

STRATFORD ECOLOGICAL CENTER

FARM AND FIELD TRIP PROGRAM

Date of Field Trip:

Arrival Time:

Departure Time:

Group Lunch: yes no

CHECK LIST FOR YOUR FIELD TRIP TO STRATFORD

ARRIVAL: If you will be arriving late please call and inform the staff. When you arrive the students may get off the bus and begin making a circle on the front lawn. It is helpful to us if the students are (not divided) in to groups as we will divide them based on the number of guides leading that day. Based on the number of chaperones and groups parents may not end up in their child's group as we would like have parents evenly dispersed.

LUNCHESES (if applicable): We encourage field trip participants to compost any remaining food from lunch (a bucket will be provided). We go over composting with the students at the pre visit but as this may be a new concept for some it would be helpful for teachers to go over what is compostable and what is not. We also encourage no garbage lunches (a hand out will be provided). All groups are required to carry out any trash they bring. Groups are welcome to have lunch on the front lawn, at the picnic tables, and in the gazebo. If it is raining we have space indoors to eat; we ask that muddy shoes are taken off in the foyer.

RAIN: Stratford operates rain or shine. However, in the case of a thunderstorm the field trip will be cancelled and rescheduled for a later date if one is available. If the field trip is already in progress we will head indoors if there is lightning.

PARENTS: Parents are welcome to join us! We encourage parents to actively participate in the field trip, please remind parents that Stratford is a safe place to explore and the guide leading the group will set boundaries according to the their personal comfort level and Stratford's rules. Parents are free to sit back and enjoy! Please limit parents to 1 per every 6 students.

PAYMENT: Stratford accepts cash and/or check; we are unable to process cards. Our current fee is \$4.00 per person, per hour. Parent chaperones are required to pay the same fee as students. Payments will be received by April, Field Trip Coordinator on the date of your visit. Please have money counted. Please note we do require a payment for absentees greater than five.

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