

## **2011 Butler's Orchard Country Gatherings and Birthdays FAQ's**

### **When are country gatherings and birthday parties offered?**

June through September, first and third weekends only  
Subject to weather and availability

### **What time are country gatherings and birthday parties offered?**

10am, 11am, 12 Noon, 1pm and 2pm  
3 parties per time slot

### **How long can we stay?**

Each group is allowed 2 ½ hours from scheduled start time, including setup and cleanup  
Please arrive 10 minutes prior to your scheduled time  
You may prearrange additional time for \$120 per hour based on availability

### **What is included in the outings and birthday parties?**

Outdoor reserved picnic site with 4-6 reserved 8' picnic tables (depending on size of group)  
Wagon ride to and from the berry fields  
Everyone gets a container to pick a pint of fruit or flowers  
Giant Slides (shared with other parties and our farm customers)  
Wooden Play Structures (shared with other parties)  
Pedal Tractors (shared with other parties)  
Rubber Ducky Derby (shared with other parties)  
Wonderful memories of fresh air and green space!

### **What kind of fruit do we pick?**

Each member of your group will pick a pint of seasonal fruit. In general, in June you pick Strawberries, in July you pick Blueberries or Flowers, in August you pick Thornless Blackberries or Flowers, and in September you can pick Raspberries or Apples or Flowers, depending on availability.

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

The \$350 package includes 30 people (children and adults are counted)  
The \$450 package includes 31 – 45 people  
More than 45 people, each additional person over 45 people is \$10.00  
(Maximum number of people at a Country Outing or Birthday Party is 60. If you are interested in hosting a larger event at Butler's Orchard, please call us.)

### **How do we make a reservation?**

Please visit the Events Calendar Page on our website ([www.ButlersOrchard.com](http://www.ButlersOrchard.com)) and click on **"To Book Your Country Gathering and Birthday Party Online Click Here! A**

credit card is required to make a reservation. Your credit card will be charged when you book your party. All reservations are first come, first served. You will receive an email confirmation.

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

Hosts, please stop by the Farm Market and let us know you are here. You and your guests will then follow the signs from the Farm Market to the Festival area, where our farm host will greet you and direct you to your site. The host will be available for questions, however, the host does not stay with you throughout your event.

### **When is our Wagon ride?**

Your wagon ride will begin ½ hour after your starting time (i.e., party at 12 Noon, wagon ride at 12:30). This allows time for all of your guests to arrive. Please remind your guests to be on time so they don't miss the wagon ride and picking!

### **How long does the wagon ride last?**

Your wagon ride and picking time lasts about 45 minutes.

### **What about decorations and paper goods?**

Please bring all paper goods, tablecloths, and decorations that you would like to use.

### **Can we bring food and beverage?**

You may bring any food and beverage that you like. We have a refrigerator and small freezer space available for your use during your event. Please let the farm host know when you arrive if you need to use the refrigerator or freezer. You may bring small grills if you like; we will provide you with a disposal container for coals.

There are several local pizza restaurants that deliver. Papa Johns – 301-540-7272. Dominos – 301-253-8880. Pizza Hut – 301-253-7100. We ask that all delivery arrangements be made directly between you and the restaurant. Butler's Orchard cannot accept any deliveries.

Our Farm Market sells snacks and beverages.

### **What about other activities?**

We can provide an optional Moon Bounce and Face Painting for an additional fee. Please call for details.

Pinãtas are welcome, just remember to bring your own string and stick.

We ask that you not bring water balloons. They are harmful to birds and wildlife.

**Are there bathrooms?**

Yes, there are portable restrooms in the picnic area.

**Who is responsible for cleaning up?**

We will provide trash bags and cans for you to bag all your trash. We ask that your site be left in the same condition as you found it. We will take the trash away.

**Are pets allowed?**

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

**Will there be other parties during our event?**

Possibly. We can accommodate three groups per hour, so the parties do overlap. Our picnic area is large, so although your party is not “private”, your group will be separate from others.

**What if it rains?**

If there is any doubt about the weather, please call us the morning of your party at 301-428-0444. If it is too wet, we will be happy to reschedule your party.

**What if we have to cancel our party?**

We will provide a full refund 30 days or more before your event; 50% refund 14-29 days before your event. We're sorry, but there is no refund less than 14 days prior to your event.