

# Frequently Asked Questions

## A Day in the Life of a Dairy Cow

### 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.G1.5
  - The student will investigate and understand that animals, including humans, have basic needs and certain distinguishing characteristics.

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

#### 1. A Day in the Life of a Dairy Cow

- Students discover how farmers take care of our dairy cows by doing activities farmers do at our farm for the cows, such as milking (with a fake cow), scooping poop (fake poop) and lifting feed.
- Learn how much food we feed our cows and how much milk they give us every day.
- The program culminates by getting to meet one of our dairy goats.

#### 2. Each field trip consists of the following components

- The program will be held for 30 minutes in our “barn 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 program.

#### 4. How much of the program is outdoors?

- The entirety of this program is held 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 \$4 per student (in-county), \$5 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 onsite 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](mailto:Sean.Redmiles@FairfaxCounty.gov) and [Jordan.Libera@FairfaxCounty.gov](mailto: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 located 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.