

OAK RIDGE FARM

Grades K3-4



Visit a 200 acre "working farm" near Dousman (approximately 30 miles west of Milwaukee; travel time, 45 minutes). Children will experience farm life up close, with opportunities to touch many of the animals. Oak Ridge Farm is a real working farm with large animals, moving machinery and a barn with dairy operations. Oak Ridge Farm may be scheduled for four hours or less between 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

For the youngest children, we offer sights, sounds, smells and textures in our 2 - 2 1/2 hour program. Your children will see (and sometimes touch) cows, horses, sheep, chickens, turkeys, pigs and rabbits. They will go on a wagon ride through the farmer's fields and learn how cows are milked and sheep are sheared. They'll see a hen that lays green eggs! Tours for students with special needs will also be conducted within 2 - 2 1/2 hours.

Our kindergarten and first grade tours require a 3 to 4 hour visit. The children will see and touch many of our farm animals. They may also visit our "old farm house" museum and possibly walk to the pond. Depending on the teacher's request, our tour guides will emphasize animals, crops, the farmer's jobs, food production or the environment.

For the older elementary school students (Grades 2 - 4), similar to the tours listed above, Oak Ridge Farm offers additional units on: Dairy, Wool, Beeswax Candle Making, and Bread Making. These units, available only during the winter months (Nov. 2 - March 5), include extended time spent with cows or sheep, a milking or shearing demonstration and looking inside a real beehive. The barn visit is followed by the respective activity: children

churning cream into butter (Dairy), carding and dyeing wool in the old farm house (Wool), making their own hand-dipped beeswax candle (Candle Making) or baking a tiny loaf of bread (Bread Making). These units must be requested in advance of your visit! Staying approximately four hours works best for these special trips. There is no additional fee for these units but only ONE unit may be selected.

For 4th graders, we offer a Wisconsin Farm History program. These children will see the site of the Laney Brothers Cabin, learn why Morris and Patrick chose the farm's location, and discuss the old buildings. They'll examine old implements and antiques in our farm house museum. They will also learn what 4th grade boys and girls would have been doing before and after school 100 years ago.



Teachers may choose to bring bag lunches OR cook hot dogs and sausages over the fire. Fire and roasting forks are provided; parents and teachers are the cooks (NO cookouts during Nov. 2 - March 5). Oak Ridge Farm is an actual operating farm occupied by our farm manager and his family. It is impossible to see and do everything in one short day! Your tour guide will try to pick appropriate activities for your day. Weather, soil conditions and time of year may affect what choices are available at any particular time. If you have any special interests, please indicate them when you register, and remember to tell your guide at the start of your tour. The special winter programming (one unit per tour) must be requested in advance. In the fall, we give one pumpkin per classroom (weather/crop permitting). If you specifically want to pick a pumpkin for each child we suggest you consider a different location.

Summer Programs are also available. June 21 - August 6, 2010.

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