

BUTLER'S ORCHARD PICK-YOUR-OWN GROUP OUTINGS 2011 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a Pick-Your-Own Group Outing?

Pick-your-own group outings are for groups of at least 20 people; summer camps, day care and school groups, friendly get-togethers, church or civic outings, mom's groups, etc.

Outings include a 20-minute tractor-driven wagon ride to a private field, meeting a farmer and learning about our farm and crops, and picking a pint of fruit or flowers, or a bag of apples. You are also invited to stay to use the picnic tables in our large grassy picnic area and enjoy your own bag lunches, ride our giant slides, and play on the wooden play structures.

When are Pick-Your-Own Group Outings offered?

June through September

Tuesdays through Fridays

9:30am – 4:00pm

Reservation times are every half hour beginning at 9:30am (i.e., 10:00am, 10:30am, 11:00am...)

The last reservation of the day is at 4:00pm

Minimum group size is 20

How do we make a reservation?

Please make a reservation using our online system. Visit the "Events at Butler's" page of our website and click on "**To Book a Pick-Your-Own Group Outing Click Here!**" Follow the simple instructions on the calendar. No payment is necessary when making your reservation. You will receive an email confirming your reservation.

What do we pick?

Strawberries in June

Blueberries or Flowers in July

Blackberries or Flowers in August

Apples or Raspberries or Flowers September

Each person picks one pint of one type of fresh berry in season, one pint container of beautiful flowers, or one bag of delicious apples.

Please, keep in mind that all dates are approximate; weather conditions and demand determine the supply of our crops.

How much does it cost?

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

You will pay the day of your event for the final number of people in your group (minimum due = \$160. 20 people @ \$8.00 each). You may use cash, school check, or MasterCard/VISA. Please collect all money in advance and make one payment for your group.

What if we don't have 20 people?

The minimum size for a private group outing with a hayride is 20 people.

Our fields are open to the public. You do not have to be a member of a group to pick at Butler's Orchard. You are welcome to come anytime during our seasonal picking hours and pay by the pound for what you pick. Please visit our website for more information at www.ButlersOrchard.com.

What do we do when we arrive?

Please have your group leader check in with the cashier at our Farm Market and settle your payment with the cashier. Your group will then be led to the field where you will all park together and start your picking.

What do we do when we get to the field?

A farmer will meet with you to talk about our farm and the fruit you will gather. Each person will pick one pint of one type of fresh berry in season or one bag of apples.

After everyone has finished picking, your group (in your vehicles) will be led to our picnic area where you will park. Your tractor-driven wagon ride will pick you up in the picnic area, take you on a beautiful 20-minute drive around the farm, and return you to the picnic area.

You are then welcome to stay and enjoy your own bag lunches at our picnic tables, climb on the wooden play structures, slide down our giant slides, and play on our large grassy picnic grounds.

How long will we be on the farm?

We suggest you allow at least 2 hours to fully enjoy your day on the farm.

Are there restrooms?

Yes, there are portable restrooms.

Can we bring food?

Yes, please bring your own drinks and snacks or lunch and enjoy our picnic area.

Do you have food for sale?

Yes, our Farm Market is open with snacks and beverages; we do not serve lunch, however.

What else should we bring?

Please dress for the weather and a day on the farm. Bring sunscreen and bottled water if it is expected to be very warm. In cooler weather, remember a light jacket or sweater.

What if it rains?

If there is any question about the weather, please call us the morning of your visit at 301-428-0444. We are happy to help you reschedule. We have no facilities for rain.

What if the number of people in our group changes?

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

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

Please call us at 301-428-0444 and we will 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?

Call us at 301-428-0444 and we can cancel your reservation for you.

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

If you 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 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.

Are pets allowed?

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