

Suggested Guidelines for Field Learning Experiences At Munnell Run Farm

Use our program menus to determine which lessons best fit your curriculum, the time limitations of your visit, and your budget per student.

Keep in mind that the most successful field trips are firmly connected to classroom activities, address the standards, and can be integrated into a number of curriculum areas.

Plan and make reservations well in advance of the actual trip.

If you would like to tour the farm prior to scheduling your students, we would be happy to arrange a personalized visit.

Prepare your students for the trip.

Allow enough time prior to the trip to conduct related classroom activities. Many of our programs have pre-trip materials that we will send to you as soon as your visit is confirmed.

Familiarize students with the site by telling them what to expect.

We offer an informal, hands-on, FUN atmosphere, but proper behavior is essential to have a safe and successful learning experience. MRF is a working beef farm. For the safety of the students and our animals, we do not permit contact with the cattle or the "barn cats." Also, our farmers have the "right-of-way" at all times.

Have your students wear names tags.

If at all feasible, please have your students wear individual name tags.

Advise parents and students of proper dress and lunch needs.

All programs have outdoor activities that take place in a very windy, open area, which can be chillier than normal. Programs are held rain or shine unless a severe storm warning is in effect. Muddy and/or wet feet are to be expected, so weather-appropriate clothing and proper footwear are essential! If students do not own boots, we suggest having them bring a change of shoes and socks for their return to school. At present we have only portable toilets with hand sanitizer (no running water is available). Students should bring plenty of water or other drinks, especially during warm weather!

Be sure to have an adequate number of chaperones.

Our staff size is limited and we appreciate "helping hands!"

Follow up with related activities and homework assignments after the trip.

We appreciate receiving feedback from your students. Have them write and tell us about the experience, send a few copies of completed assignments, etc. Poems, drawings, and other creative expressions are also welcome!

Please return your evaluation form and let us know of any problems you encountered or suggestions you may have for future visits.

Our goal is to provide a quality learning experience for you and your students. With your help, we can continue to expand and improve our programs!