Field Trip Etiquette and Procedures Guide

Please share this information with all members of your group before the trip. It was designed with both safety and fun in mind. We practice modeling behavior we want to encourage, this means that everyone adheres to the same set of rules - youth, staff, and visitors.

**COVID19 Safety Protocols:**

There is nothing more important than the safety of our youth, staff, and visitors. Here on the farm we have been meticulously planning protocols that implement cleaning and social distancing requirements that are in line with city mandates.

When guests arrive all temperatures will be checked and logged into our files along with a verbal confirmation to the following questions:

- In the past 72 hours have you experienced COVID-19 symptoms?
- In the past 72 hours have you been in contact with someone who has tested positive, is awaiting test results, or has experienced symptoms?

Please arrive at least 10 minutes early to complete this process.

Outside on the farm it will be easy to stay a social distance of 6 feet from anyone who is not in your household!

We require all guests 3 and up to wear a mask for the duration of the field trip.

All high touch surfaces and educational equipment will be sanitized before and after each usage and the entire farm is currently under a twice a day sanitation schedule.

**WEAR:**

**Masks** - All guests ages 3 and older are required to wear a mask during the entirety of the field trip especially if you are within a 6 foot distance from someone who is not in your household.
Water Bottles – Please instruct all guests to bring water bottles. We do not have water fountains at Grow Dat, and getting water from our faucets can take a lot of time away from the field trip. If your guests do not have their own water bottles, please bring your own cups or extra water bottles.

Closed toe shoes- We will be on a farm walking through the fields and potentially wet grass. Sneakers are the minimum footwear, boots or something that can get a bit muddy work best!

Bug Spray- There are all kinds of bugs on the farm, mosquitos and gnats can be very annoying. See “Biting Insect Mitigation and Hazardous Chemicals”

Sun Screen/ Hat- At least part of your field trip will be in the sun.

WATCH:
Watch where you stand, walk and sit. There are many hazards on the site, including red ants, uneven surfaces, a lagoon etc. When in the field we walk in single file lines, we do this for safety and low impact.

ALLERGIES:
Please check in with all participants about allergies, especially to fire ants and stinging insects like bees.

TOUCH/ TASTE:
Do not touch/ or eat any plant on the farm. It can be enticing because we are on an actual farm, however always ask before you touch or taste any plant.

SITE HAZARDS:
Watch for red ant piles/mounds in areas of the farm that are not heavily trafficked. Bites and stings are possible from various insects on the farm, especially stinging buck moth caterpillars seasonally. The Bayou which runs along two sides of the property is a drowning hazard. Uneven surfaces are a tripping hazard. Do not touch, use or attempt to operate any farm tools or farm equipment.

Biting Insect Mitigation and Hazardous Chemicals:
We recommend creating a plan to deal with insect pests, especially mosquitoes, as they can be an annoyance. We recommend the use of natural insect repellent and personal application of natural bug spray. Because we grow food without chemical pesticides and are committed to safeguarding the health of our farm, Grow Dat forbids the use of any insecticides or bug sprays that contain DEET. DEET can linger in an ecosystem for long
after its use, damaging the delicate balance of life on our farm.

Farm Location:
Our farm is located inside of City Park. Our address is: 150 Zachary Taylor Drive New Orleans, LA 70124

Arrival Instructions:
Vehicles may park in our parking lot or along the side of Zachary Taylor Drive. You are not allowed to block our driveway entrance (in front of the green gate) or the pedestrian walkway. If possible please arrive 10 minutes early to complete COVID19 safety check in requirements.

Field Trip Length:
All lessons will take between 1 hour and 1.5 hours

Field Trip Cost:
We will offer this trip on a sliding scale of $10 to $100.
Sliding Scale Guide:
$10 covers the cost of your family’s participation in a field trip
$40 is the total cost for preparation, facilitation, and clean up of a field trip
$80 covers total cost of a field trip and sponsors another family to come

Group Size:
We can host at most 25 people, if you bring more than 12 guests your group will be split into 2 separate groups during the duration of the trip. This group size is in compliance with COVID19 safety guidelines from the parish school board, city and state.

Weather:
In compliance with COVID-19 safety protocol in the event of rain or extreme heat the field trip will be rescheduled. Our limited covered space does not ensure enough room to practice social distancing.