

**Please share all the information below with your team so that you can have the best field trip experience possible!**

**Arrival/Start time and Schedules:** Your group should plan to arrive between 9:30-9:45am. The field trip begins promptly at 10:00am. If you arrive early, your group may use the restrooms and you can unload lunches and take to your designated lunch area.

**Paying for the field trip:** Upon arrival, please have the lead teacher come to the admission area to pay for the field trip or present the P.O. We will write you a receipt. If some students are not able to attend, and the check is over, we will reimburse (by check) if the amount is more than \$50. We accept cash, checks, P.O.'s and Visa, Mastercard, discover and Amex.

**Schedules, start time & lunch assignments:** You will see the field trip schedule posted on a big white-out board near admission. Please take a screen shot and send to your team as you may or may not all be staying together as one group for the rotations. The schedule will indicate what color group your classes are in as well as where you are assigned for lunch. We have colored flags in the main area of the farm. Look for the color assigned to you and be at the flag with your students by 9:55. One of our staff members will meet you and guide you to your first rotation right at 10am. We will ring a big bell, so everyone knows it's time to start.

**Late? Lost?** Please text Debi @ 210-288-6260 if you are running late or buses are lost.

**Parents:** We welcome parents and encourage them to attend the field trip. Please inform your parents that their cost, and any other family/friends who attend, will be **\$10** at the gate. Teachers- PLEASE do not collect parent money ahead of time. Parents will pay admission, receive a wristband and pre-order their lunches upon arrival.

**Four Rotations:** Your students will go through four learning stations, but not necessarily in this order. *Times are approximate.*

LOCATION	TIME	LEARNING OBJECTIVE
Joshua Junction	10-10:20	Take a scenic hayride through the Christmas trees.
Barnyard	10:25-10:45	Learn about/ feed barnyard animals.
Market Hall	10:50-11:20	Fall- pumpkin life cycle lesson, Spring- life cycle of a chicken
Painting Area	11:25-11:45	Fall- paint a mini pumpkin Spring- plant a seed
11:50 Lunch followed by time to play, begin loading buses by 1:15.		
*check schedule to see your assigned lunch area as we have three designated lunch areas.		

**Craft and Boxes:** Please have each teacher bring a box big enough to hold their classes mini pumpkins (fall) or seed cups (spring). The teacher's name and the name of

the school needs to be clearly written on it. This box is what each teacher will use to transport the crafts back to school. Don't forget your box when it's time to leave the farm! NO crafts are allowed to leave with parents- they will go back on the buses with the teachers.

**Trash-** Please make sure that your students pick up all trash throughout the day; especially following lunch. We appreciate your help with!

**Teacher's Lunch:** If you'd like to pre-order your lunch, please go to The Homestead upon arrival to do so that you won't have to wait in the admission line. Suggestion: one teacher place the order for the whole team.

**Facilities** We have clean portable toilets with hand washing facilities available on the farm. A handicapped accessible portable facility with a baby changing table is available.

**Clothing:** Be sure to dress for the farm as well as the weather. Please encourage students to bring jackets if it is cold as all activities are outdoors. No sandals or open toed shoes.

**Snacks:** Feel free to bring snacks (especially for younger students who are accustomed to eating lunch early). There are a couple of rotations during the field trip (hayride or pumpkin lesson) that lend themselves well to having a snack while listening! We do not stop the field trip rotations for snacks.

**Water** Teachers, please be sure to provide your students with drinking water as we do NOT have water fountains on the farm. We do sell bottled water on site for \$2. We do provide igloos with cold water near the lunch area. Cups can be purchased for a minimal cost (10 for \$1) to cover our ice/cup expenses. You are welcome to bring your own cups.

**Lunch:** You can bring your own lunch or purchase lunch at the farm. We offer a 7" pepperoni pizza, hot dogs, grilled cheese, and nachos plus many drink and dessert options. The pizza, hot dogs and grilled cheese **must** be pre-ordered upon arrival so that we know how much food to prepare. We need a one week notice if you are purchasing lunch for your class/school so that we can meet your needs!

**First Aid:** All activities are outdoors and there are certain risks associated with being outdoors: bee, wasp, and fire ant stings, hay allergies, etc. We do not administer or distribute any type of medications. The school is responsible for bringing a first aid kit with everything needed for any minor injuries including EpiPen's, inhalers, Benadryl, band aids, pain relievers, etc. We will provide ice packs for bumps and bruises.

**Weather:** Please call before departing for the farm if you think the weather might be a problem. (Debi's cell phone 210-288-6260) The soil is sandy on the farm, so mud is not an issue.

**Departure** The farm closes at 1:30. Please begin loading buses by 1:15 at the latest.

**Cancellation/Re-Schedule** If you need to cancel your field trip, please give us a minimum of 72 hours notice. If you need to re-schedule, please call or email as early as possible as space is limited.