

Frequently Asked Questions

Plants and Animal Life Needs Dairy Animals and Veggie Gardens

Virginia Standards Covered

Kindergarten

- SCI.GK.7
 - The student will investigate and understand basic needs and life processes of plants and animals.

Grade 1

- SCI.G1.4
 - The student will investigate and understand that plants have basic life needs and functional parts can be classified according to certain characteristics.
- SCI.G1.5
 - The student will investigate and understand that animals, including humans, have basic needs and certain distinguishing characteristics.

Grade 2

- SCI.G2.4
 - The student will investigate and understand that plants and animals undergo a series of orderly changes as they grow and develop.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

1. Dairy Animals and Veggie Gardens

- Day in the Life of a Dairy Cow
 - Students discover how farmers take care of our dairy cows.
 - Learn how much food we feed our cows and how much milk they give us every day.
 - Meet a dairy animal.
- Visit the Kidwell vegetable garden
 - Learn about the different types of plants that we grow in the garden.
 - Discover the different parts of plants that we can eat.
 - Explore the veggie garden to find the different parts of plants.

2. Each field trip consists of the following components

- 1 hour staff-lead program. The program will be held for 30 minutes in our “barn classroom” and 30 minutes in our “outside classroom”
- Self-guided farm activity: 30 minutes
- Schools may add on an additional 30 min wagon ride at \$3/per person

3. How much walking is involved?

- Students may walk up to a 1/2 mile throughout the entire program.

4. How much of the program is outdoors?

- The first 30 minutes of the program are in the barn classroom, the next 30 minutes are outside.
- The farm activity sheet is all outside.
- School field trip programs run rain or shine. In case of excessive rain, your program is moved inside.

For Elementary Schools

5. 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 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 or Credit Card .

6. How much does the program cost?

- The program fee is \$6 per student (in-county), \$7 per student (out-of-county).

PROGRAM RESERVATION AND CANCELLATION

7. What about Chaperones?

- Please have a ratio of 1 adult to every 10 children.

8. How do I reserve a program?

- For on-site school visits: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park/field-trips>

9. How do I cancel or reschedule a program?

- Send an email to Sean.redmiles@fairfaxcounty.gov and Jordan.Libera@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 depart.

10. What about cancellation due to weather?

- School field trip programs run rain or shine. In case of excessive rain, your program is moved inside.

PROGRAM ACCESSIBILITY

11. Is the program accessible by wheelchair?

- All lessons are fully accessible by wheelchair.

ACCOMODATIONS

12. Where are the bathrooms?

- Bathrooms are in the brick building next to the carousel.

13. May we stay for lunch?

- There are multiple picnic tables located on the grounds.
- Please deposit trash in the trash receptacles located throughout the farm and park.