

Dear Teacher or Group Leader,

Brooks Farms is now booking Fall Fun Festival school and group tours! This is an exciting opportunity to share the farm experience with our local schools. Especially for visitors who have never been to a real working farm, we offer the chance to meet your local farmers and see where and how our food is grown.

Brooks Farms has hosted school and group tours for the last 10 years. From late April strawberry planting and bloom tours until the October harvest, educational tours are a large part of our farm mandate. Living and working on a farm is a very unique and wonderful experience. Growing food, taking care of the land, working with new technology and managing urban/rural challenges are all part of being modern-day farmers.

As a part of our Fall Fun Festival this year, we offer two different tours to suit the interests and curriculum of our schools and teachers.

EDUCATIONAL FARM TOURS

Package A:

An exploration of the growing cycle provides an opportunity for children to learn about growing fruits, grains, and vegetables on the farm. The farmer will explain the importance of each season (Spring/Planting, Summer/Growing, Fall/Harvest, Winter/Rest).

Children will learn about grain seeds and their everyday uses. Farm animals and their habits will be explored with a walking tour of the animal pens. Lastly a wagon/train ride will give visitors a look at the whole farm operation, which includes an apple orchard, various fruit, vegetable and grain fields, and the chance to pick their own fruit or vegetables.

Package B:

Designed for older children, this package will explore a comparison of rural and urban life based on the unique perspective of farmers and farm life in the 21st century. As well, we will discuss the vast technology changes in farming over the years and investigate environmental issues such as climate change and its immense impact on growing food and healthy living.

Further packages are always in development at Brooks Farms. We are happy to adapt our education programs to particular curriculum expectations.

All educational tours include a wagon ride around the farm to visit the pumpkin and strawberry fields. Each student will receive a pie pumpkin to take home and one jack-o-lantern pumpkin for their class room.

The entire tour lasts approximately one hour. After the tour there will be an opportunity for further exploration of our play area and farm animals.