us on a trek through one of the most biologically diverse areas in the world’s temperate zone.
Allow 90 minutes.

ORIENTEERING
A sport emphasizing skill and accuracy in map reading, an orienteering session can also be a fast paced competition that’s fun and enlightening. Add compass travel and you have achieved a new level of outdoor savvy.
Allow 90 minutes.

GEOCACHING
Arm yourself with a GPS unit and a code name and set out on a hunt for hidden treasure! Explore Blackberry Farm in this sport of “high-tech hide-and-seek” using a Global Positioning System to guide your travel.
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ADVENTURE QUESTS

ARCHERY
Discover the thrill of this sport of primitive ballistics. Choose from recurve or compound bows, learn proper and safe techniques, and connect with core skills of focus and intuition.
Allow 90 minutes.

CANOEING OR KAYAKING
Explore the flat water of the Little River in the boat of your choice, learning the basics of balance, navigation, proper techniques and safety.
Allow three hours (half day).

ROCK CLIMBING
Gear up with ropes and harnesses to experience new heights! Our guides will teach safe methods of the fun sport of rock climbing on our gentle cliffs at Hesse Creek. Great for children, this activity will develop climbing techniques as well as introduce fun knots and some cool lingo. On Belay!
Allow 90 minutes (up to 4 people).
Available seasonally.

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FARMSTEAD LIFE

BEEKEEPING
*Available April–August
At certain times of the year, Blackberry Farm has 50,000 bees per hive making honey which we use in our dining rooms and gift shop. With the honeybee becoming less common, join your host and our beekeeper to find out just how hard these little creatures work and what it is they really do.
Allow 90 minutes.

LIFE OF A GARDEN
Visit with our Garden team as they walk you through the paths of the Blackberry Farm gardens. Help plant the coming seasons’ crops, tend to and gather what is growing, and experience first-hand the garden cycles. Our Master Gardener may even enlighten you on his shelling techniques and the variety of his beans.
Allow 90 minutes.

TRUFFLE TIME
With our own Lagatto truffle dogs and a planted orchard, join your host and dog trainer Jim Sanford as you discover this 500-year-old breed and the coveted truffles they find. Also investigate the novelty of mushroom logs in a special part of the garden.
Offered January - February. Allow 90 minutes.

A WORKING FARM
Connect with the Farmstead to meet the sheep, chickens, llamas, pigs, and other barnyard personalities. Gather eggs in season and discover other wonders of life inside the Dairy Barn. Learn how these animals support Blackberry Farm’s production of artisanal cheeses and meats, as well as daily menu offerings in our kitchens.
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