



2023 FALL FIELD TRIP

TEACHER INFORMATION PAGE

Welcome! We are so excited to have you join us on the farm this FALL.

Pricing: \$13 per child or chaperone/sibling

**Two teachers per class of 20, no charge for tour*

**For Homeschool groups, no charge for ONE organizing teacher. All other parent teachers are \$13 each.*

Field Trip includes:

1. Tractor Tour of Strawberry Hill U.S.A., Farm Playground, Animals
2. Pie-sized pumpkin to take home.
3. Cup of homemade ice-cream (your choice of chocolate or vanilla)

Field trip duration: 1 hour and 15 minutes plus your lunch time. Please allow yourself at least 2 hours on the farm.

PRIOR TO YOUR TRIP:

Please call (864) 461-3000 two to three days prior to your trip to give a more specific headcount of the total number of children, teachers, parents and siblings attending. This detail is very important as we go by the numbers you give us to determine how many wagons your group will have on the day of your trip. **If you have more parents attend than the numbers given, we cannot guarantee that there will be room on the wagon for them, so please let us know in advance.*

WHAT ADDRESS SHOULD WE COME TO?

Please give this address to your bus drivers, chaperones, and parents:

**3097 Hwy 11 West
Chesnee, SC 29323**

Please drop students off at our produce market “The Shed” and buses will move across the street until time for departure.

HOW EARLY SHOULD WE ARRIVE?

- Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of your field trip so we can ensure that your group starts on time. **Late arrival equals time deducted from field trip.*
- Please encourage parents to arrive early (and bring cash) as well to give them ample time to purchase their wristbands for field trip.
**We will not delay the field trip due to late parent chaperones.*

WHERE TO CHECK IN?

- Have your “Lead teacher” check in at our **Register Station**, which will be located at the back of our produce Shed.
- Parent Chaperones/siblings (ages 2+) will pay for their wristband at the Register Station as well. Parents/siblings must have a wristband before loading onto wagon. Prices for parents and siblings is \$13 per person (ages 2+).

HOW DO WE PAY?

- For schools, we accept cash, checks, and credit cards. **But we strongly urge that you pay for the field trip with a school check!** **There is a 3.99% fee on all debit/credit cards used.**
 - If paying by check, we recommend letting us send an invoice home **the day of your field trip** with the correct number of students invoiced. **Please note: we are unable to refund for absent students included in a check already made out.**
- For parents, PLEASE PAY WITH CASH.
We want to spend time with the children, not with the collection of money.

WHAT ELSE?

- Please remember to pack some hand sanitizer for your students to use before eating lunch.
- We are a farm, so tell your students to dress accordingly! Remember: dirt + rain = mud. **Light jackets or rain boots/old shoes are recommended.** We do *not* recommend students wearing sandals.
- Bring a permanent marker to put each child's name on the bottom of their pumpkin.
- No pets allowed.

STEP BY STEP- WHAT TO EXPECT

Once your group is checked in, we will begin your field trip at Strawberry Hill by loading onto our tractor-drawn wagon for a guided tour of the farm. Students will catch a glimpse of our corn, strawberry, peach, and pumpkin fields as they ride! They will also get a first-hand view of our irrigation pond. Wagons will cross the Famous Troll Bridge where kids will meet Mr. Troll and his farm animals. Farm guide will assist students in helping feed the cows "cow candy" and once off the wagon, will have the opportunity to pet our baby calves, all while learning fun facts about cattle and how they contribute to agriculture. Students will also have ample time to visit our Big Pig "Queen Victoria", along with our chickens, goats, rabbits, and donkey! After visiting with the animals, your group will enjoy some time on our farm playground to swing on tire swings, play at our ball zone, giant slide, jump pillow, and much more! After playtime, we settle down for our educational farm lesson that will cover:

- Basic needs of a pumpkin plant
- Life cycle and structure of a pumpkin plant
- Weather effects, including seasonal changes on a farm
- Importance of pollination & use of honeybees
- Relevance of irrigation system

Every student and chaperone get a small pie pumpkin from our pumpkin patch before loading back on the wagon!

All in all, the kids play a little and learn a lot! We have created a fun learning environment where the kids don't even realize they are learning. It is our passion and goal for your students to leave our farm with a deeper understanding of what it takes to make plants grow from start to finish and make a visual connection from farm to table. For additional farm fun, we give schools the option of "getting lost" in our kiddie corn maze! It's a friendly maze that allows teachers to guide students through the maze in as little as 20 minutes. A fun finger chalk game makes the adventure even more exciting!

Finish your field trip with a bag lunch from school and homemade ice-cream from us!

SEE YOU SOON!

If you have any additional questions about your field trip, please contact:
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