**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Life in Historic Virginia**

**COVID-19 Updates**

* For on- site field trips, classes will be divided into groups no larger than 10 students. Schools may bring more than 10 students, but we will split into smaller group sizes.
* Students, teachers, and chaperones over the age of 2 are required to wear a mask or face covering during the program.
* Students, teachers, and chaperones are required to observe six-foot physical distance when possible.
* On-site school field trips of greater than 30 students must schedule over multiple days.
* A 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 custom 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.
* Trip 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.10

The student will investigate and understand that change occurs over time, and change rates may be fast or slow.

* SS.GK.3

The student will sequence events in the past and present and recognize that things change over time.

**Grade 1**

* SS.G1.2.c

The student will describe life in Virginia’s past and present, making connections to food, clothing, shelter, transportation, and recreation.

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

1. **The Farm Family**
	* Travel through time with your program leader. Learn stories of the Historic Floris community.
		+ Stop along the way as you travel back from 1896, when the Kidwell Farmhouse was built, to present day.
		+ Compare and contrast similarities and differences of various time periods.
		+ Learn how farmers grew their own food, the methods they used to move around Fairfax County, and what they did for recreation,
2. **Each field trip consists of the following components:**
	* 60-minute, staff-led program
	* 30-minute, self-guided farm activity
3. **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 $6 per person (in-county), $8 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?**
	* Send an email to: Patrick.Mcnamara@fairfaxcounty.gov **and to** Teresa.Reynolds@fairfaxcounty.gov
	* As our schedule fills quickly, we cannot guarantee a date available for rescheduling a program, but we will do our best.
	* If a school arrives later than appointment time, we will push the starting times back based on the arrival time. However, this may affect the length of the program for some classes based on when the school needs to depart.
4. **What about cancellation due to weather?**
	* Field trip programs run rain or shine. In case of excessive rain, your 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 on the grounds.
* Please deposit trash in the trash receptacles located throughout the farm and park.