

Dear Parents of Hamilton College Athletes:

I am thrilled to inform you of a great opportunity for our sports teams to earn money for their programs this season. Thanks to the generosity of Harding Farm Guest Houses, our teams can earn up to \$300 a weekend, throughout the 2006-2007 academic year. The owners of Harding Farm will donate \$100 to the Hamilton college athletic teams the first time parents stay in their guest houses while visiting the Clinton area. There are three fully furnished guest houses (not just a room) to choose from, all described on their website, www.hardingfarm.com. For further questions or to make reservations, contact John Nye at 917-488-8545.



Harding Farm is located adjacent to the President's House on campus, at the base of College Hill on Harding Road. It was the original location of Hamilton College (then called "Hamilton-Oneida Academy) and the Mansion that stands on the property was the home of our founder, Samuel Kirkland, built in 1793.

The benefits for you: Harding Farm Guest Houses are unique in that guests receive an entire house for the price of a room at other Inns. This means you can bring your whole family and still have room for your Hamilton student to spend the night in one of the other bedrooms or come for a meal in the fully equipped kitchen and dining room. With more than 175 acres, Harding Farm boasts plenty of recreation available for younger or older siblings.

The benefits for our teams are substantially higher than any other fundraising venture. As compared to selling hats or towels, which require our athletes to take time away from their studies, your choosing to stay at Harding Farm Guest Houses does not distract our athletes from their studies or training. Furthermore, with the generous contribution of \$100 per weekend visit, our teams have the potential to earn much more money. Moreover, we hope this program may encourage more spectators at our games to cheer on our athletes.

This program will last for the three seasons of the academic year beginning in September, 2006 and ending in May, 2007. Please check the website for details www.hardingfarm.com and call John Nye (917) 488-8545 with any questions and to make reservations. Donations are made upon completion of a minimum two day stay and certain college weekends may not be available so please check when you make reservations. This program is so generous and holds so much potential for our athletic programs that we hope all parents will consider visiting Harding Farm Guest Houses. Please let them know when calling that you wish to take advantage of this program. We

urge you to consult your own calendars, your team's schedule and make reservations early for our upcoming games. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in the stands.

Sincerely,

Susan Viscomi, Athletic Director