

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT  
**STRAWBERRY BLOSSOM TOURS**  
AT BUTLER'S ORCHARD

**What are Strawberry Blossom Tours?**

Strawberry Blossom Tours are an enjoyable, educational spring field trip for children preschool through third grade. Students can experience a working farm; see how food is planted and grown; learn about Honeybees and pollination; and enjoy a hands-on planting activity. Our Blossom Tour leaders are professional educators, which makes your group's experience more valuable.

Your Strawberry Blossom Tour activities include taking a tractor-driven wagon ride blossom tour of the farm; seeing the strawberry life cycle; exploring the honeybee and pollination station; hearing the Suzy Strawberry felt board story, and planting strawberries to take home (each person gets their own). Note: Stations are adapted to the ability and size of your group.

Your group will not be picking strawberries. Strawberry Blossom Tours take place when the fruit is in blossom. Each person gets a strawberry plant to grow at home.

Teachers will receive a Blossom Bulletin for each child. This facts and fun worksheet can be used in the classroom to reinforce material learned on the farm and provide a grade-level appropriate activity.

**Are Strawberry Blossom Tours only for school groups?**

Strawberry Blossom Tours are open to any group of at least 20 children and adults (combined). We welcome day care groups, mom's groups, home school groups, you name it!

Special Note for Groups Arriving by Bus:

Busses should approach Butler's Orchard via Route 27 directly to Davis Mill Road  
Map and directions are on our website at [ButlersOrchard.com](http://ButlersOrchard.com).  
(There is a steep, hairpin turn coming the other direction and every year busses get stuck.)  
PLEASE share this information with your bus driver.

**When are Strawberry Blossom Tours?**

May 1 – May 11, 2011  
Tuesday through Friday mornings  
Reservation times are 10am and 11:30am  
Plan to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to your start time

**How long will we be on the farm?**

Expect to be on the farm for at least 2 hours. Each reservation slot includes 1.5 hours of programming and half an hour for optional picnic/play time. Please bring your own food and beverages

10am reservation – begin program at 10:00am; picnic / play after 11:30am  
11:30am reservation – picnic / play 11:30; program 12 Noon until 1:30pm

### **How much does it cost?**

The fee is \$8.00 per person, including all children and all teachers/chaperones. There is no charge for infants.

### **Do we need a reservation? If so, how do we make a reservation?**

Yes, please make a reservation using our online system. Visit the “Field Trips and Seasonal Events page on our website ([www.ButlersOrchard.com](http://www.ButlersOrchard.com)) and click on “**To book your Strawberry Blossom Tour Click Here!**” Choose your date and time and fill out the simple form. You will receive an email confirming your reservation.

We will call you a few days prior to your visit to review the details of your tour.

You will pay the day of your visit for the final number of people in your group (20 person minimum). You may use cash, school check, or MasterCard/VISA. Please collect all money in advance and make one payment for your group.

### **What do we do when we arrive?**

Please plan to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to your scheduled start time. Have your group leader check-in and pay at our Farm Market. Our farm host will meet your group leader, accept your payment, and direct your group to the field.

### **What do we do when we get to the field?**

Our Strawberry Blossom Tour leaders will meet your group when you arrive in the field. A Blossom Tour leader will be assigned to each group.

**Note:** Prior to your arrival: If your group is over 30 people we ask that you please divide your children and adults into smaller groups of no more than 30 people each.

Strawberry Blossom Tours are divided into stations and each small group will rotate through all the stations in about 1-1/2 hours, in no particular order:

- Tractor-driven wagon ride blossom tour of the farm
- See the strawberry life cycle
- Explore honeybees and pollination stations
- Suzy Strawberry felt board story
- Plant strawberries to take home

Picnic / Playtime is an additional \_ hour before or after your program depending on your reservation time.

### **Are there bathrooms available?**

Yes, there are portable restrooms.

**Can we bring food?**

Yes, please bring your snacks or lunch for the picnic/play time portion of your day on the farm.

**What else should we bring?**

Please dress for the weather and a day on the farm. Strawberry Blossom tours go rain or shine. Bring sunscreen and bottled water if it is expected to be very warm.

**Do you have food for sale?**

Sorry, but no.

Our Farm Market opens for the season on Friday, May 11, 2012. We sell snacks and beverages. We do not sell lunch.

**Are pets allowed?**

Sorry, no. In order to maintain the health and safety of all our guests, pets are not allowed.

**What if the number of people in our group changes, or we need to change the date or cancel?**

Please call us at 301-428-0444 and we can adjust or cancel your reservation.

**What if it rains?**

Strawberry Blossom Tours are able to go rain or shine. If there is any doubt about the weather, please call us the morning of your visit at 301-428-0444. However, if it is too wet we are happy to help you reschedule.

**What if our group has special needs? (i.e., wheelchairs, etc.)**

If your group has special needs of any kind, please call our office at 301-428-0444 to discuss any accommodations you may require.

**Is there any special pricing available?**

Sorry, there is not any special pricing available. The fee is \$8.00 per person, including all children and all adults. There is no charge for infants.

**Do you have a lost and found?**

Yes, we do have a lost and found in our office. If you have lost something, please call us at 301-428-0444. Please note that Butler's Orchard is not responsible for lost items.