



Hello Group Leaders,

We are excited you have selected **Apple Ridge Orchards** for your field trip destination! Please make sure each group leader that will be attending the field trip receives a copy of this letter and relevant material after you have booked your trip online.

**Field Trips Are Self-Guided:** This is a teacher-guided experience on the farm. We will give you a map of all activities. Your school may stay together as one group or split up into smaller groups. The trip includes apple picking or any size pumpkin you select (depending on school selection), a tractor pulled hayride, a visit to the petting zoo and play area, a cup of fresh pressed cider, and an apple cider donut.

We recommend larger groups separate by classroom size and rotate through the activities as smaller groups. This way some students are selecting their pumpkins/apples, while others visit the animals and playground, as some eat lunch and so on. We leave this decision up to your group leaders.

**Duration:** Minimum 2 -2.5 hours including unloading and loading buses, lunch, and all activities. Welcome to stay longer - no set departure time.

We recommend buses leave the school as soon as possible in the morning. This leaves ample time to complete all activities and return to school on time.

**Check-In Procedures:** Upon arrival your busses will be directed where to park. Please leave the students on the bus at this time. The lead teachers or group leaders should proceed to the farm market's main entrance for check-in. Please have an accurate number of students, teachers, and chaperones. Once complete, an Apple Ridge Orchards team member will give you further instructions along with your apple cider and donuts. After this is completed, please walk back to the bus to receive students and begin activities. Schools are responsible for transporting lunches.

**Lunches:** Your group is responsible for unloading and transporting their own lunches to and from the lunch area. All of our events are outside. We have picnic tables set up for lunch.

**Departure:** When your group finishes the activities, we welcome you to shop inside the **Apple Ridge Orchards** farm market. We ask that if you do choose to visit the farm market, and while at our farm in general, you make your school proud by showing us your best farm manners. We are so excited to see you on the farm!

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