



## **Farm Tours 2022**

***Get outside, come visit our farm!***

We are very excited to be welcoming students back to the farm this year. As the COVID pandemic fades, we are easing back into normal programming with baby steps.

***Make learning stick.***

Our goal is to provide an active, hands-on learning experience for students as they explore the farm and the source of their food. Our strength is in nurturing the farming connection with your students emphasizing the important role of farms in their everyday life. Our tours are led by experienced and enthusiastic farm educators that make learning fun and memorable.

***Studies have shown students are better able to retain knowledge and think more creatively when they are learning outside as they find it to be more meaningful.***

### **The Nitty Gritty of our 2022 Farm Tours**



We are currently offering our two most popular tour programs – [Farming Foundations](#) AND [Farm and Forest](#). These tours highlight the seasons on our farm and are available in spring, summer, and fall.

Two and three-hour tours are available. We recommend 3 hours as this allows for greater flexibility in timing the activities and gives the students time to see and do everything available including having time for lunch.

Farming Foundations (all ages)

2-hour tour - \$11 each+ HST

Farming Foundations (all ages)

3-hour tour-\$12 each+ HST

Farm and Forest (grades 1 plus)

3-hour tour - \$13 each + HST

We have a minimum charge of \$440 + HST per school (equal to 40 students for a 2-hour Farming Foundations program). A deposit or purchase order equal to the minimum charge is required to confirm your date.

## We'll keep your kids as busy as bees!

Your designated farm educator will greet you upon arrival at your bus and stay with your group for the whole tour. They will work with you throughout the tour to keep your visit relevant to your classroom objectives.

*To allow for adequate supervision, one adult is free for every 5 students (this includes teachers and assistants). Attendants of children with special needs are free.*

For the safety of your group, we discourage parent volunteers from bringing their child's siblings while COVID is still with us.

A letter to the parents and participants will be included in your confirmation package for you to send out informing everyone of our farm's safety protocols.

*Until COVID screening assessments are no longer required, we will have Teachers sign a confirmation that all their students and assistants have been cleared to attend.*

*Tours proceed rain or shine.* It is important children dress for the current weather conditions in all the seasons. We will be limiting the use of indoor spaces to keep our tours outdoors as much as possible.

Open fields and a breeze blowing keep us more comfortable in the summer but can make the farm much cooler, windier, and muddier than urban areas in the spring and fall.



## From Farm to Tablet – Enjoy our Online Farm Education Video Program

When you book a farm tour for your students you will have access to our [Farming Foundations \(Plants and Animals\) Package1](#) for one month.



You may access it 2 weeks before your visit to preview the lessons and continue 2 weeks after your tour to enable a review of the concepts covered here while on the farm.

Each video lesson includes worksheets to help students understand the material and dig deeper into the concepts presented. Attached is a quick link that will give

you full information on what you would be receiving if you partnered with us in your home or classroom.

<https://forsythefamilyfarms.com/online-farm-education-video-packages/>

## Take home more than memories – Take home delicious

Our [farm market](#) is open for business offering produce fresh from our farm and other Ontario fields along with our meats and a selection of farm products. The market is an integral part of our tour as it shows children the wide variety of fruits and vegetables that are grown in Ontario and helps them to see further along the journey from farm to fork.

*The seasons are evident in the produce available on our farm.*

Take home a warm pie, fresh from the oven. [Pie orders can be placed at the start of your tour or before coming.](#) This allows us to bake your pie while you are out on your tour. You can also organize this the day before your tour.

