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Clay Hill Farm to Host NYC Kids for Earth Day

Imagine growing up in NYC and the city is all you know. What would the ideal Earth Day field trip be like? Perhaps a trip to Maine?

On April 22, 2010 at 7am, a group of 20+ students and teachers, led by NYC high-school Math teacher Sean Patch, co-winner of Clay Hill Farm's 2010 Green Wedding Giveaway, will leave the Big Apple to experience Maine for Earth Day. A Mainer and outdoor enthusiast himself, Patch, is eager to share his roots with his students. "The kids are super excited," said Patch, "Many of these kids have never left the city and they have no idea what to expect in Maine. This is the opportunity of a lifetime." Having studied composting, recycling, and sustainable gardening in the classroom, the kids will have the opportunity to learn about these environmental initiatives first-hand, on Earth Day at Clay Hill Farm in York, Maine.

Upon arriving at Clay Hill Farm, the NYC students will help tend the new vegetable gardens, planting the seedlings they brought from their classrooms before exploring the nature trails. The York Trolley Company will be on-site to take the kids on a tour of Maine's Southern coastline with a stop at the beach for a little clean-up, then on to Hilton-Winn Farm; a local Youth Enrichment center, to set-up camp. Various nature stops and tours are planned, before the city group heads back to Clay Hill Farm to prepare for Clay Hill *Unplugged*, an annual Earth Day celebration to celebrate seasonal food, live music and community outreach.

At Clay Hill's Earth Day celebration, the students will share their experiences and learn from the Masters. Composting/recycling experts, alternative energy companies, earth-friendly product samplings and local/regional food producers, will be on hand to share their expertise with the students and the community. Candlelight, passed hors d'oeuvres and live music by Pat Keane, Julie Dougherty and Curt Bessette, set the tone for an evening of relaxed, educational comraderie.

"We couldn't be more proud of how this project has evolved," said Jennifer Lewis-McShera, Director of Clay Hill Farm's community outreach and founder of the Green Wedding Giveaway. "Clay Hill Farm celebrates real people making a real difference in the community, and the ripple effect of this community is inspirational. Welcome to Maine, NYC!"

Advance Tickets for Clay Hill Unplugged are \$15, or \$18 at the door. (\$3 discount for local students, green card holders and charity raffle contributors.) Details on the web at clayhillfarm.com 207-361-2272. Event sponsored by: Bartram's Beeswax Candles, Ultra Geothermal, Cuzin Richard Entertainment, Meyer Natural Angus, Shy Brother's Farm,

Seaport Fish, Youth Enrichment Center at Hilton-Winn Farm, WXGR and Foster's Daily Democrat

Clay Hill Unplugged is an annual event in Clay Hill Farm's environmental outreach calendar. Clay Hill Farm is an award-winning restaurant, wildlife habitat, bird sanctuary and state Environmental Leader on eleven private acres in Cape Neddick/York, Maine.