



Cox Farms Fall Festival

Visit Preparation Checklist

Use this checklist to prepare your group for their visit to the Fall Festival.

Before your visit:

- Remind everyone in your group to:
 - Wear comfortable clothes that can get dirty
 - Dress in layers (sweaters, sweatshirts, or jackets, depending on weather forecast)
 - Wear comfortable walking shoes (or boots if it has been rainy)
 - Remember sunscreen and/or a hat
 - Bring an empty plastic grocery bag to carry their pumpkins (Cox Farms does not provide bags).
- Pack easy-to-carry snacks and drinks in unbreakable containers, or plan to buy food and drinks at the Festival.
- Designate a Group Contact who will be carrying their cell phone at the Festival; give all chaperones and adult helpers this contact number.
- If you have a Group Reservation, consider paying in advance to speed up check in.

On your way to the Festival:

- This is super important - Tag each of your children with the name of your school/group and the group contact's cell phone number so that our staff can contact you immediately if a child gets separated.**
- If you've received your admission wristbands in advance, save time by putting them on before you arrive at the farm.
- Take an exact head count of everyone in your group and calculate any extra wristbands you will need to purchase on arrival. (Remember that every person 2 years old & over will need to be wearing today's wristband to enter the festival grounds.)

When you arrive at the Festival:

- Send one representative to check-in your group. **Do not bring your entire group to the check-in area to wait while your representative checks in!** Please be prepared with an exact number of attendees and form of payment ready.
- Have adults help children put on wristbands.
- Choose a time and meeting place for your group to reconvene (for lunch or at departure time).
- Tell everyone in your group what to do if they get lost: find a friendly Cox Farmer in a red smock. All our employees are trained to prioritize lost children situations. Don't worry! We quickly re-unite everyone using our two-way radio system.

First Aid

We have basic first aid kits stationed around the farm for visitors to use. We do not have nurses or doctors on staff.

Allergies

People with allergies, asthma, or other conditions should bring their inhaler or medication with them to the farm. Inform your Group Contact of any allergies or health conditions.

Food Allergies: Our kitchen serves peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and french fries cooked in peanut oil. Nuts and nut products are sold at locations around the Festival. If someone in your group has severe allergies or sensitivities, they should bring their own food.

Bee-stings: We have a baking soda paste and ice to apply to bee stings. If someone in your group is allergic to bees or other insects, make sure they bring an epi-pen or medication.

Other Information

- There are plenty of picnic tables available around the festival grounds for lunch or snack time.
Remember – For a healthy fall snack, an apple and cider are included in your admission.
- We have drinking water stations, hand washing (water and sanitizer), and portable toilets at the farm.
- As you're leaving the Fall Festival, everyone picks out a small patch pumpkin to take home (located near the exit).
- We are mostly handicapped accessible, though some areas of our festival grounds are hilly and the paths are not paved. We very much welcome handicapped visitors and will do everything possible to accommodate any special needs. Please contact us to discuss any special needs, reservation@coxfarmsva.com or 703.830.4121.