

Tate Farms Cotton Pickin' Pumpkins Reservation Information

Reservations for the 2008 school tours will begin Tuesday, September 2nd at 8:00 am.

The reservation office will be open Monday - Friday 8:00 am until 2:30 pm, closed Saturday and Sunday.

When calling please have the following information ready for us:

Name of School

Mailing address and phone number of school

Name of contact person

(person who will be with the group the day of the tour) and cell number for us to reach outside of school hours

Grade or age of children

Number of teachers per class

Name of each teacher and number of students in class

Approximate number of chaperones

Do you have any special needs children?

Would you like us to invoice the school or will you be paying with cash or check?

Will you be picnicking with us? 9:00-11:00 tours picnic after their tour and 11:30-1:30 tours picnic before their tour at 10:30.

Will Tate Farms be catering lunch for your group?

All catering orders must be placed one week prior to your tour.

One teacher per class free - **all others must pay** including teachers aides, student teachers, school nurses, bus drivers, chaperones, siblings (birth - 23 months free). Teacher's aides, student teachers, nurses, and bus drivers may enter the farm and enjoy our rockers located at the entertainment barn, country store or depot, sit in our picnic area adjacent to the barn or shop in our country store, however; anyone joining in the tours will be required to pay admission.

All school tours must have a minimum of 15 paying people.

Please arrive 15-20 minutes prior to your tour in order for us to greet your group, handle finances and begin on time. Please note that restroom stops are not part of our scheduled tour. Arrive early to handle this if you think this will be an issue with your group.

We begin our tours on time! If your group is late, you **will** miss portions of the tour. We have designed our tour to make the most of your 2 hour time slot and it is only fair to those groups who tour after you for us to begin on time. We cannot "makeup" activities at the end of the tour because other groups have been scheduled to begin their tour immediately following the conclusion of yours. **Groups and Individuals are not allowed to revisit any area on their own.** If you are scheduled to picnic at 10:30, please do not arrive earlier because we do not have any where for you to wait. Your group will not be allowed to visit any activities early because there will be other schools on the farm in the middle of their tour.

What if there is rain?

We base our decisions upon the weather as it is occurring at Tate Farms, not at each individual school.

Therefore; on the day of your tour, if it is misting or lightly raining at Tate Farms, your tour **WILL** continue as scheduled. Have your students come prepared. If it is raining or storming at Tate Farms, we will call you between 7:30 and 8:00 am for the 9:00 tour time, this is the main reason for needing not only the school number, but your cell number. We call our 9:00 tours first and then after we've reached each of those groups, we will contact the schools scheduled for the 11:30 tours. Tours beginning at 11:30 will be contacted between 8:30 and 9:00. We will try to reschedule groups, if possible.