

EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIPS AT SHALOM FARMS

A working farm offers a wide variety of valuable, hands-on learning opportunities for every age, and we are so excited to collaborate with you on this educational endeavor! The following guidelines are meant to ensure that your day on the farm goes as smoothly as possible.

Contact Information: Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions regarding your scheduled visit.

- Email: volunteer@shalomfarms.org
- Phone: Farm Office- (804) 794-2004 Hannah's Cell Phone- (914) 588-1054
- Address: The Powhatan farm is located at 2676 Venita Road, Midlothian VA 23113.

Getting Ready: Our field trips take place entirely outdoors in potentially messy conditions. We ask that students and chaperones prepare for their visit with this in mind. Please make sure that all participants have the following:

- Individual water bottles
- Sun protection
- Close-toed shoes
- Weather-appropriate clothing

Weather: We will always try to conduct volunteer and educational visits rain or shine, however, we may need to cancel in the event of extreme weather. If this is the case, the Volunteer and Education Manager will reach out the afternoon prior to your visit to come up with a plan B.

Chaperones: We ask that there be **1 adult for every 10 students** in your group. **Teachers and chaperones are expected to fully participate in activities** and are encouraged to make themselves available to help out our staff as needed.

Parking: Buses will follow the first parking sign around our big white barn where drivers will be able to let students off at our outdoor classroom. They can then continue around the driveway loop to park directly in front of the barn—this area is for buses only. Chaperones that have driven separately will follow signs to park in our general parking area. Staff will be available to guide drivers as needed.

Farm Rules: We will go over these rules as a group, but we encourage you to preview them with students prior to your visit.

- In general, there is no running on the farm. All visitors should stay in designated walkways unless directed otherwise.
- Ask before touching a crop or handling a tool of any kind.
- Stay with the group.
- Show respect to our staff, our plants and our insects

Educational field trips to the farm are offered on a sliding scale of \$0-\$5 per person. While no payment is required, the financial support allows us to devote the time and resources necessary to make educational opportunities engaging and robust. Payment can be made by cash or check made out to "Shalom Farms".

We look forward to working and learning with you!