

SPRING IS GROWING!

Ages 2 to 10 (late April to early July)

Children learn about the **parts of a seed**, and **how it grows roots and leaves**. They take a tour of our working **greenhouses** and see plants at various stages of growth. They **pot a plant** to take home with them and learn the **basics of caring for plants!** The children also learn about our baby **farm animals** and get to feed the **sheep and goats!** They also take a fun filled **hayride** through the Cattail Creek.

Tour time: 1 1/2 hours

Group minimums: 20

Price: \$6.50/ child & parents & teachers**

BIRDS and GOURDS!

Ages 5 to 12 (April to mid Aug.)

A farm teacher will instruct you on how to **make a working birdhouse** from a dried birdhouse gourd. We provide all the supplies. As your project is drying, your guide will walk you down to our **farm animals** where the children will have time to **feed the sheep and the goats**. They also take a **hayride** through the farm and over the Cattail Creek!

Tour Time: 1 1/2 hours

Group minimum: 15

Price: \$8.50 /child & parents & teachers **

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF WORMS

(Ages 4 & up mid April - August)

With this program the children will learn about earthworms and their role in the composting process. Children will see the entire cycle, from "yucky" food scraps or other organic wastes, to pleasant smelling compost. Contrary to the "out of sight, out of mind" philosophy, children will see organic wastes as potential resources rather than as something "gross" to be thrown away and forgotten. Through direct experience we hope they will learn that **they can personally make a difference** and have a positive effect on the environment! Some of what they learn:
What are the body parts of an earthworm?
What do earthworms eat?
What is compost?
How do you make a compost pile?
What do earthworms do with that soil?

This is a **learning experience** that includes;
DIRT, SLIMY WORMS, & BANANA PEELS!
(Hand washing station available!!)

A **hayride & animal feeding** are also included!
All will take home a **plant in special compost!**

Tour Time: 1 1/2 hours **Group Minimum:** 20

Price: \$7.00/child & parents & teachers**

When scheduling, ask about our suggestion list of what your students can bring!

PONDS, PUDDLES & CREEKS!

Ages 5 & up (May to mid Aug.)

The children take a **hayride** to the Cattail Creek & using nets they go **into the creek** catching a variety of the creatures that live in and about the pond! We discuss the **web of life** that exists, the **habitat** and the **life cycle of amphibians & stream insects!** Tour can be presented at many levels, from environmental intro. to aquatic I.D. and sampling for older students. **Visiting & feeding the farm animals** also included!

Tour time: 1 1/2 hrs. (Wear old shoes!!)

Group minimum: 20

Price: \$ 7.00 /child & parents & teachers**

NATURE KNOWLEDGE

Ages 7 & up (April to mid Aug.)

Our instructor walks the children down our 1/2 **mile trail** beginning at the Cattail Creek. They learn about natural resources and the ecology of the farm, life cycles, food webs and erosion. It's ecology, natural resources walking tour to learn about the farm's role in protecting the environment. Programs are adapted to the age level of the students.) Hayride and Animal Feeding Included. **Tour Time:** 1 1/2 hours

Group minimum: 20

Price: \$7.00/child & parents & teachers **

**Teachers can choose to have free admission, or to pay & receive a gift basket full of plants and classroom materials!!

Cannot decide? Want to do more than one activity? Want to extend your time on the farm to make a day of it? You can SUPERSIZE your field trip!!

For an additional \$3.50/person, you can choose a second educational program that will be added on!

If the BIRDS & GOURDS program is added on, it is an additional \$5.00/person due to cost of materials!

NEW OPTION: HEALTHY EATS!! For an additional \$2.00 everyone will take home a bag of vegetables picked the morning of the tour from our high tunnel!!

Add on games for your group: 45 minutes of fun, buddy boards, sack races, team building \$ 1.50 per person!

PURPOSE AND AIMS

Sharps' at Waterford is a 520 acre working farm. Our passion and purpose is to educate children and adults in agriculture and the environment in an informal, hands-on atmosphere supplementing the classroom. We aim to coordinate offerings with school curricula, and will be pleased to work with teachers and other group leaders prior to their visit to maximize the value of your experience at Sharps Farm.

POLICIES

RAIN: The farm is open and our tour guides are ready rain or shine. If you wish to postpone your trip due to rain, please call early on the morning of your trip to reschedule so our tour guides do not prepare needlessly for your visit.

TRASH: If picnicking, we request you bring trash bags for your litter and take it back with you. We have no means to dispose of trash on the farm. We ask if possible children bring lunches with minimal disposal problems. Our key is to emphasize the environmental impact of our actions on the farm and in our environment and we feel the trash disposal issue is one lesson in our day.

PAYMENT: Payment is due the day of your tour by cash, check, payable to Sharp's Farm, or credit card. (No American Express)

HAND SANITIZER: Hand washing facilities are available but many find bringing some disinfectant wipes more convenient.

Also Available:

• hayrides • campfires • birthday & family parties - scout & school programs, pumpkin picking, cornmaze

ASK FOR OUR FALL TOUR BROCHURE

DIRECTIONS

FROM COLUMBIA:

From Rt. 29, 6.5 miles west on Rt. 32. Make a left on Burntwoods Rd. at the traffic light. Drive 2.7 miles where Burntwoods Rd. ends. Left on Rt. 97 (Georgia Ave), Drive 2.7 miles then make a right on Jennings Chapel Rd. Drive 1.1 miles and Waterford Farm will be on your right.

FROM BALTIMORE:

From 695, 17 Miles west on 1-70 then south on St. Rt. 97, Georgia Ave. (towards Olney). Go 6.2 miles then right on Jennings Chapel Rd. Waterford Farm will be on your right in 1.1 miles.

FROM WASHINGTON:

North on Rt. 97 (Georgia Ave.) 7.3 miles past Rt. 108 in Olney then left on Jennings Chapel Rd. Drive 1.1 miles and Waterford Farm will be on your right.

Further directions: There are maps on our website; www.Sharpfarm.com or consult MapQuest before coming is helpful. For specific directions from your exact location, please feel free to contact us and we'll be happy to assist you.

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