

BUTLER'S ORCHARD STRAWBERRY BLOSSOM TOURS 2010 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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.

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?

No, 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!

When are Strawberry Blossom Tours?

April 26 through May 14, 2010
Monday through Friday mornings
Reservation times are 9:30am, 10:30am or 12:00pm

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 picnic/play time. Please bring your own food and beverages

9:30am reservation – begin program at 9:30am; picnic / play after 11:00am
10:30 reservation – picnic/play first; program 11:00am-12: 30pm
12:00 reservation – picnic/play first; program 12:30pm-2:00pm

How much does it cost?

The fee is \$7.50 per person, including all children and adults. 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 new online system! Visit the "Events at Butler's" page on our website and click on "**To book your Strawberry Blossom Tour Click Here!**" You will receive an email confirming your reservation.

You will pay the day of your reservation for the final number of people in your group. 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 have your group leader check-in 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: 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 prior to your arrival.

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

- Tractor-driven wagon ride blossom tour of the farm
- See the strawberry life cycle
- Explore honeybees and pollination
- Suzy Strawberry felt board story
- Plant strawberries to take home
- Picnic / Playtime is an additional ½ 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, no. Our Farm Market is not yet open for the season. Please bring a bagged lunch/snack.

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?

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

What if we need to change the date of our reservation?

Please call us at 301-428-0444 and we can cancel your first reservation for you. You can then go back online and rebook your new date.

What if we need to cancel our reservation?

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

What if it rains?

If there is any doubt about the weather, please call us the morning of your visit at 301-428-0444. Strawberry Blossom Tours are able to go rain or shine. 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 \$7.50 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.