

Frequently Asked Questions

First Grade: (Farm Family Timeline)

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 \$5 per student (in-county), \$6 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?

- The minimum group size is 10
- The maximum group size is 30

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:
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fryingpanpark/fieldtrips.htm>

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?

- If Fairfax County Public Schools are closed, we will cancel the program. We will try to reschedule your program for another date.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

8. The program consists of the following components

- Schools may sign up for one, two or all program components
 - Barn classroom portion: 30 minutes/Outside classroom: 30 minutes
 - Self-guided scavenger hunt: 30 minutes
 - Schools may add on an additional 30 min wagon ride at \$3/per person

(All times are approximate. Maximum time for entire program is 2 hours. This does not include the “free” or open period often used by classes for lunch)

9. How much walking is involved?

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

10. 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 scavenger hunt is all outside.

11. What material is covered in this program?

The 1st grade program consists of:

1. Defining and reading a “Timeline”
 - Which direction notates the past and future
2. Discussing Kidwell farm’s timeline(history)
 - Several years are covered including: Kidwell farm house built, Floris Elementary school built, first car invented, life on the farm for children in the 1930’s
3. Mystery Basket

- Students see several household and farm tools and equipment from the 1930's and guess to find out what they are

4. Farm chores

- Students will do “old fashioned laundry” using a washboard and ringer then hang their clothes on the clothes line
- Students may groom a goat
- Students will pump water from a well and fill up a 1930's washbasin

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?

- Please let us know if you are staying 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 hundreds of students.
- Please deposit trash in multiple trash receptacles located throughout the farm and park.