



McLeod Farms is once again offering the **Come and See the Farm** program to schools in our area. However, this year will look a little different!

If your school *IS NOT* allowing field trips, we are here to accommodate you this pumpkin season! We are offering ***Classroom PICK-UP PUMPKINS and a virtual tour of our farm!*** Starting in October, we will have a virtual field trip video posted on our website for classroom viewing. The website is: www.macspride.com. In addition, we are offering teachers the option to purchase pumpkins and a farm activity booklet for your classrooms. The cost is \$3 per child. Please call us at 843-335-8335 between 8:30 am & 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday to reserve the number of pumpkins & activity books you will need for your classroom. At that time, we will schedule a pick-up time and date. ***Please note this option is for PICK-UP ONLY.***

If your school *IS* allowing field trips, there are a few changes and new regulations that we will incorporate to keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible.

- Group sizes are limited to 30 people (including teachers, parents, and students)
- We will only schedule 1 group at a time
- If transportation is being provided by individuals to the farm, only 1 adult is allowed per child
- Masks are required for individuals ages 3 and up
- We will not offer an eating area for packed lunches
- Handwashing stations will be available throughout the outdoor areas

Field trips begin on October 5th and run through October 30th.

We strongly encourage you to call & schedule your field trip as soon as possible so that we can secure your time slot. The group will be treated to a story about pumpkins & learn about how we grow pumpkins & other crops. After sampling a cup of peach ice cream, they will be transported by wagon to the pumpkin patch where each child will be able to pick out their own pumpkin. They will also receive a coloring/activity book.

Our tours are led by knowledgeable farm staff who provide educational information & materials appropriate for the age of the students. When you book your trip, please let our staff know if there are specific agricultural related concepts you would like emphasized.

Cost per child is \$7.50; no charge for teachers & your bus driver. Parents & other chaperones will have the opportunity to participate as well. The price will be \$7.50 for every parent/chaperone as well.

Please review & share the attached guidelines & other information with parents and/or chaperones prior to your field trip. Help us make your field trip a safe, fun, & educational experience.

Field trips are available Monday through Friday (Oct. 5-30). Time slots available are:

9:00 am

10:00 am

11:00 am

Please call us at 843-335-8335 between 8:30 am & 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday to reserve a date & time slot for your field trip. Be aware that 10:00 am slots, & Thursdays or Fridays are the most popular times; book early to reserve the date & time slot desired.

Thank you for your interest in our farming operations. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Rachel McCormick

Gaie McLeod

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FIELD TRIPS AT MCLEOD FARMS

Prior to your trip

Please call 843-335-8335 three days prior to your field trip to confirm your reservation & to give us the most accurate count for all members of your group who will attend. This information is critical to help us plan for the number of wagons and drivers needed each day. If you prefer, you may also email that information to rachel@macspride.com. Please copy kbryant@macspride.com with the information.

All parents and chaperones who attend the field trip pay the \$7.50 fee to pick a pumpkin and sample peach ice-cream. **Please let our staff know 3 days prior how many parents/chaperones will be attending the field trip and include them in your participant total for payment.**

Our staff will instruct each group on specific requirements for hand washing & other rules for proper behavior in the pumpkin patch, on our wagons, & other areas. These rules will apply to adults as well as students.

PLEASE LET OUR STAFF KNOW AS SOON AS YOU ARRIVE IF ANY STUDENTS HAVE FOOD ALLERGIES!

What is the correct physical address for the field trips? You should use the following address for your GPS applications: 29247 S. C. Highway 151, McBee, SC 29101. If your GPS does not recognize that address, try searching for Browns RV's on SC Hwy 151, McBee, SC & follow those directions. Depending on which direction from which you are arriving, the McLeod Farms Roadside Market will either be ¼ mile before or ¼ mile beyond Browns RV's.

Bus and other vehicle parking

When you turn into the parking lot, one of our staff will direct you to the appropriate parking area. Please note that buses will be parked parallel, one behind the other on the left side. Vehicles will be directed to park (nose in) on the right side. Please do not park vehicles on the same side as any bus & please comply with directions provided by our staff regarding parking. Our staff will meet you at the bus & lead the group to your first destination.

Please be prompt

Plan your departure to arrive on time but **try not to arrive more than 15 minutes prior to your scheduled field trip**. Our tours are reserved with enough time between to allow for minor fluctuations. Groups that arrive either early or late are very disruptive to our schedules.

Have your information ready when you arrive

Please designate **one lead person** to gather information on total numbers for the **entire group** & to collect appropriate fees from participant. We **strongly prefer one payment from the entire group**. Payment can be either by cash, check, or credit card. You will be provided a copy of your paid invoice to turn in to your accounting office. We also accept purchase orders from your school or district office & will email a formal invoice if your school requires this. Please provide an appropriate email address)

Bathrooms, picnic area and other important information

It is very helpful if teachers organize groups for bathroom visits prior to your arrival on site. It is best to offer bathrooms to the entire group rather than send one or two at the time. We have 5 stalls available for girls and 2 stalls for boys. Our staff will assist with bathroom visits to make the process as clean and efficient as possible.