



# Pumpkin Patch Field Trips 2023



Since 1987, we have offered educational opportunities for children to learn from our horticultural experts. The outdoor learning experience is approximately 1 hour. Children find their seats on straw bales for the SOL adapted program, specific to the plant cycle of a pumpkin growing from “seed to seed.” Children learn other interesting facts about horticulture & agriculture, including historical VA crops. Friendly farm animals always make an appearance! Discussion adjusted according to age level. Reservations are Monday - Friday mornings in the month of October.

## Reservation Basics

- \$50 group deposit reserves your date. Full payment is due at least 24 hours before your scheduled time
- A “group” consists of 10 or more paid participants. Maximum group size of 60, to include adults.
- **Prepaid admission: \$8 per person** (including each teacher, aide, any visiting adults & siblings age 2+) Each admission/wrist band includes one pie sized pumpkin
- Extra attendees joining your group that day **without pre-pay: \$10 per person**
- Groups that pay at least a week (7 days) in advance receive 2 Additional WRISTBANDS FREE

## Group Preparation

- Pick up wristbands at least 24 hours before your reservation (ALL WRISTBANDS MUST BE ON BEFORE CHILDREN GET OUT OF THE VANS)
- Teachers find it helpful to pack Sharpies and bags to identify student pumpkins & eliminate confusion
- Please ask parents to pack only bottled water in lunches to avoid fall season bees attracted to sugary drinks
- **Pack any necessary first aid and allergy medication** (possible allergens: dust, straw, animals, insects, etc.)

## PUMPKIN DAY!

- Arrive on time for your reservation. Dress for the weather. Call 24 hours ahead if you are uncertain of weather.
- Vans, cars, buses pull straight ahead along the tree line, following signs for “group parking”
- Walk to Information & Check-in Booth to receive a brief orientation. Wrist bands should already be on.
- Outdoor classroom sitting on straw bales. Photo opportunity. Seed to seed pumpkin program.
- Tractor pulls wagon ride to “the patch.” Everyone picks a small pumpkin to take home as a memory of the trip.
- Pumpkins loaded back in vehicles. Pick up snacks or lunches. Find seats at picnic tables or bring blankets.
- Feed the goats alfalfa grain, then clean up all little hands. (Pack some wipes.) We provide hand sanitizer.
- Back to school!

## Reservations: Call Casey or Francine for date/time availability, 804-526-4000

Please let us know ahead of time if you have participants with special needs, so we can accommodate. Once your date/time is set and the deposit paid, confirmation will be sent to you by email from [kell@boulevardflowergardens.com](mailto:kell@boulevardflowergardens.com)