



## **Farm Visit Guidelines**

Please remember the farm, orchard, or ranch you are visiting is a place where people work as well as a place of business that has customers. Therefore, there are a few guidelines we ask the teachers, students, and chaperones follow to ensure everyone has a wonderful and safe visit and allows the normal everyday activities of your site to continue without interruption and allows your group to maximize their visit.

1. Dress Code – Ensure the weather forecast has been checked and body clothing planned accordingly. Is a hat or light jacket required? And obviously avoid fancy dress clothing. Long pants, such as jeans, and t-shirts are highly advised.
2. Shoes – Closed toed, comfortable shoes must be worn. This is for safety reasons as well as to maximize comfort during site tours.
3. Name Tags – it is highly advised that name tags are worn by everyone. It allows the farmer to address each one individually helping with communication. It also makes the experience a more personal one.
4. Parking – If chaperones do not accompany students on buses and are required to provide private transportation we HIGHLY encourage carpooling. Our farm partners are also businesses and therefore parking MUST be available for their customers and business partners.
5. Siblings – Only children in the classes on the scheduled field trip are allowed. No younger siblings or relatives please. They will get their turn when they are older. We ask this not only because activities and associated materials have been carefully planned for the age and numbers expected of the scheduled classes, but for their safety.

6. On-Site Manners – Please review these with your students prior to your arrival to ensure a safe and wonderful experience for ALL (students, teachers, and chaperones).
  - a. Stay in the areas set by the farmer, teacher, or FFA assistants.  
However, remember it is not the role of the farmer to keep track of students. Teachers and chaperones are asked to kindly keep their groups together and on task.
  - b. No running on the farm unless you are told you can run.
  - c. Listen to the teacher and farmer when they speak. To ensure students can hear instructions and information we ask chaperones kindly adhere to this rule and keep side conversations to a minimum.
  - d. Watch where you are walking.
  - e. Be respectful to all you meet and interact with on the farm, including each other as many activities will have you working together. We kindly ask teachers and chaperones help guide their students to behave in a respectful manner.
7. Cell Phones – Please reserve the use of cell phones for the taking of photos or emergency needs. Chaperones need to be fully present and attentive to their assigned student groups and appreciate no texting, googling, calls, etc. occur during the visit so full attention can be given and assistance, if requested.
8. Permission Slips - Please follow school policy for permission slips. Teachers or the school should collect permission slips and retain.
9. Photographs/Video - Photographs and/or Video of students, teachers and chaperones may be taken during Fields of Learning farm visits and utilized in promoting El Dorado County Ag in the Classroom and it's program in future years.
  - a. Any person/s declining this line item will be provided a sticker to identify themselves.
10. Allergies - Students with allergies or other special needs should be identified to adult chaperones who will assist as needed. You and your chaperones are who know your children the best and are best equipped to deal with any special needs.

11. Food - Snacks, water, lunch can be brought on the farm visit and depending on the length of the visit may be encouraged, but should be coordinated with the Program Coordinator.
12. Learn and Have Fun!

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