



For over 20 years we have offered a fall field trip. It is important to us that the trip provide a meaningful education combined with a fun farm experience that each child will long remember as a highlight of their school days. Please be sure to check date and time on the card we mailed you so that we are truly confirmed. To be sure your visit goes smoothly, read this information carefully.

The 2011 corn maze will be a great adventure once again. Please note the maze has miles of paths so it does not fit into the school tour schedule. You'll have to come back to check it out later yourself.

Big orange Jumping Pillow is high-flying fun and great exercise. It's inflated again for you!

Directions to the Pumpkin Farm

1.5 miles north of Interstate 80 (Grinnell exit #182) on Highway 146, then ½ mile west on 400th Ave.

When to Arrive.

It is really desirable that you arrive for your “check in time” prior to the start of your tour so your group can start promptly at your scheduled time. We work hard to keep everyone on time and there is no extra time built into the schedule. If you are late, you simply miss that part of your tour and we will not be able to extend your tour time. We do not like to have to hurry you through what should be an educational and fun tour.

When you arrive your group captain should come into the big barn to pay and report the number of adults and children. Your class should be divided

into small groups when you arrive. When you check in each group will be given their schedule and will be directed where to go to begin their tour.

Money

The cost of the tour is \$6.00 for each student and each parent or chaperone. We do not charge for the teachers and/or paid school staff. It is helpful and we recommend payment with a school or personal check, credit card, or purchase order. We can always refund you in cash for the children unable to come or you can add cash to adjust for the last minute changes. It would also be helpful for you to collect the money individually from parents prior to the arrival.

Please have your group captain collect all the checks and use the form included to report the number of students, parents, teachers and aides and the number that paid.

Dividing Up Your Group and Name Tags

Please be prepared to divide your classes into smaller groups so you can visit each of the activities with a smaller number of children. Using different colored name tags or symbols for each group will save time as you rotate to the different areas. Even if you have a small number in your group, we strongly recommend that all children have on a nametag that includes the name of the school. Experience has taught me the nametags that stick or safety pin on are better than ones around the child's neck. It is also helpful for us for the teacher to have on a nametag with their name, school, and teacher written on it. Dividing into small groups before you arrive can help to keep the tour on schedule and slows maximum time for doing the things you came to do. Please do call if you have any questions about how to divide into smaller groups.

It is very difficult to accommodate last-minute changes especially for an increase in the number of adults. Please call if you have any questions or concerns about your numbers or groups.

Crop Report

So far the crop looks good. However it is always hard to predict just how many pumpkins there are and what the weather could still do to affect the crop. You will pick up your pumpkins from the field unless the weather has been wet and prevents the tractor from going to the field or it is raining when you come. In that case children will choose from pumpkins in the barn. Any

severe crop damage or loss causing a pumpkin shortage could result in a substitution of another fall item of the same value.

Pumpkin Picking

After children pick their pumpkins in the field we will provide markers for you to write their name on the bag we provide for their pumpkin. You might want to bring big boxes for holding the bags of pumpkins for the ride home.

Important Information For Parents and Chaperones

Please ask parents to have the children dress appropriately for the country. They will have a great time and that no doubt means getting dirty. We strongly suggest long pants, play clothes and old shoes. It can also be cold some fall days so dress warm, you can always take off coats if it gets too warm.

Parents coming along may want to bring a camera. There will be lots of great photo opportunities! Pre-moistened hand wipes are also helpful.

The store and gift shop in our big barn is open and everyone is welcome. If your students want to shop let us know when you check in and it works best if they shop at the end of your tour time.

They can choose from a variety of inexpensive toys and fun items. Adults will enjoy browsing and shopping for beautiful seasonal and home décor, thoughtful gifts, candles, great snacks for family gatherings, as well as educational and quality toys, fall produce and mums.

We happy that our concession area called “Come and Get It” is now serving your favorite fall foods of caramel apples, cider, pumpkin pie and more.

Cancellations

If you need to cancel for any reason please do so as soon as possible. Rain does not stop us, but lightning or strong winds will keep us from going into the field. Bad weather in your area does not necessarily mean that it will be bad weather here at the time of your tour. We can make the decision on that day if necessary and will talk as early as possible in the morning.

We are looking forward to a great trip. It is always good to see friends of the past and meet new ones. We promise to do our best to make this a trip that

everyone will long remember. Please call us if you have any questions.
(641-236-7043)

See you soon!