

Field Trip Teachers and Leader's Guide

Thank you for scheduling a field trip to Jack Creek Farms. We want your visit to be memorable, fun and safe. To ensure a smooth and enjoyable visit, please read this entire guide for important details.

What to wear:

Children should wear clothes and shoes appropriate for outdoor play including closed toe shoes and pants. Straw bales and pumpkin plants are prickly! Weather can be unpredictable in October, and dressing in layers is advised.

What to bring (Teachers/Leaders):

- 1) **An envelope with full payment for all participating children inside. Please write the number of children and the total dollar amount included on the outside of the envelope.**
- 2) At least 2 Sharpies to write each child's name on the bottom of their pumpkin so there is no confusion or sad faces when you get back to the classroom.

Self Guided Field Trip Details:

- 1) Upon arrival the teacher or leader should check-in, inside the main farm market, confirm how many children are participating in the field trip, and pay for all participating children at that time.
- 2) The charge for EACH child that participates is **\$6** per child and includes a small pumpkin. Siblings that want to choose a pumpkin from the patch must also pay the \$6 fee. There is no charge for teachers, parents, chaperones or bus drivers.
- 3) The minimum cost of self guided tours is **15** children or **\$90**. If you have less than the number of children required, the minimum \$90 fee will apply.
- 4) The tour takes approximately 1 hour (1.5 hours if your school children bring lunch). Please plan on taking any food containers or wrappers your group brings home with you. If you bring your own lunch please bring disinfectant gel for each child as well.
- 5) In case of bad weather, cancellation and rescheduling decisions will be made the day before the trip.
- 6) Portable outhouses and a hand wash sink will be available.

The Self Guided Field Trip Includes:

- A walk through educational stations (a map will be provided)
- A visit to the fort maze
- A visit to the tractor tire garden
- A visit to the wooden train
- A visit to the pumpkin patch to choose a pumpkin

- A chance to play on the hay stack
- A photo op for a group picture if desired (please bring your own camera)

Farmer Guided Field Trip Details:

- 1) Upon arrival the teacher or leader should check-in, inside the main farm market, confirm how many children are participating in the field trip, and pay for all participating children at that time.
- 2) The charge for EACH child that participates is **\$12** per child and includes a cup of apple cider, dried apple rings, a small pumpkin and additional interactive hands-on activities. Siblings that want to have a snack and choose a pumpkin from the patch must also pay the \$12 fee. There is no charge for teachers, parents, chaperones or bus drivers.
- 3) The minimum cost of farmer guided tours is **10** children or **\$120**. If you have less than the number of children required, the minimum \$120 fee will apply.
- 4) The tour takes approximately 1.5 hours.
- 5) In case of bad weather, cancellation and rescheduling decisions will be made the day before the trip.
- 6) Portable outhouses and a hand wash sink will be available. Additionally we provide disinfectant hand gel.

The Farmer Guided Field Trip Includes:

- A dedicated guide to lead your group each step of the way during your entire stay
- An age appropriate educational talk about pumpkins
- A cup of apple cider and dried apple rings for each child
- Children will grind wheat with an antique grinder
- Each child will receive a “treat” to feed the goats
- A visit to the fort maze
- A visit to the tractor tire garden
- A walk through the educational stations
- A visit to the pumpkin patch to choose a pumpkin
- A chance to play on the wooden train and hay stack
- A photo op for a group picture if desired (please bring your own camera)

*We ask groups to please arrive on time. **Teachers should collect money ahead of time and have all funds in an envelope marked with the number of children participating and the total amount enclosed.** If your group arrives late, we may have to shorten or omit some activities.*

Please let us know if your group will be bringing your own lunch or snacks, as this will necessitate a longer tour time allotment. If you bring your own lunch, please plan on taking any food containers or wrappers you bring back with you.