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2009 School Field Trip Information

What is red or green, crisp, delicious and nutritious, and fits in your hand?

Carter Mountain Orchard would like to invite your class or group to join us this fall for informative, hands-on educational experience to learn about local agriculture. Carter Mountain Orchard is a family owned and operated orchard. During your trip to the orchard you and your students will learn about pollination, fertilization, irrigation, and harvest in a working apple orchard. You can pick fresh and juicy apples right from the tree. Nothing tastes better than the fruit you pick with your own hands. You can enjoy a scenic wagon ride around the orchard, select a mini-jack pumpkin, and even have apple cider donuts and apple cider!

Our objective is to provide an enjoyable and unique educational environment for children to learn about apples, trees and the fall harvest season in an authentic working orchard. This experience will bring your classroom lessons to life, where students can ask questions and have hands on fun.

The full experience will take approximately 2 hours. If you plan to have a picnic lunch, please allow additional time. Picnic tables are available on a first-come, first-served basis. It is a good idea to bring blankets to sit on the grass, in case the picnic tables are occupied.

Before you leave, stop back to visit our Country Store. There you will find hand crafted items, jams and jellies, apple butter, apple cider, candy, snacks, and take-home bakery treats.

We welcome groups of all sizes (smaller groups will be scheduled and combined with other groups).

Tour Components

Educational Presentation (“Apple School”) or Story Time

Your group or class will be given an age-appropriate lesson. This will include the “Seed to Seed” life cycle of the apple tree, covering the relationship of honeybees to an orchard, pollination, fertilization, and irrigation. We will demonstrate the correct way to pick an apple from the tree to prevent damage to the apple or the tree. The presentation will be tailored according to the age or grade-level of the students.

Virginia SOLs are grade and age applicable. Complete list is as follows:

- ✓ **Science:** Scientific Investigation, Reasoning and Logic K.2 (a,b), Life Processes 1.4 (a,b), Earth Patterns, Cycles, and Change 1.7(a), 3.8(b), Resources 1.8 (a), Life Processes 2.4(b), Interrelationships in Earth/Space Systems 3.7(a)
- ✓ **Math:** Measurement K.8, Number and Number Sense 1.6, 2.4
- ✓ **History and Social Science:** Economics K.6, K.7(b), 1.7, 2.7, 2.8, 2.9, 3.7, 3.8

Pick Your Own Apples

Each participant will receive a ¼ peck bag for apple-picking. The bag will hold 4-5 apples.

Wagon Ride

You can opt for a scenic ride through the orchard. This is a 15-20 minute non-stop ride that will take you through the orchard and around our beautiful mountain.

Mini-Jack Pumpkin or Gourd

Each paying participant can take home a mini-jack pumpkin or gourd.

Snack

Each paying participant can enjoy an apple cider donut and a sample cup of apple cider (flash pasteurized).

Field Trip Packages Available

Jonathan Package: \$4.50 per person

*1/4 peck bag to pick your own apples

*Educational Presentation “Apple School” with the life cycle of an apple tree

*Coloring Book for each child

*Teachers Packet Web Link including fun apple facts, puzzles, mazes and more!

*Lots of Great Memories

McIntosh Package: \$6.50 per person

*Everything listed in the Jonathan package, PLUS

*Wagon ride through the scenic orchard

Johnny Appleseed Package: \$7.50 per person

*Everything listed in the McIntosh Package, PLUS

*A pre-picked Mini-jack pumpkin or gourd (available from late September on)

Snack Option: \$1.00 per person

This can be added to any of the above packages and must be requested at time of reservation (available from mid-September on)

*An apple cider donut and a sample cup of apple cider

One free teacher or staff member for every 10 paying children.

Parent and siblings are welcome with your groups, and will be charged the same fee as the student. This guarantees each person a seat on the wagon ride (if part of your package) and a bag to pick fruit. There is no charge for non-participating children under the age of 2. Please make sure all parents are aware of this information. **Even if the parents do not ride the bus with your group, please collect their fees in advance.** This will greatly speed up the check in process and keep your group on schedule.

Once we have received your reservation request, we will respond to you within 48 hours to confirm your field trip, or offer you alternate dates if your first choice is full. We will also check in with you approximately 7-10 days prior to your tour to finalize your count and re-confirm your time and tour package.

Home School Groups

We welcome home school groups. We encourage you to schedule your groups between 1PM-5PM, to allow for flexibility. Home school groups are allowed 1 free adult per each 10 participating children age 2 and older. We can adjust our educational presentation according to the ages of the children.

Arrival and Payment

Please arrive at the orchard 15 minutes prior to your reservation time. Keep in mind the time it takes to assemble your group, use the restrooms, etc. Having your program begin on-time is extremely important for maximum enjoyment by everyone. If your group is late, we will start our other groups on-time and try to get your group in at the next possible opening. We reserve the right to combine your group with others if group size, time constraints, etc. warrant it.

Payment is due upon arrival by one designated leader per group. A single payment covering the entire group is preferred and can be in the forms of MasterCard, Visa, or a check payable to Carter Mountain Orchard. Please bring your payment along with your completed Field Trip Check-In Form to our field trip check in station. We are happy to provide you with a receipt for your records.

Please call us with any questions (434-977-1833). We look forward to welcoming you this fall!!!