



EDUCATIONAL FARM TOURS

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Greenlands Farm and Helpers Of Our Farm offers in-depth farm tours for the purpose of educating young children and young adults about a sustainable Homestead Farm, agriculture, organic farming, farm animals, and farm products. Meet real farmers, get a behind the scenes view on how our farm operates, how your vegetables grow, meet our rescue animals, and see how we live off our farm. These specialized tours will be running until the end of 2017 and 2018 will be bringing new opportunities, so stay connected!

Our tours are tailored to the educational needs of school groups to ensure the highest level of learning is achieved. ***Customize your tour to meet classroom curriculum!***

A portion of your tour's proceeds supports our educational farm animal sanctuary, Helpers Of Our Farm. Please visit our website to see more about our farm: www.greenlandsfarm.org, to see more about our nonprofit organization: www.hoofnc.org.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: We are located in Brunswick County in Bolivia, 20 miles from the Cape Fear Bridge. Our address is 668 Midway Road SE, 1.6 miles from Old Ocean Hwy.

Hours: We are booking tours on the farm through the end of 2017, Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4pm.

Curriculum: We can offer an in-depth focus on any of the subjects listed in our tour packet to meet your classroom requirements or interests. Please inform us of any subjects that you would like us to specifically spotlight before your visit to allow us to tailor your tour to your needs. Please be advised we follow your choices, so make sure you include ALL educational subjects you wish to be covered. *Greenlands Farm is capable of meeting Science, Social Studies, and Health Education courses of study.*

Eating on the farm: We have a picnic area for you to enjoy your packed lunch or snacks at on the farm.

Scheduling Tours: Tours must be schedule 2 weeks in advance.

Weather: Tours are subject to weather. If it is raining or we have had excessive rain, making the farm too wet to walk, we will contact you to reschedule.

Handicap Accessibility: The farm is wheelchair accessible, albeit a bit bumpy terrain! We have many special needs groups that visit the farm and have a wonderful time.

Tour Cost: Our tours are tailored to age groups and vary in price.

- 1 years old to Pre-K tours: \$6 each child, classroom teachers free, additional adults \$6 each
- Elementary School Tours: \$8 per student, classroom teachers free, additional adults \$8 each

- Middle & High School Tours: \$8 per student, classroom teachers free, additional adults \$8 each

Other tours (see more info below):

- General Public: \$10 per person

- Senior Living Groups (Assisted Living): \$4 per senior

Payment: We request that you pre-pay for the tour at least two days in advance. We accept cash, checks, atm/debit, and credit cards. You may also submit a purchase order to pay through your district.

Approximate Tour Length:

- General Public: 1 to 1 ½ hours

- Senior Living Group: 45 minutes

Tour Group Size: We allow a maximum of 35 people per tour and require a minimum of \$144 no matter the size of your tour group. You can bring more than 35 people, but you will need to reserve two tour time slots.

Other Tours: We offer tours outside of the school system, providing your party consists of a minimum of \$144. If you have less than this, you can contact us to see if we can add you on to another scheduled farm tour. Our farm is closed except for scheduled tours and events.

Parking: Parking is available for buses in the roadside parking lot, all cars please use our grass parking lot next to the Welcome Center (to the left when viewing from the road) and cross the bridge at the purple admissions booth.

TOUR DETAILS

General Public Tours

Tour Cost: \$10 per person

Approximate Tour Length: 1 to 1 ½ hours

Our guided tour touches on many of the subjects listed below. We can offer an in depth focus on any of the subjects according to your classroom requirements or interests. Please inform us of any subjects that you would like us to specifically spotlight before your visit to allow us to tailor your tour to your needs.

1. Farm Tour (30 min.)

- Define a Homestead Farm
- Sustainable Farming
 - Handling the farms stormwater through LID (Low Impact Development)
 - Reuse/Recycle
 - Harvesting Rain Water
 - Composting
 - Vegetable trimmings
 - Chicken Tractor
- Organic Farming
 - Why organic?
 - Better and safer for the environment and consumption
 - ◆ Natural fertilizers

- ◆ No synthetic fertilizers, herbicides, or chemicals
 - ◆ How sustainable farming applies to organic farming
 - Show how vegetables grow
2. Petting Farm (up to 30 min.)
 - Pet a variety of farm animals (pigs, llamas, goats, miniature donkey, mini pony, ponies, chickens)
 - Learn common and not so common facts about each animal
 - Learn about our rescue animals, where they came from, and how to be more responsible pet owners

Senior Living/Limited Mobility Tours (Alternate Location)

Tour Cost: \$4 per senior

Approximate Tour Length: 45 minutes

1. Petting Farm (up to 35 min.)
 - Pet a variety of farm animals (pigs, llamas, goats, miniature donkey, mini pony, ponies, chickens)
 - Learn common and not so common facts about each animal
 - Learn how to treat animals with respect
2. Farming Talk (10 min)
 - Greenlands Farm Compost Sample
 - Organic Production
 - Nutrient Recycling

GREENLANDS FARM BARNYARD RULES

Although we will go over these rules with each tour, please go over the rules with your group BEFORE you come out to visit.

1. You must sign a waiver before entering the barnyard area.
2. Only 35 people allowed in at a time in the barnyard area.
3. DO NOT pick up, hit, be mean, poke, scare, or scream at the animals at any time.
4. DO NOT feed the animals.
5. No food or beverages allowed in the barnyard area. Also there are no bottles, sippy cups, your children's toys, stuffed animals, other pets, pacifiers, or smoking allowed as well.
6. DO NOT let your child put their hands in their mouth after petting an animal.
7. Keep your child's/children's hands and feet out of the mouths of the animals.
8. No personal items allowed in the barnyard area, including strollers & bags.
9. DO NOT climb any fence.
10. No barefoot or open toed shoes allowed inside the barnyard area.
11. Sanitize your hands before entering and immediately upon exiting the barnyard area. (See warning below)
12. If you get scratched or bit, from a surface or an animal, please go inside Greenlands Farm Welcome Center to receive First Aid. These rules are in place for everyone's safety. We take a no tolerance stance on them. If you do not cooperate you will be asked to leave the barnyard area and no refund will be given.

WARNING

There are some diseases and parasites that can be spread from animals to humans. The risk of infection through petting farm animals may be prevented by following everyday good hand hygiene measures. Therefore, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) warns that children and adults should wash their hands immediately after touching the animals at any petting zoo. Heightened precautions should be applied to high-risk groups: Children under age five, people with weakened immune systems, and pregnant women fall in the category of high-risk for serious infection, and hence should strictly follow all the precautions enforced in the animal contact area. If you prefer to wear gloves or shoe covers, please ask for a pair.



TOUR APPLICATION



Please fill out this form to begin your reservation process. We will contact you to finalize the date and time for your visit to Greenlands Farm. For questions please call 910.253.7934.

Group Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Age Range: _____

Average Age: _____

Approx Group Size: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

What dates and times are you interested in? Date: _____ Time: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

We can offer an in-depth focus on any of the subjects according to your interests. Please inform us of any subjects that you would like us to specifically spotlight before your visit to allow us to tailor your tour to your needs. **Please be advised we follow your choices, so make sure you include ALL educational activities you wish to do:**

Additional Comments:

Please let us know if you have any children or adults with special needs before you come. You will be responsible for insuring their needs are met once on the property of Greenlands Farm.

Return the application at least 2 weeks prior to your first tour date request. Please give participants the attached Waiver and "Attention Participants" flyer. It will be your responsibility to make sure parents are informed and your entire group has waivers signed and dated. Please remember no child or adult can participate in tour without a signed waiver turned into Greenlands Farm.

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ATTENTION PARTICIPANTS

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Please understand we take many safety precautions to keep all our visitors safe. Our petting area is set up to maximize safety yet still give visitors a good hands-on experience. For our limited mobility groups and younger tours, visitors are separated from the animals by a long 30" fence on which they can reach over or through to pet the animals. Although we have taken precautions, it is still a farm and animals and surroundings can be unpredictable. Please carefully read the release of liability, sign, date, and return to Greenlands Farm.

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Please make sure any chaperones are aware of special needs and requests. They will be solely responsible for ensuring participants special needs.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK
ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY & RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

I, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to engage in an activity of horseback riding and petting animals with Greenland Farm, LLC & Helpers Of Our Farm Farm Animals.

I understand that the activity of horseback riding and/or petting zoo animals involves numerous inherent risks of injury that are an integral part of such an activity. I assume full responsibility for all such risks, including loss of control, collisions, and obstacles whether they are obvious or not obvious.

I and/or my family further understand that an animal, irrespective of its training and usual past behavior and characteristics, may act or react unexpectedly or unpredictably at times, and I also assume such risks.

I understand that I may encounter variations in terrain, which may result in injury or damages. I acknowledge that these are my responsibility, and I assume the risk for these hazards, including breaks, growth, debris, rocks, cliffs, and other hazardous surface or subsurface conditions and obstacles, whether they are obvious or not obvious, man-made or natural.

I understand that animals are unpredictable and that the risk of injury is inherent to the activity. I understand that animals may bite, scratch, kick, or jump up on people in this activity. I agree to assume all risks of injury or death caused by horseback riding or petting zoo animals, whatever the cause, except as provided by law.

As consideration for being permitted to engage in the activity of horseback riding and/or petting zoo, I do hereby waive any claim, and release all of the animal owners, officers, member, affiliated organizations, landowners, agents, employees, and/or volunteers for any injury or death caused by or resulting from my participation in the activity of horseback riding and/or petting zoo animals.

This contract shall be legally binding upon my heirs, my estate, my assigns, my legal guardians, my personal representatives, and myself. I have carefully read this agreement and fully understand the contents. I am aware that I am releasing certain legal rights that I otherwise may have, and I enter into this contract on behalf of myself and/or my family of my own free will.

**THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY. DO NOT SIGN OR INITIAL THIS RELEASE IF
YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND OR DO NOT AGREE WITH ITS TERMS.**