**Frequently Asked Questions**

**A Day in the Life of a Dairy Cow**

**COVID-19 Updates**

* For on-site field trips, classes will be broken into groups no larger than 10 students. Schools may bring more than 10 students, but we will divide into smaller group sizes.
* Students, teachers, and chaperones over the age of 2 are required to wear a mask or face covering for the duration of the program.
* Students, teachers, and chaperones are required to observe six-foot physical distance when possible.
* On-site school field trips with more than 30 students must schedule over multiple days.
* Private, single family group option is available.

**Field Trips for Families**

* These experiences can be scheduled on an individual basis for up to nine members of a family group.
* Classes can be tailored to your interests and desired outcomes.
* Individuals will be contacted ahead of time detailing a meeting place and other pertinent information.
* Please make your request for “Field Trips for Families” at least one week prior to your desired date.
* The fee for private instruction is $45 for 45 minutes or $60 for one hour.

**Field Trips for All**

* Visit Parktakes online at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes> to discover upcoming scheduled Field Trips for All programs.
* These field trips are mixed-age experiences that supplement at-home online learning.
* Group size is limited to allow for physical distancing requirements.
* Each visitor must pay individually for each field trip program. See prices per person online.

**Virginia Standards Covered**

* **Kindergarten**

SCI.GK.7

The student will investigate and understand basic needs and life processes of plants and animals.

* **Grade 1**

SCI.G1.5

The student will investigate and understand that animals, including humans, have basic needs and distinguishing characteristics.

* **Grade 2**

SCI.G2.4

The student will investigate and understand that plants and animals undergo a series of orderly changes as they grow and develop.

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

1. **A Day in the Life of a Dairy Cow**
	* Students discover how farmers take care of our dairy cows by following “Sadie,” our cow puppet, through her daily activities.
	* Students learn how much food we feed our cows and how much milk they give us every day.
	* Students meet one of our dairy goats.
2. **Schools may sign up for the following program components:**
* 30-minute staff-led program
* 30-minute, self-guided farm activity
1. **How much walking is involved?**
* Students may walk up to a half-mile during the program.
1. **How much of the program is outdoors?**
	* The entire program is held outside.
	* The farm activity sheet is all outside.
	* Field trip programs run rain or shine. In case of excessive rain, your program is moved inside.

**For Elementary Schools**

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 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, MasterCard, or Discover.
2. **How much does the program cost?**
	* The program fee is $4 per student (in-county), $5 per student (out-of-county).

**PROGRAM RESERVATION AND CANCELLATION**

1. **What about Chaperones?**
	* Please have a ratio of 1 adult to every 10 children.
2. **How do I reserve a program?**
	* For on-site school visits: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park/field-trips>
	* For Field Trips for Families: email Patrick.McNamara@fairfaxcounty.gov
	* For Field Trips for All: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes>
3. **How do I cancel or reschedule a program?**
	* Email Patrick.Mcnamara@fairfaxcounty.gov **and** Teresa.Reynolds@fairfaxcounty.gov
	* The schedule fills quickly. We cannot guarantee a date for rescheduling, but we will do our best.
	* If the school arrives late, we will push the starting times back based on arrival time. However, this may affect program length for some classes based on the school’s departure time.
4. **What about cancellation due to weather?**
	* Field trip programs run rain or shine. In case of excessive rain, the program is moved inside.

**PROGRAM ACCESSIBILITY**

1. **Is the program accessible by wheelchair?**
	* All lessons are fully accessible by wheelchair.

**ACCOMODATIONS**

1. **Where are the bathrooms?**
* Bathrooms are in the brick building next to the carousel.
1. **May we stay for lunch?**
	* There are multiple picnic tables located on the grounds.
	* Please deposit trash in the trash receptacles located throughout the farm and park.