



Farm Field Trips 2018/2019 School Year

What Do Farm Field Trips Have To Offer Students and Teachers?

A Farm Field Trip is a smell the fresh air, get your hands dirty, learn something new, fun-filled day! These custom field trips are located at Victory Garden Urban Farm in Milwaukee. Visiting this beautiful, green oasis in the heart of the Harambee neighborhood provides the perfect setting for kids to connect with a local food source, learn about growing food, and enjoy activities that highlight nutritious and healthy eating while being outside.

At The Farm You Will Find:

- An emphasis on being outside (all of our programs take place outdoors, weather permitting)
- A hands-on, participatory learning style is used during our programs
- A low student/instructor ratio
- A chance to taste local, organic veggies straight from the farm (seasonally available).

Learning Goals for Farm Field Trips:

- Improved gardening skills
- Improved perception of fruits and vegetables, soil, and the natural environment
- Increased knowledge of food systems, nutrition, gardening, community, and the connections between these ideas

Sample Lessons

Sense of Wonder

Pre-K through 2nd Grade

Using their 5 senses as a guide, students will discover an array of colors, noises, scents, textures, and tastes on the farm! From a color matching game to a sound mystery, youth will strengthen their observation skills and uncover hidden mysteries in the gardens!

Compost Crusader

All Ages

Kids of all ages love to get their hands dirty as they explore the giant compost pile on the farm! We will discuss the importance of compost to a healthy farm, get up close and personal with the worms and critters in the heap, and compare compost with soil on the farm.



Insect Safari

All Ages

Armed with the tools of the trade, youth will investigate which kinds of critters call the farm home. We will use simple insect keys to identify bugs, discover which bugs are good and bad for the garden, and, of course, have a bug race!

Bees and Blooms

All Ages

Using a "bee's eye view," children buzz from flower to flower to explore pollination and discover the important role bees play in the development of fruits and seeds. Participants learn the bee dance, search for pollen, and visit our beehives to observe the bees that help pollinate the farm!



Cooking Club

All Ages

There's always something ready to be harvested and turned into a delicious meal! In this activity, youth will harvest some fresh fruits, veggies, and/or herbs and learn how to properly wash

and prepare them into a simple snack! Focus will be on farm fresh nutrition, food safety, and basic kitchen skills.

****Small Extra Fee May Apply****

Farmer for a Day

6th – 10th Grade

Come join us for a day to learn what it is like to be a farmer on an urban farm! Activities will vary but can include planting, weeding, watering, and harvesting produce and working on special farm projects such as trellising tomatoes or installing raised beds.

Art in the Garden

All Ages

We are always looking for ways to beautify the garden and our lives! Activities will vary but can include anything from painting fun signs, decorating bricks for walkways, Earth Art, sun printing, twig frame art, nature brush painting, adding to the story stone collection, and so much more!

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Field Trip Policies

Pricing

1-3 hour Field Trips - \$5/youth
4-6 hour Field Trips - \$8/youth
Chaperones are always free!
Minimum \$50 fee

Lunch Procedure

Your group is welcome to bring lunches/snacks along on your visit. There are several picnic tables on site as well as some grassy, open spaces. We do not have climate-controlled areas to store lunches but you are welcome to bring coolers which can be stored safely under our shelter.

Chaperone Policy

1 Chaperone per 10 students is required. Chaperones are expected to be active participants, helping to manage their group and assist with transitions and are always free!

Payment Policy

We require a \$50 non-refundable* deposit to hold your place on our calendar. Full payment is due on the day of the field trip.

Cancellation/Re-Schedule Policy

*In the event of severe weather, VGI will make every reasonable attempt to accommodate your group and to reschedule if necessary. If you are unable to reschedule your group due to bussing, cost, or other barriers we will refund your entire deposit and any trip payment made. For cancellations outside of weather, we are unable to refund your deposit. We can, however, work with you to re-schedule your field trip within the same school year without requiring an additional deposit! We want to get you out to the farm and are willing to work with every group individually to find a solution for your situation.

Accessibility Information

The site is a working farm and therefore is not completely ADA accessible. The main paths on the farm are wide and wood chipped and the main entrance to the farm is sloped with a few small steps. We do have side entry way that is sloped with no steps, but we don't generally have this open. Please let us know if you require this ahead of time. The only bathroom on the farm is a Porta Potty. We are currently under construction at our main Farmhouse and will have an ADA accessible bathroom soon.

Guest Wi-Fi

We do not currently have guest Wi-Fi access anywhere on our Urban Farm Campus.

Map/Directions/Address

The Urban Farm is located at 220 E. Concordia Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53212 and the Farmhouse is across the street at 249 E. Concordia.

Parking

VGI does not have a parking area at the farm; however there is ample free parking on all the nearby streets. Buses are free to unload in front of the farm and then move out of the way to park.

What to Bring

We will have water, sunscreen, natural bug spray, and first-aid kits on-site, but it is encouraged for groups to bring their own water bottles, hats, and preferred brand of sunscreen. We ask, however, that you do not bring Deet-based bug sprays to the farm as these are harsh chemicals and we do not want to harm the many wonderful pollinators who live on our farm or get these chemicals on our crops! We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Curriculum

Depending on the length of your field trip, we will provide 2-4 educator led lessons. The lessons listed above are some of our most popular options, but we are happy to design curriculum tailored to your needs. Below is a sample schedule of a 3 hour field trip with 20 or less kids. If bringing more than 20 kids, we will split your group up and rotate through activities during each Session and will need to add some time in-between sessions to get groups switched. We will generally stick to 30-45 minute lessons no matter the length of your trip.

9:00	Bus Arrives
9:10-9:30	Opening Circle + Icebreaker
9:30-10:15	Session 1: Taste Test Farm Tour
10:15-11:00	Session 2: Insect Safari
11:00-11:45	Session 3: Compost Crusader
11:45-12:00	Closing Circle
12:00-12:30	Group Stays for Lunch On-Site
12:45	Bus Depart

Questions?

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