



2024 FIELD TRIP & GROUP GUIDE
RESERVATION/ TICKETING GUIDELINES:

Please direct all questions regarding reservations to groups@skytoporchard.com.

TOUR BREAKDOWN:

Apple Picking Tour (\$9 per student) - Includes wagon ride through orchard, an educational talk on growing and picking apples, and a u-pick experience to take home a 3 lb bag of apples.

Tour Add-Ons (select add-ons while booking)

- a) Donuts (\$1.50 per donut)
- b) Kettle Corn (\$5.00 per bag)
- c) Small pre-picked pumpkin (\$4.00 per pumpkin)

*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 at \$9 per person.

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. **For safety and group identification, all accompanying adults (parents, chaperones, and teachers) will receive a wristband to participate in tour activities.**

GROUP SIZE:

Please give an estimate of your group size *estimate* during booking. **If your numbers change before your trip, no worries. You can let us know your updated numbers when you arrive on the day of your trip.** We only ask for a courtesy email if your numbers are changing over 20% from your original size.

CONFIRMATION:

Please look for a confirmation email within 24 hours of booking.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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

PAYMENT:

We accept school, PTO, personal checks, credit cards, 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 free of charge. 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. Email groups@skytoporchard.com to reschedule.

INCLEMENT WEATHER & RAIN POLICY:

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 email groups@skytoporchard.com 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 cash, check, or credit card. The staff member will then give you the 3lb you-pick bags.

TOUR SCHEDULE:

- Educational talk about apples in our **brand new, covered educational center**
- 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 our **Day of Number - (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. **All accompanying chaperones must wear a wrist-band (given during check-in) to participate.**

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