



# PRESCHOOL EDUCATION at Maybury Farm

**Are you looking for a fun, educational opportunity for your preschool class or daycare group?**

The unique learning opportunities at Maybury Farm – including *StoryTime*, *Watch-Me-Grow* programs and *Farm Tours* – allow children and families to engage in hands-on, memorable experiences that connect them to the animals and agriculture that are such an important part of our world!

## StoryTime

Children will have fun while learning about a unique farm topic each week through stories, songs, and sensory play. Special animal guests may also visit us at the end of StoryTime. Maybury Farm develops our story times based on the Every Child Ready to Read program which is a research-based early literacy program, from the American Library Association. The Every Child Ready to Read program encourages parents to interact with their children using the five practices of early literacy: singing, talking, reading, writing, and playing. These five practices develop the components of early literacy, including phonological awareness, vocabulary, print awareness, letter knowledge, and background knowledge, which prepare children to learn to read and write in school.

**COST:** Included with your \$7 admission fee to the farm (children under 2 are FREE)

**DATES:** Weekly - Wednesdays and Thursdays, from May 29 to September 19 at 11am (StoryTime will not take place on 7/24 & 7/25)

**LENGTH:** 30 minutes

## Watch-Me-Grow

Watch-Me-Grow preschool programs are for children ages 3-5. Each science-based program is filled with numerous hands-on activities, crafts, games, and animal visits. This creates an engaging time of fun and learning in the gorgeous green space of the farm!

**COST:** \$20 (includes 1 child and 1 adult)

**AGE:** 3-5 years

**DATES:** Weekly - Tuesdays, May 28 - August 20 at 10:30am - *see website for session subjects*

**LENGTH:** 45 minutes

*Registration is required* - go to our website: [mayburyfarm.org/educate](http://mayburyfarm.org/educate) for more information or to register.

## 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 press 2**. *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 by doing a picture scavenger hunt. They will also get a chance to participate in the "farm Olympics" to work on their motor skills as they do farm related activities. If desired, an educator led wagon ride may be added on for an extra cost. This tour includes the use of the playground and outdoor picnic tables.

**COST:** \$10 per person or \$13 per person with optional wagon ride (*groups of 75 or more must include a wagon ride to allow for proper group rotation*)

**AVAILABLE DATES:** mid April - October

**GRADES:** Preschool - ages 3 -5

**TOUR LENGTH:** 60 -100 minutes\*

**GROUP SIZE:** can accommodate from 15 - 75 participants

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## Farm Animals & Us

This is our most popular tour. 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 STEM activities replicating many chores that our farmers do throughout the year (milking pretend goats, measuring out food, etc.). An educator led wagon ride may be added on for an extra cost. This tour includes use of the playground and outdoor picnic tables.

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## 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, an educator led corn game where students learn about the importance of corn, and finally 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, age appropriate STEM activities replicating many chores that our farmers do throughout the year. This tour includes the use of the playground and outdoor picnic tables.

COST: \$13 per person (*includes wagon ride and mini-corn maze*)

AVAILABLE DATES: October

GRADES: Preschool - ages 3 - 5

TOUR LENGTH: 60 -100 minutes\*

GROUP SIZE: can accommodate from 15 -125 participants

### \*Additional Information

Length of tours are dependent on the size of the group and whether an optional wagon ride is included. In addition, 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 press 2** to discuss.

For more information and to learn about tours and events for older age groups please visit our website.

