

Frequently Asked Questions

Kindergarten: *(Day in the life of a dairy cow)*

PROGRAM PAYMENT

1. How do schools pay for the program?

- An invoice will be sent with your confirmation letter.
- Please bring this invoice along to submit with your program payment.
- One teacher will bring the payment to the country store on the day of program (unless paid ahead of time). Receipts are available upon request.
- Payment may be made by cash, check payable to FCPA, Visa or MasterCard.

2. How much does the program cost?

- The program fee is \$4 per student (in-county), \$5 per student (out-of-county). Adults are free.
- If a wagon ride is included, \$3 for students and \$3 for any adults. One teacher is free per class per wagon ride.

PROGRAM RESERVATION AND CANCELLATION

3. How many students may I bring?

- We are able to make accommodations for groups no matter how large or small.
- **We aim to keep the maximum number of students per group to 25.**
- Groups must pay for a minimum of 10 students for all programs
- We recommend groups bringing greater than 125 students to request 2 dates
- Your estimated arrival and departure times will influence how many students you may bring on any given date. Please coordinate with staff to determine length of stay.

4. What about Chaperones?

- Chaperones are required to pay for the wagon ride. It is fine if their cost is included in the school's payment. Otherwise, they may pay the day of, on location, at our country store.
- Please have a ratio of 1 adult to every 6 children

5. How do I reserve a program?

- Fill out an online request at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park/field-trips>

6. How do I cancel or reschedule a program?

- Send an email to: Patrick.Mcnamara@fairfaxcounty.gov and Teresa.Reynolds@fairfaxcounty.gov
- As our schedule fills up fast, we cannot guarantee a date available for rescheduling a program, but we will do our best.
- If the school arrives later than their appointment time, we will push the starting times back based on their arrival time. However, this may affect the length of the program for some of the classes based on when the school needs to be back on their buses.

7. What about cancellation due to weather?

- School field trip programs run rain or shine. In case of excessive rain, your program will be moved inside and you will be provided with access to additional self-guided activities.
- Wagon rides may or may not be cancelled due to rain. This is a decision that can be made the date of your field trip.
- If Fairfax County Public Schools are closed, we will cancel the program.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

8. Day in the Life of a Dairy Cow

- Students will discover how farmers take care of our dairy cows by following “Sadie”, our cow puppet, through her daily activities.
- Learn how much food we feed our cows and how much milk they give us every day.
- Students get hands on by practicing milking a cow and practice a farm chore.
- The program culminates by getting to meet one of our dairy goats.

9. Each field trip consists of the following components

- Schools may sign up for the following program components:
 - 30 minute staff-lead program in our “barn classroom”.
 - Self-guided farm activity : 30 minutes
 - Schools may add on an additional 30 min wagon ride at \$3/per person

10. How much walking is involved?

- Students may walk up to a 1/2 mile throughout the entire program.

11. How much of the program is outdoors?

- The classroom portion is conducted in our barn classroom, which is covered but has large open doors. (No heat or a/c).

- The wagon ride is outside and sometimes under a sun awning.
- The farm activity sheet is all outside.
- School field trip programs run rain or shine. In case of excessive rain, your program will be moved inside and you will be provided with access to additional self-guided activities.

PROGRAM ACCESSIBILITY

12. Is the program accessible by wheelchair?

- All lessons are fully accessible by wheelchair.
- Wagon rides are fully accessible by wheelchair. Please coordinate with staff prior to your visit to fully serve your students.

ACCOMODATIONS

13. Where are the bathrooms?

- Bathrooms are located in the Indoor Arena (large green building closest to the parking lot) and the brick building next to the carousel. Both are labeled.
- At the other end of the park there are bathrooms in the Visitor Center.

14. May we stay for lunch?

- There are multiple picnic tables located in the lawn by the Information Kiosk, as well as a large indoor arena with bleachers that can accommodate students.
- Please deposit trash in multiple trash receptacles located throughout the farm and park.