

Councill Farms Field Trips

September 12 – October 26, 2023

9:30am, 10:30am, 11:30 am, or 12:30pm

In an effort to educate the community about farming and agriculture, Councill Farms conducts school tours for children each September and October, during which students participate in more than 25 farming activities. The school tour includes a learning program, plus time for children to explore other farm activities in our Field of Fun. Field trips are geared toward preschool, kindergarten and first grade. We provide a fun and educational, hands-on learning experience. Farm field trips provide an opportunity for children to learn about and experience agriculture on a real working farm and meet our family farm members. Students will learn about the life cycle of a pumpkin, meet our farm animals and explore agriculture products from our farm.

The field trip includes an educational presentation, a trip to the pumpkin patch to pick your own class pumpkin, Field of Fun admission, along with individual small pumpkins for each student. Visit <https://councillfarms.com/school-tours/> for additional information and booking. Remember to inform students to dress in layers and wear shoes comfortable for playing and activity. Pumpkin patch visits are subject to weather and conditions.

MAKE A RESERVATION: Go to our website <https://councillfarms.com/school-tours/> and fill out the form at the bottom of the page to reserve your date! You will need to provide contact information, date requested, arrival and departure times and total number of people. Peak field trip dates are the weeks in October (these weeks will fill up). Get your reservations in as soon as possible as spots are on a first come, first serve basis.

COST: The cost is \$10 per student and \$6 per chaperone, and needs to be paid **in ONE transaction.**

- Season passes are not valid for school tours.
- You must have a **minimum of 20 people** to qualify for the school field trip. *“I don’t have 20 people! What should I do?!”* Don’t worry! You have 2 awesome options!
 - o General Admission is \$6 per person (pumpkin not included) on weekdays from 9:30 am – 5:30 pm.
 - o Home-Based Schooling and Home Daycare Day: September 12th and October 3rd from 9:30 am – 5:30 pm.

PAYMENT: There is no deposit required. Bring payment for the entire group and pay upon arrival at check-in at the front register of the Farm Market. **You must pay with ONE PAYMENT** of cash, check or credit card (classroom teachers and aides are free).

- If parents are arriving separately/early and paying on their own, tell them to arrive 15 minutes early to allow enough time for them to purchase admission. PLEASE MAKE SURE THEY ARE AWARE OF THIS.

WEATHER: Councill Farms closes in the event of precipitation. If the weather is uncertain, check your email or the farm’s facebook page for updates on closures before coming to the farm, or call the farm at 410-200-6035.

Check-in and Payment Form

Bring this completed form and your remittance to the cashier (located at the register at the Farm Market). The cell phone number listed below may be used by the Councill Farms team to contact you during your visit (lost student, departure).

School/Group Name: _____

Email: _____

Contact Name: _____

Cell: _____

_____ Number of Children x \$10.00 = _____

_____ Free Teacher (free teacher/aid per classroom) x \$0.00 = \$ 0.00

_____ Chaperones & Additional Family Members x \$6.00 = _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE = \$ _____

Field Trip Schedule:

HAVE YOUR CHECK-IN FORM AND PAYMENT READY WHEN YOU ARRIVE! 1)

Check-in at the Farm Market. Be organized! The sooner you have your numbers/check-in form and payment ready, the sooner we can start!

2) Educational Presentation after check in please have the group lined up and ready for your group's educational presentation.

3) Pumpkin Patch Trip to pick your own class pumpkin. Pumpkins are picked from our patch (or market bins depending on supply).

4) Field of Fun including over 25 farm fun attractions. Students must be supervised at all times.

5) Departure, please have students in a line when exiting the Field of Fun, to receive their student pumpkins from a cart at the market.

Trip Tips:

- Councill Farms has portable restrooms in the parking lot.
- Bring plenty of drinks, especially on hot days.
- Students should wear appropriate footwear (closed toe shoes) for playing outside and visiting the farm.
- The bus can drop your group off at the front of the market, then please have them park at the end of the parking lot during your trip. They may pull up to the farm market at your departure time for pick up.