



ELEMENTARY EDUCATION at Maybury Farm

Are you looking for a fun, educational opportunity for your class or homeschool group?

The *Farm Tours* and *Farm Camp* at Maybury Farm are an opportunity for children and families to engage in memorable hands-on experiences that connect them to the animals and agriculture that are such an important part of our world. Our Farm Tours are designed to cultivate joy and wonder in every child and we integrate experiential learning activities that engage kids in observation, inquiry, and experimentation. Our tour and camp curricula are aligned with current NGSS and Common Core standards to complement what is already being taught in the school setting!

Farm Tours

We have a variety of tours, please see the descriptions below to pick out the perfect tour for your group! To book tours please give us a call at **248-347-0200 ext. 106**. *Please note: tours can accommodate from 15-125 participants.*

Tours available:

On the Farm

This engaging tour is specially designed for our younger visitors. During the walking tour, our guests will learn about some of our farm animals, do a picture scavenger hunt, and take a wagon ride out to see our fields. They will also get a chance to participate in the “farm olympics” to work on their motor skills as they do farm related activities. This tour includes the use of the playground and outdoor picnic tables.

COST: \$13 per person (includes wagon ride) AVAILABLE DATES: mid April-October
GRADES: K -1st grade TOUR LENGTH: 60 minutes*
GROUP SIZE: tour can accommodate from 15-125 participants

Farm Animals & Us

This is our most popular tour. The tour starts with a wagon ride out to see our fields, then continues with a walking tour of the farm. During this walking tour, our guests will be introduced to the working animals of Maybury Farm including horses, donkeys, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens, cows, alpacas and more! They will learn about each animal, including breeds and names, and the roles the different animals play on a working farm. Students will develop an understanding of our connection to the animals that provide our food and clothing resources. At the end of the tour, students will become honorary Maybury Farmers and rotate through hands-on activities replicating many chores that our farmers do throughout the year (milking goats, grooming, measuring out food, etc.). This tour includes use of the playground and outdoor picnic tables.

COST: \$13 per person (includes wagon ride) AVAILABLE DATES: mid April-October
GRADES: 1st - 5th grade TOUR LENGTH: 60 minutes*
GROUP SIZE: tour can accommodate from 15-125 participants

Growing Gardens

The growing of various crops is an important part of any farm. During this tour, students will take a wagon ride out to see our crop fields. On the way back, they will learn about corn and how it is used. Back at the farm, students will dissect a tomato to learn about its anatomy. They will learn how to harvest vegetables in our garden (if possible), how to plant seeds in both soil and water, and will help plant our lavender fields using our “seed rocket.” This tour includes a self-guided tour of the farm and the use of the playground and outdoor picnic tables.

COST: \$13 per person (includes wagon ride) AVAILABLE DATES: April-September
GRADES: 1st - 5th grade TOUR LENGTH: 60 minutes*
GROUP SIZE: tour can accommodate from 15-125 participants

Farm Tours continued

A Season to Bee

Honeybees may be small but they are mighty – mighty important to our food system! This tour starts with a tractor ride out to the Maybury Farm working hives. At the hives, we will learn about the various jobs of the bees in the hive, the importance of pollination to our food system, the threats that our honeybee populations face and what you can do to help! Back at the farm’s garden, you’ll get to see bees pollinating the food we eat, see inside a real beehive, and help create our pollinator hotel. The final portion of the tour is the Honeybee Relay, where the group will put all the knowledge they gathered to work and compete in a friendly relay where they become the honeybee! This tour includes a self-guided tour of the farm, and use of the playground and outdoor picnic tables.

COST: \$13 per person (includes wagon ride) AVAILABLE DATES: June-September
GRADES: 3rd - 12th grade TOUR LENGTH: 60 minutes*
GROUP SIZE: tour can accommodate from 15-125 participants

Fall on the Farm

As the seasons change, so does life on the farm. Crops are harvested in our garden, the corn is transformed into a corn maze, and the farmers begin to prepare for winter. This farm tour includes a wagon ride out to our corn maze, walking the one acre mini maze, and an educator led tour of the farm animals. At the end of the tour, students will become honorary Maybury Farmers and rotate through hands-on STEM activities replicating many chores that our farmers do throughout the year (milking goats, measuring out food, etc.). This tour includes the use of the playground and outdoor picnic tables.

COST: \$14 per person (includes wagon ride) AVAILABLE DATES: September-October
GRADES: 1st - 5th grade TOUR LENGTH: 60 minutes*
GROUP SIZE: tour can accommodate from 15-125 participants

From Sap to Syrup

You must dress for cold weather for this one! This engaging tour begins with a wagon ride out to the Sugar Bush where you will walk into the woods and learn about the amazing way sugar maple trees produce sap, how to tap a tree, why sap flows, and how to collect it. The wagon will then take your group to the Sugar Shack where you will see how sap becomes delicious maple syrup, watching the process, in action, in our evaporator. You will also get to try a sample of the finished product! The tour ends with students rotating through STEM maple syrup related activities. This tour includes a self-guided tour of the farm and the animals.

COST: \$13 per person (includes wagon ride) AVAILABLE DATES: March *(availability subject to change based on weather)*
GRADES: 1st - 5th grade TOUR LENGTH: 60 minutes*
GROUP SIZE: tour can accommodate from 15-125 participants

*Additional Information

Visiting the barn and farm animals, and use of the playground and picnic area is included in all tours but please note the space is shared with the general public visiting the Farm. To allow time for a self-guided tour of the Farm and use of the playground and picnic area, we suggest a two-hour time frame for your Tour. We can always work with groups to customize tours based on group size (*tours can accommodate from 15-125 participants*) and time needs, so please contact us at **248-374-0200 ext. 106** to discuss.

Farm Camp

Farm Camp is a **four-day** camp (Tues-Fri) filled with exciting experiences designed to engage and educate kids on all things farming! Held entirely outdoors, campers will not only totally unplug, but will get their hands dirty. Farm Camp is designed to include a variety of fun activities that will connect campers to the animals and agriculture that provide so much of our food and fiber. Farm Camp cultivates awareness and appreciation for the role of farmers, land, and animals in the world around us and how they contribute to our daily lives!

Please note: campers get a chance to work, supervised, in both the barn and the garden daily to help our farmers.

COST: TBD

AGE: Children ages 6-12. Children must be age 6 by the week they are scheduled for camp - *children under the age of 6 will not be permitted at camp.*

SESSIONS: 8 weekly sessions

Registration is required - Please go to our website: mayburyfarm.org/educate for more information on weekly camp topics or to register.