



**2011 School Tour Program**  
**EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIP TO A REAL WORKING ILLINOIS CENTENNIAL FAMILY FARM**

Many children believe that milk comes from the dairy case and that vegetables are grown in the produce aisle. Part of our mission is to educate today's children as to where food really comes from and the importance of agriculture in everyday life. Therefore, we invite your class to an educational and fun-filled tour of our family farm on weekdays starting Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> thru Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> featuring:

- Farmer Paul's educational talk with the children about how bees pollinate plants, "where their food comes from", and what life is like on this farm, which was established on this land by his family over 100 years ago!
- Hayride through our different growing fields (weather permitting).
- Farm Animal Area - Everyone receives a cup of feed for the animals! Watch the goats walk on the roof!
- See our newest arrivals in the Baby Chick House, maybe even a Baby Goat "Kid" or Piglet, if you're lucky!
- Students learn a sense of direction walking through the John Deere Maze.
- Listen to BoBo narrate the educational tale of where the Giant's Vegetable Stew comes from!
- Students can get great exercise in **one** of our 3 play areas. Climb aboard the Pirate Ship in Fort Cottonwood. Enjoy the "kid sized" barns in our Barnyard Playland. Play on the 48 foot long train in Veggieland!
- Preschool & Kindergarten ride the Dwarf Pumpkin Mine Train. 1st - 4<sup>th</sup> grade ride the *Ghost Town* Railroad!
- A special kid-sized "pie pumpkin" for each paid guest as you exit (Please bring your own bags, if desired).
- **FREE** use of our covered picnic areas for your groups' snack or lunch. Space is limited and **must be reserved** when you schedule your tour. We may have to determine when your group eats lunch. Student "Munchkin Meals" available at \$4.50 (see Tour Reservation Form).
- Our Halloween Shop offers great treats and novelties. Teachers, there are fun items here for you also! Children in the shop must be adequately chaperoned & supervised.
- Attractions available at additional cost – Jack's Giant Slide or Dwarf Slide, Haunted Barn, T-Ball Challenge, Inflatable Obstacle Course, or Pan for Fossils and Gem Stones in a real water sluice! (See Reservation Form for per student costs)

This fun-filled educational tour is available for only \$8.00 per student & chaperone. (Coupons cannot be used with school groups and "two and under free" does not apply to school tours.) Two teachers are **FREE!** Each paid guest will receive a wristband to wear that is also a **FREE ADMISSION PASS (a \$14 value)** redeemable for a **FREE return** visit to the Farm.

In order to guarantee your tour date we require a \$100.00 non-refundable deposit **per class**. The deposit will be deducted from the total due on the day of your tour. This deposit is due within 7 days of phoning in your tour date. Each year we sell out a little earlier, so **call today** to reserve! All reservations are taken on a first come – first served basis. **Note: All payments are due on arrival the day of your visit.** In order to provide an enjoyable experience for all, plan on your groups visit to last 2 hours. If staying for lunch, 2 ½ hours. We store your lunches upon arrival. **Your school must stay together and depart together as a group.**

In order to start your tour as quickly as possible upon arrival, please have the following ready **before** you exit your bus: 1) Your payment in cash, school check, or charge (**no coins please**). 2) The separate totals of students, teachers, and chaperones in your group. Your group will receive their wristbands based upon these figures. 3) If your group is arriving in cars separately, please gather as a single group. Have all monies collected by a teacher before entering. **Teachers, chaperones, and students must stay together in their assigned groups in order for the group to experience all features of the tour. One of our guides will assist and direct your group while you are here, so that your group will experience all of the fun and educational activities on our Farm!**

Looking forward to making memories with you this fall,