



August 2014

Dear Educator,

It's time to make your reservations for Hunt Club Farm's **Pumpkin Patch & Harvest Hayride** field trip. This will be the **27th 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 22nd-November 7th.

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 turtles, 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, 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 to enjoy.

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 \$7.00 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-3rd 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,

JD and Randi Vogel, Owners



“Pumpkin Patch Program”

Virginia’s SOL requirements for Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade

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 and temperature. (Compare the size of pumpkins in the Pumpkin Patch)

First Grade 1.12... The student will identify and describe objects in his/her environment that depict plane geometric figures. (Observe shapes of objects on the farm such as flags, straw bales, fences, barns, etc.)

Second Grade 2.16... The student will identify, describe and sort three-dimensional (solid) concrete figures. (Identify, describe and sort 3-D concrete objects such as pumpkins, gourds or seeds)

Third Grade 3.14... The student will identify, describe, compare, and contrast characteristics of plane and solid geometric figures such as circle, square, rectangle, triangle, cube, rectangular prism, etc... by identifying relevant characteristics, including the number of angles, vertices, and edges, and the number and shape of faces, using concrete models. (Compare and contrast picnic table top vs boards that make up the table, bales of straw on hayride)

Science:

Kindergarten K.4... The student will investigate and understand that the position, motion, and physical properties of an object can be described. (Understanding the pulley system of our goat walk)

First Grade 1.2... The student will investigate and understand that moving objects exhibit different kinds of motion; objects may vibrate and produce sound. (Observe the goat’s reaction to sound of wheels on goat walk)

Second Grade 2.1... The student will demonstrate an understanding of scientific reasoning, logic, and the nature of science by planning and conducting investigations in which conditions that influence a change are identified and inferences are made. (Use pumpkins to discover if fruit lasts longer in the sun or shade, sitting on concrete or paper, kept hot or cold?)

Third Grade 3.1... The student will demonstrate an understanding of scientific reasoning, logic, and the nature of science by planning and conducting investigations in which objects with similar characteristics or properties are classified into at least two sets and two subsets. (Classify farm animals as mammals or birds & then, as type of animal such as goat or sheep, duck or goose.)

English:

Kindergarten K.3... The students will begin to follow implicit rules for conversation, including taking turns and staying on topic. (Hayride loading attendants, educational stop questions and answer conversation)

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. (Great transition practice, bus, hayride, pumpkin patch & playground conversations with teachers, guides, parents and peers)

Second Grade 2.3... The students will use oral directions with three or four steps. (Hayride safety rules, guidelines for choosing pumpkins from the pumpkin patch)

Third Grade 3.1... The student will use effective communication skills in group activities; listen attentively by making eye contact, facing the speaker, asking questions and summarizing what is said. (Listening to the educational guide during pumpkin presentation and participating in Q&A session)

*****Please Call 427-9520, for Field Trip Reservations*****

If you reach our voicemail, please leave us a day and evening number and the best time to return your call.

Hope to see you at **“The Pumpkin Patch!”**