FIELD TRIPS & GROUPS

RESERVATION/ TICKETING GUIDELINES:

TOUR BREAKDOWN:

We have 3 tour options that were selected when booking your trip prior to your visit to Sky Top:

- 1) Apple Picking Tour (\$8)- Includes wagon ride through orchard, a short talk on growing and picking apples, and a you-pick experience to take home a 3 lb bag of apples.
- 2) Pumpkin Tour (\$8)- Includes wagon ride through orchard, short educational talk, picking out a small pumpkin from our pre-picked pumpkin selection.
- 3) Fall Harvest Tour (\$11)- Tour includes all features of the Apple Picking Tour with a small pumpkin.
- *If your group wishes to add a donut to your tour, \$1 per person is added. **Donuts must be** ordered within 48 hours of your trip.
- **If you wish to add Kettle Corn, it will cost \$5 per 9" by 15" bag.
- ***All groups have access to our barnyard, playground, and picnic areas.

TEACHERS:

We permit **two complimentary teacher tickets per class of 20 students**. Any additional teachers will pay the group rate.

PARENTS/ CHAPERONES/ SIBLINGS:

All members of your group will be charged the selected tour group price including all parents, chaperones, students, and siblings. Special needs teacher's aides are admitted free, but will not pick fruit for themselves, unless they pay the group rate.

CONFIRMATION:

You will receive a confirmation email within 5 business days after receiving your booking.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Groups smaller than 20 will be combined with other groups and will not receive private tours.

PAYMENT TYPE:

We accept school, PTO, personal checks or cash. We request that you pay with one check for your entire group (including chaperones and siblings) at the time of your check-in **if possible**.

RESCHEDULING YOUR TRIP:

If you need to reschedule your group, we will work with you to find an additional date. Please be aware that we have multiple groups throughout the fall and we try to limit the number of groups per day so everyone can have the best experience possible. Please let us know within 5 days of your visit if you need to reschedule. Call (828) 674-2755 to reschedule.

CANCELLATIONS:

Should you need to cancel on the day of your trip, please call (828) 692-7930 immediately.

INCLEMENT WEATHER & RAIN:

Because Sky Top Orchard is located on a mountain, our weather is often different than the forecast may suggest or than it may be at your school. Depending on the day, we usually suggest that groups keep their initial tour date, because other days fill quickly. In order to provide the best experience for all groups, we try to limit the amount of groups on each date. If you are concerned about inclement weather, please call (828) 692-7930 so we can find the best solution for your specific group. If necessary, Sky Top will make every effort to reschedule your group into an alternate mutually agreed upon date.

DAY OF FIELD TRIP:

Upon your arrival, you will check in at the front desk with a Sky Top Orchard Staff Member who will confirm your group. At this time, you will be able to pay for all students, chaperones, and siblings with one check made out to Sky Top Orchard. The staff member will then give you the ½ pound u-pick bags.

TOUR SCHEDULE:

- Educational talk about apples or pumpkins depending on your selected tour.
- Hayride- This will go around the perimeter of the orchard. Your group will then be able to go picking and enjoy the picnic and playground facilities.
- At this time, the stand will be open for parents and chaperones who wish to purchase additional apples and items from our fruit stand.

***Please allow enough time to get to our orchard, keeping in mind your distance and traffic! We often have multiple groups scheduled per day so being on time will make the experience better for all groups. If you will be arriving late, please call us at (828) 692-7930.

PICNIC POLICY: Picnic facilities are available on a first-come, first-serve basis and are not reserved for groups. You are welcome to bring picnic blankets!

HOMESCHOOL GROUPS:

All Field Trip and Group rules apply to Homeschool Groups. Any parent or guardian beyond the 2 complimentary teacher tickets must purchase a ticket at the group rate to participate in the tour's activities.

Thanks for choosing Sky Top! We can't wait to see your group at the farm!