

Frequently Asked Questions

Simple Machines

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, chaperones and all attendees 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 in advance with details on a meeting place and other 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.

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

Grade 3

SCI.G3.1

- The student will demonstrate an understanding of scientific and engineering practices by
 - d) constructing and critiquing conclusions and explanations (PRS 1)
 - f) obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information (PRS 1)

SCI.G3.2

- The student will investigate and understand simple machines and their uses. Key concepts include
 - a) purpose and function of simple machines (PRS 2)
 - b) types of simple machines (PRS 2)
 - c) compound machines (PRS 2)
 - d) examples of simple and compound machines found in the school, home, and work environments

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

1. Simple Machines

- Learn how simple machines “Make Work Easier!”
- Learn each simple machine type and explore how they are used at home and on the farm.
- Get hands-on. Test how simple machines work and perform farm chores.

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.

4. 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

5. 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 the 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.

6. 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

7. What about chaperones?

- Please have a ratio of 1 adult to every 10 children.

8. 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>

9. How do I cancel or reschedule a program?

- Email: Patrick.Mcnamara@fairfaxcounty.gov and 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.

10. 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**11. Is the program accessible by wheelchair?**

- All lessons are fully accessible by wheelchair.

ACCOMODATIONS**12. Where are the bathrooms?**

- Bathrooms are in the brick building next to the carousel.

13. 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.