



Patriot Farm Press

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Number served to date in 2026 at Patriot Farm: 161

Visitors this quarter:

Veterans: 24 (21 at the Airbnb)

Civilian Airbnb Guests: 28

Governmental Agency Guests: 13

Wilderness First Aid offered at Patriot Farm



Location and Dates

Patriot Farm
9318 S Wisner Ave
Newaygo, MI 49337

Patriot Farm is a serene, picturesque piece of property that offers healing and tranquility to veterans and their families. It is nestled peacefully in the woods overlooking the Muskegon River, where wildlife abounds, including a pair of bald eagles.

September – 26th & 27th (Sat, Sun) 9:00 to 5:00

More about this Course/Location

- This WFA program is sponsored in partnership with **Corwell Health Gerber Hospital** and **Patriot Farm A Warrior Respite & Retreat**
- \$150 per person (civilian) \$100 per person (veteran)- Original cost of class is \$250 per person.
- Max of 20 participants (first 20 who pay)
- Potential **lodging** at The Farmhouse for veterans
- Light **lunch** provided both days

Sign up for Class

This will link to the registration page on our website: **Patriot Farm.**

For more information about Patriot Farm, visit: **Patriot-Farm4vets**



For more information on wilderness medicine

You can visit the Great Lakes Wilderness ERT website, www.MiOutdoorEd.com. If you have questions, feel free to email Steve at steve.huisman@gmail.com.

What You'll Learn

Wilderness First Aid (WFA) is a 16-hour course that teaches basic information about caring for a sick or injured person in the backcountry. This is a SOLO course with a national certification that lasts two years.

Patient Assessment System — how to quickly evaluate injuries and illnesses in remote settings.

Trauma Management — bleeding control, wound cleaning, burns, fractures, splinting, and improvised carries.

Environmental Emergencies — hypothermia, heat illness, dehydration, altitude problems, and lightning.

Medical Concerns — allergic reactions, diabetic issues, asthma, seizures, chest pain, and other sudden illnesses.

Evacuation & Decision Making — when to treat in place, when and how to move a patient, and how to communicate effectively with rescuers.

Prerequisites: Open to all outdoor enthusiasts ages 14+

What to Bring: Outdoor clothing suitable for the weather, sturdy footwear, a notebook, and a willingness to get hands-on.



Meet our Newest Board Member:

Collin Selders

Collin is a Marine Corps Veteran and native of Grand Rapids, Michigan. He enlisted in 2018, and served as a Marine Security Guard at the U.S. Embassy in Rome, Italy, as well as an Infantry Rifleman with 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines. He separated from the Marine Corps in 2024 at the rank of Sergeant.

Collin is currently pursuing a B.B.A. in Accounting at Grand Valley State University. During his time as a student, he serves as a board member of Laker Vets, a military and veteran student organization, where he is committed to building a strong and supportive

community for student veterans navigating the transition to civilian and academic life. Following graduation, he aspires to return to federal service, where he can draw from his military experience and education to support our service members.



The Farmhouse

The Farmhouse continues to grow in popularity among veterans and Airbnb guests. We have hosted 11 groups at The Farmhouse. All of the guests had amazing reviews and enjoyed their stay. As a reminder, veterans and their immediate family stay free of charge. (If possible, we'd love to have the \$75 cleaning fee covered.) Here is the The Farmhouse link on [Airbnb](#). We'd love to have you spread the word to civilians as this is how we are generating resources to fund our free events for veterans. We even have our first repeat guest scheduled for 2027! Here's what our Airbnb guests have to say:



The house was perfect for our weekend get away! Scott was very friendly and the house was exactly how he described and the pictures showed! Super peaceful area and a beautiful home! Thank you for letting us stay and for letting us feed your horse! -Christian

The place was gorgeous. It's definitely remote and away from most things so if nature and scenery is your style this place is perfect!!

It was very easy to get to. Scott was super responsive and was great at helping us navigate the property. He even got up at 6 in the morning to clear out poison ivy for us so it'd be easier to walk the trails; lots of wildlife around, even 2 horses that were so nice, especially Quincy, lol. All in all if you like nature and being more secluded this place is a 10/10 would HIGHLY recommend!! -Rowland



Scott was so welcoming and friendly. The farmhouse was amazing and my kids and I enjoyed staying there so much!! The kitchen is amazing and the bedrooms are all amazing. There are horses next to the place, and they are so friendly, you can feed them apples from the trees in the yard. Such an amazing experience. We hope to come back soon!!
-Brenda

We had an absolutely wonderful stay and spent almost three weeks at this property. The house was comfortable, clean, well-maintained, and had everything we needed for a long stay.

One of the highlights of our trip was getting to know the host personally. We even had the opportunity to share dinner together, which made our experience feel especially welcoming and memorable. The host was friendly, attentive, and genuinely cared about making sure we were comfortable throughout our stay.

We truly enjoyed our time here and felt at home from the very beginning. We highly recommend this property to anyone looking for a great place to stay and would gladly return in the future.

Thank you for your hospitality and for making our stay such a positive experience! -Lenoid

My siblings and I planned a small weekend getaway with a couple friends! We typically camp at Mystery Creek campground, but we weren't willing to risk the weather again this year, so we decided on an air bnb! How cool that Scott and Laura's place is quite literally right down the road! Which made our river trip even better with the convenience!

The home was clean, stocked up, spacious for the 6 of us that attended, and felt right at home! Scott was very responsive to our chat over the weekend as a host! We even enjoyed spoiling Alvin, the horse that came right up to the fence to welcome us Friday afternoon!

Overall, the trip was great! We all couldn't have asked for a better weekend and stay! We look forward to returning to Patriot Farm in the future for our river trips! -Jalynn

Networking

We would like to thank Fairlife Milk for their recent partnership. Patriot Farm was selected to be the beneficiary of their annual Udder Open, employee golf outing! Scott, Chris, and Laura were able to meet with Fairlife's Community Engagement Team led by Steve, where we heard about the amazing things happening at Fairlife Milk, the value and importance of their employees, and giving back to the community. Patriot Farm

was selected because of the tremendous impact we have on veterans and their family in the community. We are very excited to share some photos from our tour and the first of two employee golf outings.



Chris (Patriot Farm), Steve (Fairlife Milk), Scott (Patriot Farm), and Laura (Patriot Farm).



Udder Open #8



Sharing/Hearing Stories



Scott and Laura were able to attend a curated farm to table luncheon sponsored by Newaygo Conservation District. The luncheon celebrated Michigan's Conservation District Day at Kropscott Farm Environmental Center. Patriot Farm is excited about the partnership with the Newaygo Conservation District. Additionally, it was an honor to have our maple syrup featured during the meal. Our syrup was a sweet addition to ice tea and a great addition to maple spice cookies!



Behind the Scenes.....

We'd like to give a shout out to Danielle, a long-time Patriot Farm supporter! With a degree from MSU in Marketing, she has been instrumental in donating her time and resources to help us with Marketing and Design. She joyfully helps with tasks involving flyers, brochures, presentations, and even the website. Additionally, she has enjoyed our family events. She and her daughter gleefully spread the word about Patriot Farm by advertising our apparel. Thank you for volunteering to Patriot Farm!



We always need HELP!!!!

Can we count on you?

As word about our mission expands, so do our needs. In addition to financial donations which can be made [here](#), we are in need of some muscle power and specific resources.

- ★ **Immediate need:** Do you have a crew of friends who would join you and help cut firewood at Patriot Farm to donate to Newaygo veterans?
- ★ **Immediate need:** The Farmhouse has a screened porch, except it's missing the screen! Do you have resources or time to help with this?
- ★ **Immediate need:** We need to renovate the front steps leading to The Farmhouse.
- ★ **Fall need:** The Farmhouse is in need of an outside renovation. We are looking to add some garden/landscape areas, as well as clean up what is currently there. This would be a great activity for a youth group, scouting group, school group, or service project for any number of groups!
- ★ There are ALWAYS things that need to be done. Please reach out to us at patriotfarm4vets@gmail.com if you or a group you are affiliated with would like to help.

If you are interested in purchasing a shirt, sweatshirt, hat, greeting cards, or syrup, please reach out and we can arrange that!

Socials:

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