



2026 SPRING INDIVIDUAL & TEEN INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM THEMES

Week One: Leaders Who Changed Our World

We're kicking off our first week of the Individual Program by celebrating leaders who changed our world! This special week brings together Black History Month, Presidents' Day, and the beginning of Women's History Month in March.

We'll honor amazing presidents, African Americans, and women who made a difference through farming, caring for animals, protecting wildlife, and fighting for the rights of people with disabilities. It's also a perfect time to celebrate our founder, Mary Beth Drobish, a remarkable woman who dreamed of creating a place where children with disabilities could experience life on a farm alongside incredible animals. Even more special, this year marks The Barn's 20th anniversary!

Throughout the week, we'll:

- Build a farm inspired by Mary Beth's vision
- Care for animals like Temple Grandin and Jane Goodall
- Be farmers like Booker T. Washington, Fannie Lou Hamer, and George Washington Carver
- Learn about presidents who supported farmers (George Washington, Abraham Lincoln), protected wildlife (Theodore Roosevelt, Barack Obama, Richard Nixon), and championed people with disabilities (FDR, JFK, Lyndon B. Johnson, George Bush)

Our hands-on activities will include Black History Month suncatchers, a historical sights sensory table, dramatic play as veterinarians and presidents, a money-sorting game with presidents, community building with blocks, planting seeds, a Follow the Leader trail, and so much more.

It's a week full of learning, imagination, and celebration as we explore how leaders, past and present, can make the world a better place.

Week Two: Books, Barns and Big Imaginations

Ever wondered what the animals' favorite books are... or what Mr. Chris loves to read? Well, wonder no more—Week 2 is here!

This week, participants will join our Farm Friend Read-Along, where kids and volunteers can read to the animals and discover all of their favorite stories. We'll dive into Cat in the Hat crafts, play a "Dr. Seuss Would You Rather?" game, and dress up as characters from some of our most-loved books.

Our Story Path Adventure will turn the farm into a storytelling journey! Kids will move along a path made of mats, hoops, or tape squares, representing different plot points, and each step has its own movement: tiptoe, hop, skip, or crawl!

Every area on the farm will get a storybook makeover: sensory stations, sensory art, mud kitchen, treehouse, and more, all themed around different books. It's a week full of imagination, reading, and playful adventures that bring stories to life!

Week Three: Barn Olympics

Get ready to jump, run, toss, and cheer, because it's Barn Olympics Week! This week, our farm transforms into a stadium full of exciting challenges and friendly competition. Kids will take part in games inspired by animals, farm life, and classic Olympic events, all while building teamwork, balance, and confidence.

Activities include:

- Barn Olympic Events—from relay races to fun farm-themed challenges
- Make Your Own Olympic Torch or Medal
- Stand on The Barn's Olympic Podium for photos and celebration
- ...and so much more Olympic fun!

It's a week of movement, laughter, and healthy competition—where every participant is a champion!

Week Four: The Great Barn Leprechaun Hunt

This week, the farm is bursting with shamrocks, rainbows, and hidden treasure, because it's time for The Great Barn Leprechaun Hunt! Kids will dive into a magical world of leprechauns as they explore, create, and play.

Activities include:

- Make Your Own Leprechaun Trap—get creative and see if you can catch a sneaky leprechaun!
- Read “How to Catch a Leprechaun” and discover clever tricks to outsmart these tricky little creatures.
- Leprechaun Obstacle Course—crawl, hop, and tiptoe through a mischievous leprechaun path.
- Gold Coin Relay—race to collect as many golden treasures as you can.
- Leprechaun Scavenger Hunt—search the farm for hidden leprechaun surprises.
- Rainbow Sensory Bins—explore colorful textures and treasures.
- Leprechaun Crafts—create magical leprechaun-themed art to take home.

It's a week full of imagination, movement, and festive fun, where every child becomes part of the leprechaun adventure!

Week Five - Put Me In Coach

Step up to the plate...it's baseball week at The Barn! Kids will dive into all things Phillies as we celebrate Opening Day with games, creativity, and team spirit.

Activities include:

- Dramatic Play Concession Stand—run your own snack shop just like a real ballpark!
- Make Your Own Phillies Player—create and design your very own baseball star.
- Base Running, Batting, and Target Toss—practice your skills with fun, hands-on challenges.

It's a week full of action, imagination, and baseball fun!

Week 6: Caring Paws and Helping Hearts

This week, it's all about kindness, empathy, and caring for our animal friends! Kids will get hands-on experience helping out around the farm and learning how to care for animals big and small.

Activities include:

- Barn Jobs—help feed, groom, and care for the animals, just like real farmers.
- Adopt a Stuffed Animal—create, decorate, and take home a stuffed animal to care for.
- Animal Care Stations—practice brushing, feeding, and building cozy spots for stuffed animals
- Animal-Themed Crafts—make collars, tags, or beds for stuffed animals.
- Sensory Pet Play—explore textures like fur, feathers, hay, and more while learning about different animals.
- Kindness Challenge—complete daily missions to help animals and friends, teaching empathy and teamwork.
- Storytime with Animal Friends—listen to heartwarming stories about animals and the people who care for them.

It's a week full of love, learning, and hands-on fun, where kids become helpers, caretakers, and champions for our furry, feathery, and four-legged friends!