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Dear Educator,

It's time to your make reservations for Hunt Club Farm's **Pumpkin Patch & Harvest Hayride** field trip. This will be the **24th year** that our farm has provided pumpkins and hayrides to local school children and youth groups in Hampton Roads and surrounding areas. This year's Pumpkin Patch field trip will run Monday through Friday, September 26th to November 4th.

Hunt Club Farm's Pumpkin Patch program lasts approximately 90 minutes. The excitement begins with a "**Tractor pulled Hayride**" around the farm. The bumpy journey includes an educational stop near our corn field where we discuss fall harvest as well as the history and many uses of pumpkins, gourds and corn. During the ride, you will observe horses grazing, barns, gardens, fall flowers, fields and woods. You'll also pass our pond, which is the home to many migratory waterfowl as well as our resident geese and ducks.

Next, your group will have the opportunity to explore our **Petting Farm**. Here the children will visit chickens, peacocks, goats, sheep, donkeys, a cow, llamas, alpacas, pigs and bunnies. Our staff will be on hand to provide fun facts about our farm animals and to accommodate questions. We also have a **Giant Hay Stack and Playground** in the Petting Farm for the kids.

After meeting the animals, the children head off to our "**Pumpkin Patch**" to pick-out their very own pumpkin to take home. We will provide a bag for each child's pumpkin. Additionally, our picnic area is available for you to enjoy lunch or snacks. Children love spending a day on the farm and this field trip provides a wholesome hands-on educational experience.

The field trip cost is \$6.00 per person. There is no charge for teachers. However, pumpkins are only included for the children. Please collect money at school for students and any parents that will chaperone the field trip. Hunt Club's Farm Market will be open for those who would like to purchase snacks, additional pumpkins or other fall novelties. Please call (757)427-9520 today to make reservations in advance. Hunt Club Farm is located at 2388 London Bridge Road in Virginia Beach. For directions, photos and more information please visit www.huntclubfarm.com. We look forward to seeing you at "**The Pumpkin Patch**."

Also, located on our website www.huntclubfarm.com are examples of Math, Science and English Virginia State SOLs for K-2nd grade which relate directly to this field trip.

****** Please note that we are now accepting reservations for our Winter Wonderland Field Trip for the month of December and for our Children's Gardening Program in the spring!!!**

Sincerely,

Randi Vogel, Owner
Terri Butler, Director



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“Pumpkin Patch Program”

We have chosen a few of the many examples of how our program includes and relates to Virginia State SOL requirements for K, 1st and 2nd graders

Math:

Kindergarten K.10...The student will compare two objects or events, using direct comparisons or nonstandard units of measure, according to one or more of the following attributes: length, height, weight, temperature. ie. This pumpkin is larger than that one

First Grade 1.17...The student will identify and describe objects in his/her environment that depict plane geometric figures. ie. Flags, straw bales, fences and barns

Second Grade 2.20... The student will identify, describe, and sort three-dimensional (solid) concrete figures. ie. Barns, hay wagon, picnic tables, bee hive

Science:

Kindergarten K.4...The student will investigate and understand that the position, motion, and physical properties of an object can be described. ie. The goats are near the chickens, the giant hay pile is in the middle of the petting farm and the tractor moves slowly

First Grade 1.2...The student will investigate and understand that moving objects exhibit different kinds of motion; objects may vibrate and produce sound. ie. Tractor ride

Second Grade 2.1...The student will conduct investigations in which observation is differentiated from personal interpretation, and conclusion are drawn based on observations; observations are repeated to ensure accuracy. ie. Safety instructions on hayride and in the petting farm and pumpkin patch

English:

Kindergarten K.2...The students will begin to follow implicit rules for conversation, including taking turns and staying on topic. ie. Hayride educational stop

First Grade 1.3...The students will adapt or change oral language to fit the situation. Initiate conversation with peers and adults, follow rules for conversation, use appropriate voice level in small-group settings, ask and respond to question in small-group settings. ie. Hayride educational stop

Second Grade 2.2... The students will use oral directions with three or four steps. ie. Hayride safety rules and pumpkin patch directions will be given and then followed

*****Please Call 427-9520 To reserve a date and time for your class today*****

In case we are out of the office at the time of your call please leave us a day and evening number where you can be reached, your call will be returned promptly. Thank You!