

## Brown's Farm- Fall Field Trip Teacher Instructions

- 1. Make sure that everyone dresses for the farm and the weather. Old shoes and a jacket are great. We are a rain or shine program and sometimes it gets a little messy!
- 2. Please have the money, check, or P.O. information ready to turn in with the teacher's name, number of children, adults, and dollar amount. It will need to be turned in to Jody or Joyce at the beginning of your tour. If you need a receipt please let us know early so we have time to make one out for you.
- 3. We provide a plastic bag for the children to carry the pumpkin. It would be helpful if you have mailing labels already made with names, or bring a marker to put the students name on the bag. We suggest picking the pumpkin last to avoid having to carry it throughout the day. Each paying person gets 1 pumpkin from the kids patch.
- 4. Safety is such an important issue. We are still a working farm and are always busy harvesting, cleaning, preparing displays, and keeping it operational. We try to keep the farm as safe as possible. It is still important for you to stress to the children several things. a) They may not climb on the machinery, fences, animals, displays or pumpkins. b) They need to stay out of the buildings, houses, and vehicles not designated for tours or play. c) They need to take turns at all of the activities. No pushing or shoving. d) Stay seated on the hayride.
- 5. It is helpful if an adult gets up in the hayride wagon first to assist kids in getting on the hayride. Then all Chaperones space themselves accordingly throughout the wagon near corners and edges. Again, please remind kids to stay seated.
- 6. Making a class scarecrow is an option. The price is \$5.00 per scarecrow. You need to bring pantyhose for the head, as well as pants and a shirt for the body. We have run out of donated clothing for the most part. If you have any extra pantyhose or women's or children's clothing that you would care to donate, we would appreciate your kindness.
- 7. Portable restrooms are available by the greenhouses. We recommend you bring a bottle of hand sanitizer, especially if you are staying for a snack or lunch.
- 8. Picnic tables and benches are provided if you would like to stay for lunch. Please let us know ahead if you will need to use the picnic area.
- 10. Please give the chaperones a copy of instructions included with this letter *prior* to the day of the trip. Please share directions, unloading and parking information with the bus driver.