



## School Groups Visiting Old McDonald's Farm (Spring/Fall)

### Admission

- \$7 per student
- \$7 per parent and each accompanying sibling
- 1 teacher per 10 students is admitted for FREE
- What's included
  - Teachers may choose from the following activities: Hayride, dairy tour, animal time, bounce houses, & corn maze and pumpkin patch (fall only). A small pumpkin is also included for children visiting in the fall. Keep in mind each activity is approximately 30 mins. long.

### Grouping

- We can fit 25 people per group.
- Usually 1 class=1 group, but extra groups can be made to accommodate parents—this decision is left up to the teacher and must be decided at the time of booking.

### Scheduling

- Schedules are made based on the activities the teacher requested at the time of booking.
- Schedules are made a week in advance and emailed to the teacher.
  - We will add a ½ hour lunch period to your schedule.
    - Students generally bring their own lunch.
    - Teachers and accompanying parents may bring their own lunch or order from our Lazy Cow Café (menu may be limited during the week).
  - Please email us back and let us know which teacher or group leader is in charge of which group (ex. Mrs. Robbins is Group A, etc.).
- The arrival time the teacher provides at the time of booking is very important—**if you are late**, you may miss events on your schedule. If we have several groups that day, **we may not be able to reschedule missed events.**
  - School groups are often late because bus drivers get lost—please advise your bus driver to plan accordingly! The easiest way to get to the farm is to take I-81 and take **exit 43-Kellogg Hill**. Turn left at the stop sign after the exit. The farm is 5 miles straight ahead, on the right side of the road.



When you arrive at the farm on the day of your field trip...

- Before getting students off of the bus, teachers need to check in at the admission desk with the appropriate paperwork for Purchase Orders or other grants, or collected cash for admission fees.
  - Please have cash envelopes clearly marked with the # of students/adults and the amount of money in the envelope.
- We will give teachers stickers for any adult chaperones or parents that paid ahead of time. Students and teachers DO NOT need admission stickers.
- We will give you coloring books for every student that you can set back on the bus.
- Teachers may leave lunches on the bus, or we recommend setting them inside the visitor's center. Teachers will pick up the lunches at the beginning of their designated lunch period.
- When the students come off the bus, they will meet with a farm employee on the patio to go over the rules. We will also show you where to find restrooms and where to go for all of your scheduled events.
  - Repetition of rules is important! If you have time, please go over the rules with students ahead of time:
    - No chasing any of the animals
    - No running on the farm
    - Animals like quiet voices and gentle hands

Other important information to note

- Teachers may collect parents' money ahead of time, or have the parents check in at the admission desk—this is up to the teacher! **All parents must have an admission sticker.**
- Please bring sunscreen if it's going to be sunny.
- Please bring your own cups for water—we can supply village water through our faucets!
- In order to continue offering group discounts, we have to keep our costs low. Please clean the lunch area (pick up any trash on tables/floor such as napkins/straw wrappers/ etc.) and take your trash out to the red dumpsters after you eat lunch. There will be a \$20 cleanup fee for any groups that do not clean up the lunch area and take out their trash.

We welcome you to contact us if you have any questions or concerns!

Sincerely,

The staff of Old McDonald's Farm

**\*\*If you plan on inviting parents and siblings to attend the field trip, please send the attached "Field Trips at Old McDonald's Farm—for Parents" document home with the permission slips.**