

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **Preschool Program:** ***(Farm Mystery: Who Laid the Eggs?)***

### **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?**

- 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](mailto:Patrick.Mcnamara@fairfaxcounty.gov) and [Teresa.Reynolds@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto: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
  - Farm Mystery program: 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 1 ½ 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 Farm Mystery program is completely outside. In the case of inclement weather, an indoor space may be available depending on other reservations for the day.
- 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 preschool program consists of:

1. A meet and greet with one of the farm's birds.
  - Discussion of what makes birds different from all of the other farm animals.
  - Discussion of why we keep different birds on the farm
  - Touch and feel experience with different bird's feathers, nest, and food.

## 2. Farm Mystery Tour

- Students inspect different eggs laid by each of the animals and will try to guess which bird laid each egg.
- Students then embark on a guided tour of the farm's game birds.

## 3. Farm Chore

- Students will get to toss bird feed to the chickens at the end of the program.

## 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.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

### 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.